

**PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**PRESENT:** Fr. Robert  
June Blakemore

Tom Regan  
Sarah Down

Ann Bassett

**1. OPENING PRAYER**

**2. APOLOGIES:** Deacon John, George and Mary Phillips, John Ballard, Sharon Mileham and Linda Nolan

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.

**4. MATTERS ARISING :** None

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Letter re: Christmas Cards.** The suggestion that instead of giving Christmas cards to friends seen every week at services the money could be given to the parish's nominated charities was discussed. It was agreed that the option of doing so could be sensitively suggested through the Newsletter and that those who approved of the idea could channel their giving through the Advent Giving Tree. It was also suggested that the individual Parish Groups could implement the idea through their own members.  
**Action:** Fr. Robert to compose a piece for the Newsletter.
- **CWL – Request for dates.** The dates for a cake stall after 10.30am Mass and for a Good Clothes Sale in November were agreed. It was noted that, especially in the Autumn, there seems to be an avalanche of fund-raising events and that maybe in the future there should be a policy of limiting fund-raising events to one a month thereby spreading them more evenly throughout the year.

**6. JUSTICE & PEACE REPORT**

The Minutes of the last meeting were circulated and Fr. Robert reminded the PCG about the Ecumenical Service in memory of Cardinal Basil Hume on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

**7. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

- Tom reported the damage to the new side gate and that it had been removed for repair.
- The portable electrical equipment test has been carried out satisfactorily. Tom reported that a small amount of damage discovered to the overhead projector was discovered, thought to be as a result of having been left on too long at some stage.

**8. DEANERY MATTERS**

June reported that Pat Kotwinski and Breda Kurth had accompanied her to the Deanery Forum AGM and that Pat had given a report from the Parish.

- **Youth Work:** Robbie Lowe who is based with Bodmin Parish is now involved in the Diocesan Youth work and is available for advice and help with the parish's own youth work. Fr. Robert suggested that his advice might be very helpful with

regard to a replacement for SAFFA's. Parishes are being encouraged to identify young people who might be interested in attending the Madrid Youth Gathering in 2011 and also to help with fundraising for this.

- ***Dates for newsletter:***

**Ladies Light Lunch**, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am – 3pm, speaker – Suzanne Kowall on 'The Dignity of Women'. Venue to be decided.

**Prayer for Healing:** 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> October at St. Mary's Falmouth, Thursday, 7.30 – 9pm, Saturday 10am – 4pm.

9. **SOCIAL GROUP REPORT** – None

10. **ECUMENICAL REPORT** – None

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- ***Future concerts:*** It was agreed that there should be only once concert a year The Mevagissey Male Voice Choir is to be approached for a date for 2010 and St. Mewan Sinfonia is to be asked whether they would be willing to give a concert in 2011.
- ***Christmas Eve:*** There has been a request for the Polish and Eastern European families in the parish to be able to use St. Monica's room for their traditional Christmas celebration on Christmas Eve, finishing about 9pm. It was agreed in principal, provided that St. Monica's Room is large enough for the numbers involved.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30pm**