

**PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING**  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

<b>PRESENT:</b> Fr. Paul	John Ballard	Kathy Pope
Linda Nolan	Ann Bassett	Tom Regan
June Blakemore	Sarah Down	

**OPENING PRAYER**

John Ballard extended a very warm welcome to Fr. Paul on behalf of the PCG.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Sharon Mileham, Deacon John, George and Mary Phillips.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** None
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
5. **JUSTICE & PEACE REPORT**

The minutes were circulated. John Ballard reported that the J&P group had reviewed its work for Fr. Paul, commenting that the parish commitment to J&P issues needs to be improved. The poor response to the CAFOD Family Fast day was evidence of this. It is planned to have a focus on CAFOD's new Connect 2 initiative in the New Year. John reported that Fairtrade Easter Eggs - with mention of Jesus' Resurrection on the wrappers as part of the initiative to bring Christ back into Easter - are being produced next year and he suggested that, as a parish we should buy a certain number of these to sell. Kathy suggested that it might also be an ecumenical initiative. It was agreed to purchase 24 Easter Eggs for retailing at £4.50. This would cover the cost of purchase and packing – it would not be a profit making initiative.
6. **REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

The heating system is under way and it is hoped to have some heating in place for masses this weekend . During the next month a tree surgeon will be undertaking necessary pruning work to the trees around the church and priest's house.
7. **DEANERY MATTERS**

It was agreed by the PCG, on account of the state of affairs with regard to the Deanery Forum and the fact that we now have no Deanery Forum representative, that this item would be removed from the PCG Agenda until there is a refocusing of the role of the Forum. June Blakemore commented that, as Deanery Forum representative for 8yrs, she found the work of the Forum in its role of forming a link between the Parish and the Diocese to be very helpful.
8. **SOCIAL GROUP REPORT**

**Autumn Fayre:** This event proved to be very successful this year, partly due to good weather but also, more importantly, owing to the change of time and the provision of lunches. It was felt that it could have ended an hour earlier. Janet Regan does not wish to organise the Autumn Fayre next year and it was observed that the hard work once again fell to the faithful few! There is a great need for fresh, young blood.

**Prize Bingo:** This suggestion was put forward by a group of parishioners. The PCG was, in principal, in favour of this idea to raise funds for the new heating system. They felt that

the group wishing to organise this should be asked to compose a detailed plan of their ideas for consideration at the next PCG Meeting.

### **ECUMENICAL MATTERS**

Par Churches Together are holding their Annual Advent Meditation Service at St. Blazey Church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November. They are also carol singing outside the Co-op in St. Blazey on the last Saturday before Christmas. Kathy informed Fr. Paul of the Lent course run by Par District Churches Together every year. She reported on the delight of joining together with members of all faiths to celebrate Diwali on November 5<sup>th</sup> and commented on the unifying symbolism of Light. Dor Kemmyn (Cornish for 'Common Ground') has now identified a site for its Inter Faith Centre and is now waiting for it to be ratified by the Faith Forum, hopefully next month. John Ballard outlined for Fr. Paul the CTSA initiative of donating Bibles for all children of school entry age but commented that, as a parish we have not donated money towards this project due to concerns of the sustainability and effectiveness of the project, expressed by Fr. Robert at the last PCG Meeting.

The Meeting closed with prayer.

This was followed by a 'Welcome' social time with Fr. Paul

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010**