

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Thursday 13th October 2011

PRESENT:	Deacon John Sanders	John Ballard	June Blakemore
	Linda Nolan	Ann Bassett	George Phillips
	Mary Phillips	Sarah Down	

1. **APOLOGIES:** Tom Regan, Kathy Pope

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING:** None

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Card from Paul Briscoe** thanking Parish for his gift which he has spent on a new loco for his train set!
- **Thank you card from Penrice School:** John Ballard reported on Penrice School's recent visit to look around the church and learn about the Church's involvement in Social Action. He commented that the children were very interested but had very little knowledge in relation to God, Christian symbols in the church etc. John Sanders commented on the sorrow he felt at a recent baptism when very few of the baptism party knew the Lord's Prayer.

5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

PCG gave approval for a Fostah Conference on Homelessness to be held in St. Augustine's on 28th January 2012. The last conference on homelessness was held in St. Augustine's 4yrs ago. The usual Vigil for the Homeless after the St. Petroc's Carol Service will be held at St. Augustine's on 2nd December. It was agreed that the Advent Giving Tree should be put up as usual this year and would once again support the local charities STAK, St.Petroc's and the Devon and Cornwall Refugee Centre. John Ballard outlined the Abbeyfield Christmas Project, offering a free Christmas meal and accommodation over the Christmas period for those who are elderly and alone at this time. He mentioned that there may be a need to co-ordinate transport for any parishioner who wanted to avail themselves of this provision and also perhaps to offer transport for those who needed help getting to the Christmas Masses. It was agreed that there should be mention of the Abbeyfield Christmas Project in the weekly News Bulletin.

Accommodation for the homeless during periods of extreme cold weather will be provided by St. Petroc's in Truro, the Night Shelter in Camborne and Cosgarne Hostel in St. Austell. They are looking for volunteers who would be willing to welcome and settle in those in need of shelter when the County determines that the Cold Weather Provision should operate. St. Petroc's is offering training for volunteers. It was agreed that there should be a notice in the Newsletter to inform Parishioners of this provision and to request for volunteers.

John Ballard reported that the J&P Group had been delighted to welcome one of the Ordinariate to their group. Members of the Ordinariate have also joined the Music Group and CWL.

6. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The automatic lighting system has been fitted in the toilets. It was felt unnecessary to put a note in the newsletter informing parishioners of this change.

Taps in Ladies Toilets: Denis is going to have a look at the troublesome taps.

Heating System: It was agreed that George Phillips should begin adjusting the boiler timer ready for the heating system to be switched on for the winter months.

Church Gardener: The gardener, Adrian Dowling of Evergreen Garden Services, has begun work on the church grounds. Tom Regan is directing his work for the next few weeks until he is familiar with all that needs doing on a regular basis. Linda wondered whether the Flower Group should continue to deposit their waste beside the garage. Deacon John is going to find out from Adrian.

7. SOCIAL MATTERS

Autumn Fayre. Plans are well in progress for 26th November. The banner has been altered and there will be another planning meeting for the Fayre on 16th November.

CWL Harvest Celebration: The Catholic Women's League are having a Harvest Celebration at their next meeting, Tuesday 25th October, open to all parishioners, ending with a Pasty Supper.

Fr. Paul's Visit, 23rd October: Deacon John reported that Fr. Paul is very excited about celebrating Mass with us at 10.30am on 23rd October. Mass will be followed by a 'Bring a Plate' Parish Lunch. It was decided not to offer wine at the lunch but Sarah will purchase fruit juice to go with the provision of tea and coffee.

Fr. Peter Morgan: Fr. Peter will celebrate his first Masses with us during the weekend of 5th/6th November. It was felt that he should not be overwhelmed by a Parish Welcome Party as he needed a chance to get to know people and that it was better for each of the parish groups to make him welcome first. The monthly Parish Breakfast on 6th November will be a chance for Fr. Peter to be made to feel welcome during his first weekend with us. Deacon John mentioned that it was likely that there would be an Induction Service in the New Year, with the Bishop present and the other churches in the town invited.

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS

Fr. Peter is to be asked by the Mevagissey Churches Together to preach at their annual Christian Unity Service in January. Mary Phillips reminded the PCG that it was St. Augustine's turn to pay for the printing of the Christmas service details that are sent out each year. Deacon John said that it would be important to establish with Fr. Peter very soon after his arrival in the parish his wishes and plans for our own Christmas Masses so that those details can be given both to the Mevagissey Churches Together and Churches Together in St. Austell.

9. AOB

Mention was made of the recent amounts collected by the Parish for Fr. Paul, Fr. David and Paul Briscoe and that they all wished to be able to choose their own way of spending their gift from the parish.

CWL Event Dates Requested:

29th/30th October for Cake stall after weekend Masses (to be confirmed)

28th January for Cheese, Wine and Auction Evening (agreed in principal subject to Fr. Peter's approval)

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 10th November 2011 at 7.30pm

