

**PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING**  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

<b>PRESENT:</b> Fr. Peter	Deacon John Sanders	Ann Bassett
Tom Regan	June Blakemore	George Phillips
Mary Phillips	Jackie Foster	Sarah Down

Deacon John opened the Meeting with prayer

1. **APOLOGIES:** Kathy Pope, Margaret Eustice and Linda Nolan
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** None
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Sewing Group Annual Accounts:** Ann Bassett presented the accounts. She mentioned that, save the cost of material for the cross covering for Lent, the Group had funded all other expenses from their own reserves. This included the repair and servicing of the church sewing machine.
5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:**

Jacqui Foster presented the minutes of the Justice and Peace Group's January meeting. The Group would like the Parish to consider registering for the 'live simply award' and to involve the young people of the parish in this initiative. Fr. Peter requested that he had time to look at the available literature before a decision was made. The Group would also like 'Hungry for Change' cards to be distributed after weekend Masses in the near future. The support of the Beira project is drawing to a close and a new area will be adopted for the donations to the Connect2 Ethiopia Jar. It was mentioned that the Justice and Peace Group would like to have a second jar available at weekend masses in which to place foreign coins. This money would also go to support CAFOD's work. The problem of organising this, both in relation to safe keeping of the coins and the processing of the same was discussed. It was envisaged that the same procedures that were in place for the Connect2 Ethiopia Jar would apply and Jacqui reassured the meeting that Angela Alderman would be in charge of processing the foreign coins. The Justice and Peace Group felt that the donations to the Advent Giving Tree were down this year partly due to a lack of display space, (Tom Regan, having looked up last year's figures for the Advent Giving Tree, mentioned that the donations were in fact up this year). They requested that two new display boards be purchased by the parish. The problems relating to maintaining a balance between the need for display space and the need of keeping the Narthex as a clear, safe space for the people of the Parish to gather was discussed and it was the feeling of the meeting that our current level of display space was sufficient.
6. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:**

Tom Regan reported that the church's heating system was working efficiently. The proposed alteration to the pipe work in the priest's sacristy and Cuthbert Mayne Room (bringing it above ground) is to be delayed until the warmer weather. The problem of losing heat through the large front doors of the Church at weekend masses was mentioned. It takes a long time for the church to be brought up to temperature and it is desirable that the front doors are not left propped open before the beginning of Mass. It

was suggested that this should be overseen by one of the Welcomers. The Hydroboil water heater in Cuthbert Mayne room has been repaired. Deacon John requested that another spare part be purchased and kept in the Parish Office to enable a quick repair when next needed! He also reported that the Portable equipment safety inspection had been carried out.

#### 7. **SOCIAL MATTERS:**

**White River Gospel Choir:** The Choir has suggested 18<sup>th</sup> May as the date for a concert in St. Augustine's and Fr. Peter is going to send a formal letter of invitation to the Choir. The price of admission is to be decided as is the arrangements for refreshments after the concert.

#### 8. **ECUMENICAL MATTERS:**

- **Churches Together in St. Austell:** Jacqui Foster gave a brief review of the last CTSA meeting. The Annual CTSA Service is being held this coming Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in Carclaze Chapel. She mentioned that there was to be a Walk of Witness on Good Friday and that the CTSA Lent Course would take place again this year. 'Friends of Street Pastors' application forms are to be available in the Narthex.
- **Churches Together in Mevagissey:** It was confirmed that, as in previous years, the Mevagissey Churches would be invited to join the St. Augustine's parishioners for one of the 'Stations of the Cross' during Lent. Fr. Peter will write a letter of invitation.

#### 9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Review of PCG:** Fr. Peter suggested that, as the PCG was now very low in membership since John Ballard's resignation, he would like to take this opportunity to re-form the PCG. He envisaged doing this in such a way as to ensure a turnover of fresh blood and ideas together with a balanced representation of the various groups in the parish, not forgetting the need for geographical representation. He suggested that the parish groups should be identified and that the smaller groups may need to be combined so that each elected member of the PCG represented a balance number of parishioners. The parish groups would be invited to nominate their own representative who would be asked to serve for a period of three years, with a possibility of re-election if this was appropriate. It was suggested that perhaps the representatives from Parish Groups should make up approximately two thirds of the PCG with the other third made up from the geographical areas and any other part of Parish life that may not be represented i.e. a representative from one of the weekend Mass congregations if not already represented by a parish group member. Fr. Peter also suggested that he would like to rename to PCG to emphasise its advisory and supportive role to Fr. Peter himself, rather than an parish administrative role. He suggested it should be renamed as the Parish Pastoral Council. He also mentioned that Deacon John, the church treasurer and himself would be ex-officio members. It was agreed by the PCG that Fr. Peter should begin the process of putting this plan into action.

Deacon John closed the meeting with prayer

**Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.30pm**

