

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Tuesday 17th September 2013

PRESENT: Fr. Peter Linda Nolan Ann Bassett
 George Phillips Margaret Eustice Jacqui Foster
 Sarah Down

Fr. Peter opened the Meeting with prayer

1. **APOLOGIES:** Deacon John, Kathy Pope & Mary Phillips

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- **Church Banners:** Ann Bassett reported that Fr. John has been very pleased to have the old banners for Tavistock Parish. If there are any other items that St. Augustine's wishes to find a home for please let him know.
- **Stained Glass Window:** Fr. Peter reported that the damaged stained glass window has now been restored and is back in place.
- **PCG/PPC re-structuring:** There was a query about the number and choice of parish groups who will be invited to nominate a representative to serve on the re-formed Parish Pastoral Council. Fr. Peter explained that, owing to the fact there were in the region of sixteen different Parish groups and that selecting a representative from all of them would make a very unwieldy PPC, he had decided to select the larger groups with the expectation that their membership would probably encompass and represent the other groups. He commented that the only exception to this was the Justice and Peace Group who were chosen because, although being small in number, their field of service fed such important matters into parish life. Other unrepresented areas of parish life would be covered by the provision for selecting one or two extra members onto the PPC. Fr. Peter also explained that the disbanding of a serving PPC on the departure of the serving priest was dictated by Canon Law, as reiterated by the diocesan Judicial Vicar in the diocesan guide-lines. To enable Parish affairs to run smoothly if and when there is a period of time without a priest, the deacon usually keeps things in order. In the absence of a deacon, the Bishop will appoint a Parochial Administrator to oversee and authorise the necessary business of the Parish. Fr. Peter suggested that the new PPC should be formed and in operation at the beginning of the New Year. He anticipated that some current members of the PCG will be re-appointed, with new members being nominated by the parish groups during the next couple of months. A three year term of service will ensure an influx of new blood and ideas on the PPC. It was suggested that the thought of serving for three years might be off putting to some and that the wording of the constitution in relation to the term of office should reflect the possibility of resigning before the end of three years. Fr. Peter will look into this. At the end of discussion, the draft constitution was unanimously approved.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

5. JUSTICE AND PEACE:

Jacqui Foster reported that the CAFOD Area Meeting was well attended. The CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection is coming up at the beginning of October. The refugees and asylum seekers in Plymouth are continuing to be supported by the parish.

6. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:

The drainage grids in front of the disabled parking bays at the front of the church have now been renewed and are working well. The church gardener, Adrian, will regularly maintain and clean them out. The programme of redecoration for the priest and server's sacristies, Cuthbert Mayne Room and St. Monica's Room will start in the near future. It is planned to take down the cherry tree in the car park as its roots are causing a potential problem to the drains and are lifting up the tarmac quite significantly. George Phillips is keeping an eye on the temperature in the church and will start programming in the heating as soon as it is necessary.

7. SOCIAL MATTERS:

- **St. Augustine's Feast Day**

The Feast Day was a great success and was well organised, especially by the servers and their team at the evening BBQ. The weather also contributed to the pleasure of the evening.

- **Future Social Events:**

Harvest Thanksgiving, Parish Supper and Quiz Night – Thursday 3rd October
The Ordinariate Group are planning another Quiz night to raise funds for themselves and the Parish and this is provisionally booked for Friday 28th February.

Mevagissey and Welsh Choir Concert – Saturday 12th October
Autumn Fayre – Saturday 23rd November

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS:

- **Churches Together in St. Austell:** Jacqui Foster gave a brief review of the Annual Forum on Monday evening. The subject for discussion was 'healing' and she commented that there was not enough time, in the context of an annual meeting, to discuss such a weighty subject. The fund for 'Bibles for Schools' has been donated £1000, given in memory of Emma Rashleigh at her Memorial Service (Emma was the instigator of the Bibles for Schools initiative), together with a donation from Holy Trinity Church. The 'Walk Cornwall 2' mission commences on 28th September and there are a number of local events organised during the following week. The Christmas 'Big Sing' is being organised again this year. Due to the success of the St. Austell Feast Week service, this will be repeated again next summer. The format of the Good Friday Walk of Witness is under review.
- **Mevagissey Churches Together:** George reported that the Mevagissey Churches Together needed details of St. Augustine's Christmas services in good time for the production of their Christmas leaflet Jacqui commented that CTSA would also need them for the CTSA website.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Altar Tapestry:** Ann Bassett reported the concern that has been expressed in relation to ongoing damage to the altar tapestry from the proximity of the candles during mass. It is suggested that they should be placed further away from the tapestry and Fr. Peter is to facilitate this.

Fr. Peter closed the meeting with prayer.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 19th November 2013 at 7.30pm