

MEETING: MINUTES OF HOLY GHOST PPC

Attending: Colin Davidson
Elizabeth Ford
Rev Show Reddy Gali
Barbara King
Liz Lovegrove
Richard Luker
Greg Medalla
Tony Spiteri

Apologies:
Sister Mary Patrick

Date: Thursday 16th October, 2008

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The meeting opened at 8 pm with a short prayer spoken by Fr Gali, who also introduced himself to those who had not previously met him.

As Mgr Harvey had been called to the hospital, the meeting proceeded in his absence.

1 MATTERS ARISING

1.1 Stewardship:

a) Day of Prayer. Preparations were well in hand for the Day of Prayer on 1st November. The point was made that we must not expect everyone who attends to come at the very beginning and stay until the very end. Furthermore, it was stressed that this is acceptable. We will invite parishioners to come for as long as they can afford; what we want is to introduce the subject, and provide enough background for everyone to assess it for themselves.

Throughout September and October there had been a programme of articles in the Newsletter on different aspects of stewardship, and also a number of people had spoken at Sunday Mass on those and related matters.

b) Stewardship Talent Fair. It is hoped to hold this in January or February.

1.2 NW Hants Pastoral Area

Tony gave a short account of a meeting held on 28th September, at which three people from Basingstoke Voluntary Services had given advice and assistance on ways of recruiting and utilising members of the Parish laity for different aspects of Ministry. This had been very helpful, and it was hoped that at some stage in the future members of BVS will be able to meet all Parishes in the Area.

Fr Kevin will be leaving Tadley in the last week of October, and moving to Totton. In his place, Fr Patrick Tansey will be moving from Faringdon to Tadley.

A meeting is to be held on the subject of co-ordinating the different Parish web-sites within the Area.

1.3 Extraordinary Form of Mass, held at Holy Ghost Church on 12th October

Richard had attended, and gave a brief account. This had been a basic Low Mass, with no choral input. There had been at least 90 parishioners present, and £175 had been collected. Victor Johnson had acted as Server, drawing on past knowledge and experience, and had contributed significantly to the general success of the event. It seemed virtually certain that other tridentine masses would now be arranged., and indeed, it had been a fascinating and worth-while experience. However, Richard felt that the event had seemed strongly theatrical, with most people, book in hand, struggling to find and keep the right place. In his opinion, this detracted from the religious aspect, and he would not be among the regular attenders.

1.4 Fr Show Reddy Gali

Tony formally welcomed Fr Gali, who is from the Latin rite in the Indian Church, and is, therefore, perfectly familiar with the language and forms of service used in the UK.

Mgr Harvey joined the meeting at about this time. He said he was as yet undecided about ways in which Fr Gali can best be of service to the Parish, but they might include some level of involvement with the hospital, as well as, perhaps, reintroducing Monday and/or Saturday Masses on a regular basis.

1.5 Autumn Fair

It was agreed that PPC will be responsible for some stall or activity. Various ideas were suggested, but no firm conclusion was reached.

It was also agreed that proceeds from the Fair would be divided three ways: 1/3 to Bamenda, 1/3 to the Sisters of Providence and 1/3 to the Camrose Centre, a group which provides basic charitable services to anyone who is 'down on their luck'.

1.6 Communications within the Parish

Mobile Notice Boards. Everyone remembered that we had bought some of these - but nobody could remember where they had been put. Discussion was, therefore, deferred until such time as we have been able to locate them.

1.7 Stations of the Cross

A second meeting with the artist had been held recently, although Mgr Harvey had been unwell, and had missed the meeting. Reports were that although a fair number of people was very much in favour of the artist's style and presentation, probably an equivalent number was hostile to them. The artist was proposing different shapes for certain of the stations. Another meeting was proposed with the artist and the two priests.

1.8 Newsletter

There were no minutes of the July meeting, so they could not be posted to the web-site.

2. Any Other Business

- a) Greg raised a query about security on the St Bede's site, saying that particularly on a Saturday he had seen numbers of young people around the place with no apparent reason for being there. However, Mgr Harvey assured him that there was no real problem
- b) In reply to a question, Mgr Harvey told the meeting he understood that the St Bede's School authorities were proposing to repair the damaged road surface between church and school in half-term week. Nothing had been mentioned about repairing the faulty lighting, but he would keep an eye on the situation and raise the matter again if this was not done.
- c) Mgr Harvey informed the meeting that John Botting had reluctantly come to the conclusion that he could no longer act as organist at the 6.30 Mass one Sunday in four. Accordingly, he proposed to appeal for another organist to take over playing at that time. The meeting agreed this would be the best policy.

3. Date of next Meeting: The next meeting will take place in St Bede's meeting room at 8.00 pm on Thursday 20th November, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.30.

4. It was resolved to carry forward the following item for future consideration:
1) Social Committee