

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Tuesday 19th June 2012

PRESENT: Fr. Peter	John Ballard	June Blakemore
Jackie Foster	Tom Regan	George Phillips
Linda Nolan	Sarah Down	Ann Bassett

Fr. Peter opened the Meeting with prayer

1. **APOLOGIES:** Deacon John, Kathy Pope, Margaret Eustice, and Mary Phillips

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- **Parish website:** Fr. Peter reported that he has had an initial meeting with Lionel Rigby. Fr. Peter's friend is coming in a couple of week's time to take photographs of the Church. Once these are done Fr. Peter is to get in touch with the designer of Camborne and Truro parish's websites with a view to him reviewing and renewing our own site.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Annual Parish Account:** Tom Regan gave a brief overview of this year's Annual Parish Account summary. He drew attention to the fall in income from weekly collections with the corresponding fall in Gift Aid income. He pointed out that Mass attendance numbers have been in decline over the past few years but hoped that with the stability offered by Fr. Peter's ministry in the parish that mass attendance and income would settle down. At present the interest received from the money invested in the Common Investment Fund is put back into Parish Funds but it is hoped that in the near future it will be possible to re-invest it in the Common Investment Fund, thereby ensuring that the Parish has money put by for major needs that may occur in the future. In relation to the parish's outgoings, Tom mentioned that Clergy expenses were increased in the past twelve months on account of the unexpected change of priests and the expenses incurred through Fr. Paul's illness and his subsequent return to Ireland i.e. priest cover and extra removal costs. Church costs were also increased this year because the organ had a major refurbishment/renewal of essential parts. Due to the reduction in parish income and mass attendance numbers, the parish's Levy commitment to the Diocese was reduced this year. Fr. Peter thanked Tom Regan and Sarah Down for all the work they did in relation to the church's finances and mentioned that the day had been especially busy for Tom and Sarah as they had been involved with the external Financial Audit most of the day. There will be a Parish Open Meeting early in the Autumn – date yet to be fixed.

5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

John Ballard reported that there had been no Justice and Peace Group meeting in June as so many of its members had been unable to attend. He commented that this

did indicate that, although the group now had more members, its existence was still fragile. He reported on the success of St. Petroc's table top sale on 9th June – approx £300 was raised for the local St. Petroc's flats. Most support for this event came from outside the parish. St. Petroc's will be making a donation to St. Augustine's for the use of the building and its facilities.

6. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The necessary repairs to Fr. Peter's living room ceiling are going to be carried out whilst he is on holiday. Roger Swiggs is then going to tidy up the damage to St. Monica's room ceiling and an extractor fan is going to be fitted in the kitchen.

7. SOCIAL MATTERS:

- **St. Augustine's Feast Day:** It was decided to have a celebration Mass at 7.00pm on Tuesday 28th August followed by a Parish Supper. The CWL are going to be approached in relation to organising the supper and also to be asked for other suggestions for an appropriate celebration of our Feast Day.
- **Mevagissey Male Choir Concert:** George Phillips asked for permission to sell tickets for the concert after weekend masses. Owing to the mandatory collection commitment of the church (Peter's Pence on 23rd/24th June and the Apostleship of the Sea collection on 7th/8th July) it was decided the tickets for the concert should be sold after masses on weekend of 30th June/ 1st July.

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS:

- **Bibles for Schools:** Jacqui Foster reported that CTSA had sent a letter to all head-teachers in St. Austell requesting that a representative from CTSA should come to present the bibles to the children and to give a short talk about the Bible. She confirmed that the bibles are not being used in the schools as part of their faith education. The CTSA has raised the money needed to purchase bibles for this year.
- **Street Pastors:** Now being supported by and strongly linked to CTSA. Mollie Cundy and Beryl Blackwell went to the AGM and are hoping to have a representative from the Street Pastors to come and speak to the CWL and possibly the wider church community.
- **Interchurch Families:** Kathy Pope and her husband, the Rev. Malcolm Bowers, are taking a small display of information and resources about Interchurch families to the 'Celebrating Marriage' service in Exeter Cathedral on 21st July. It was agreed that, provided the display was small enough to be fitted on our new blue display board, there afterwards this material could be displayed in the Narthex for a weekend.

Fr. Peter closed the meeting with prayer

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 17th July 2012 at 7.30pm

