

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Thursday 13th May 2010

PRESENT: Fr. Robert	Deacon John Sanders	Ann Bassett
John Ballard	Tom Regan	Linda Nolan
June Blakemore	Sarah Down	

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. APOLOGIES: Sharon Mileham, George and Mary Phillips, Kathy Pope.

3. FUNDRAISING: *Mevagissey Male Choir Concert*

The meeting welcomed Mike Watson to talk, on behalf of the Mevagissey Male Choir, about the parish's involvement in organising the forthcoming concert in St. Augustine's on Saturday 19th June. This concert is to raise funds for the replacement of the church's boiler and renewal of the heating system. Mike confirmed that the concert would commence at 7.45pm, after Mass. It is planned to last about 2hrs with a 10min interval. The choir has 45 – 50 members. Mike confirmed that Fr. Robert had seen and approved the outline of the choir's programme.

- **Publicity:** The choir has its own publicity officer and he will undertake to circulate posters advertising the concert and also to contact the press and media. He has produced a sample poster for the church notice boards and this will be adjusted slightly to ensure that it attracts attention. Deacon John will circulate poster around the member churches of 'The Churches Together in St. Austell' and also the Catenians. A banner advertising the concert will be placed on the roundabout railings during the week prior to the concert.
- **Ticket Sales:** Mike Watson suggested that £6 per head should be charged and this was agreed by the PCG. He has produced around 200 tickets at present. He suggested that each group in the church should be given 10 tickets to sell as an initial start. He himself will undertake to sell 40 tickets to choir family members. Fr. Robert also confirmed that it was a good idea to sell tickets after all weekend masses in the weeks leading up to the concert.
- **Refreshments:** It was the general consensus of the meeting that refreshments should be offered only to the choir members and their families owing the anticipated size of the audience. The CWL is to be approached to co-ordinate the provision of refreshments for the choir and a request for other volunteers is to be put in the newsletter.
- The music group is to be asked to organise seating for the choir in the music group area. Fr. Robert will welcome the choir and open the concert with prayer. The Welcomers are to be asked if they are willing to welcome people and sell tickets at the door on the day.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING: None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- **St. Mary's Letter re Catholic Secondary School:** It was decided that there should be a note in the newsletter regarding this initiative with a sample form on the notice board. If parishioners wish a form, they are available from the Parish Office.
- **SaCRed Trust – Christian Bookshop in High Cross Street:** The bookshop has now been taken over and is looking for trustees to represent the various Christian denominations in St. Austell. They have written requesting a trustee to represent St. Augustine's. It was agreed that a short notice should be put in the newsletter suggesting that anyone who is interested in volunteering as a trustee should have a word with Fr. Robert. The bookshop also has need of volunteers to be involved in the daily running of the shop etc but it was decided to respond to the need of a trustee first and then move forward from there – the principle of one step at a time!
- **Diocesan Catechetical Camps:** The letter requesting volunteers to help at this year's catechetical camps is to be passed on to the catechetics team so that individuals can be approached.

7. JUSTICE & PEACE REPORT

Minutes were distributed.

- **Membership:** John Ballard commented on the difficulty of recruiting new members – the group is now down to three or four active members. It was agreed that the Justice and Peace Group's suggestions for the future of their ministry within the parish should be prayerfully considered by all members of the PCG over the next month and discussed, in the light of that thoughtful consideration, at the next PCG meeting. Fr. Robert commented on the valuable ministry of the group in highlighting the concerns of Justice and Peace but emphasised that he felt the needs of Justice and Peace were and should be every parishioner's concern. John Ballard remarked that he had recently become aware of how great a commitment, in time, money and manpower other denominations, particularly the Pentecostal churches, gave to the work of Justice and Peace.
- **Stak:** Kim Matthews has been invited and accepted the invitation to speak about the future of STAK at the next PCG Meeting in June. She is going to give a half an hour power point presentation. It was agreed that, whilst she is setting up her equipment, the PCG can discuss the rest of the month's agenda in Cuthbert Mayne room.

8. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Tom Regan reported that the outside decoration and maintenance of the church buildings, at a cost of approximately £7000, is now well under way and should be completed within two weeks. He also reported that the leaded windows in the Lady Chapel are now protected by an internal sheet of toughened laminated glass. The need for this arose out of the recent health and safety inspection. Deacon John mentioned that the church has an excellent pass rate on health and safety inspections!

9. DEANERY MATTERS

Breda Kurt has resigned as a Deanery Forum representative for the parish, leaving Pat Kotwinski as our sole representative. John Ballard outlined the agenda for the

forthcoming Deanery Forum Meeting in order for the PCG to brief our representative of any matters we would like discussed at the Forum. It was felt Pat should take to the next Forum Meeting the suggestion that there be a survey of how issues of Justice and Peace are responded to in each parish of the Deanery.

10. ECUMENICAL REPORT

Kathy Pope has expressed disappointment about the level of publicity given to ecumenical events, ie CTSA and Par District Council of Churches events. Sarah confirmed that posters were regularly displayed in the porch and mention of events was made in newsletter, subject to room! The up to date minutes of both Par Council of Churches and CTSA are also displayed in the Porch. Deacon John mentioned that there was now a report on the Easter X Factor from the CTSA.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Tables:** It was agreed to go ahead with ordering two larger folding tables for parish events.
- **Car Park:** The difficulty experienced when the need of the car park space for parish events clashes with the use freely made of it by Mount Charles School's parents was mentioned. Fr. Robert emphasised that the problem raised such complicated issues that too much time would be spent trying to find solutions to the difficulty instead of being spent on more important areas of parish life. The feeling of the meeting was that we would just have to live with the inconvenience!
- **Tapestry:** Ann Bassett showed the meeting the tapestry frame that her neighbour has kindly made to support the new tapestry behind the altar. He has only charged a nominal amount of £12.95 to cover the cost of the wood. It was agreed that Fr. Robert should write to him, expressing the parish's gratitude and enclosing two complementary tickets for the Mevagissey Male Choir Concert in June.
- **Wheelchairs for Palestine:** Della Shenton has requested that an appeal be made for unused and unwanted wheelchairs. These will be taken to Palestine where there is great need of the same. It was agreed by the PCG that a request should be put in the newsletter.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 10th June 2010 at 7.30pm