

**PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

<b>PRESENT:</b> Fr. Peter	Deacon John	Ann Bassett
George Phillips	Margaret Eustice	June Blakemore
Mary Phillips	Kathy Pope	
Linda Nolan	Sarah Down	

**Deacon John opened the Meeting with prayer**

1. **APOLOGIES:** Tom Regan, Jacqui Foster
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - **Inter-Faith Conference:** Kathy Pope reported on the success of the Inter-Faith Conference in November, held in Bodmin.
  - **Parish Lunch:** Fr. Peter mentioned that a good number of Parishioners (78 so far) have signed up for the Parish Lunch, this year at Trenythron Manor, Tywardreath.
  - **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Augustine's:** It was suggested that open-air social functions are always well supported and, combined with a celebration Mass, this could be one of the ways we mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. St. Mewan Sinfonia would like to return to St. Augustine's to give a concert and Fr. Peter suggested that we might consider this as an event in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. He outlined his thoughts on having a series of one off events during the year rather than concentrating all the celebrations into week. This would ease the pressure on parishioners who will be involved in the organisation of specific events. He mentioned that the idea of a Flower festival had been put forward. George Phillips also suggested that Mevagissey Male Choir could be invited to give a concert.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - **Banner Sewing Group:** The Annual accounts were available for all members of the PCG. Fr. Peter expressed appreciation on behalf of the Parish for the beautiful banners in the church. Appreciation was also expressed for the commitment and love that was put into the preparation of baptismal collars.
5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:**

The minutes of the past two meetings were made available to all members of the PCG.
6. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:**
  - **Church lighting:** Deacon John reported that Liftman's were coming this week to help get access to the lights in the Lantern for necessary replacement of bulbs.
  - **Guttering:** The guttering around the church and presbytery is in need of running repairs and maintenance. Denis Nolan as been asked to carry out this work.
  - **Cuthbert Mayne Porch:** Roger Swiggs has carried out work to repair the leaks in the porch area of Cuthbert Mayne Room. He is hoping to have solved the problem. Fr. Peter reported that, as far as he was aware, there were no other problems with leaks occurring as a result of the extreme weather conditions during the past few months.

- **Portable Appliance Test:** The church and presbytery have been given a clean bill of health. Fr. Peter mentioned that the remedial work identified as necessary in the 5yrly Fixed Electrical Installation Inspection had now been carried out.

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7. **SOCIAL MATTERS:**

- **Parish Lunch:** It is being well supported as mentioned previously. George Phillips reported that the Catenians had moved the date for their lunch to avoid it clashing with the Parish Lunch.
- **Ordinariate Quiz Night:** Suggested dates for this event which was well supported last year are 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> June. Sarah to check in diary and let Margaret Eustice know which date is most suitable.

8. **ECUMENICAL MATTERS:**

- **Par Churches Together:** They have had their Annual Meeting and will be sending their list of dates for the year to the Parish Office. Two up and coming events are the annual series of Lent Reflections on a Tuesday morning and evening and the 'Watch around the Cross' on Good Friday
- **Stations of the Cross:** It was confirmed that both the Par Parishioners and the Mevagissey Churches Together would be invited to join our parishioners for the Stations of the Cross this year. Fr. Peter will sort out dates and Sarah will send out invitations.
- **Interfaith training:** The different faith groups in Cornwall are joining together to offer a series of training sessions to help understand how to deal with faith issues when involved with care. The next session is at St. Erme Village Hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Anyone interested in attending can get further details through Kathy Pope.
- **Churches Together in St. Austell:** The Annual Thanksgiving Service in January was well supported. During that week St. Augustine's also hosted the Orthodox 'Great Blessing of the Waters'.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None

This was the last meeting of the PCG in its current form. At the end of the meeting Fr. Peter thanked all those who had served the parish as members of the PCG - some for very many years. He expressed his own personal appreciation for the wisdom and support he had received during his time of settling into life as parish priest of St. Augustine's. He reminded them that not everyone will get a 'Get out of Jail Free' card as there will need to be continuity between the old 'Pastoral Co-ordinating Group' and the new "Parish Pastoral Council". He emphasised that he was trying to establish a system that combined continuity with a regular turnover of members, thereby ensuring both that parishioners were relieved from the burden of serving for too long and that there was a steady influx of fresh ideas and enthusiasm. He also mentioned that the changing role of the new PPC would reflect his needs as parish priest which were different from Fr. Robert's when he set up the PCG.

**Fr. Peter closed the meeting with prayer.**

**First Meeting of PPC: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

