

## MEETING MINUTES OF HOLY GHOST PPC

Attending: Colin Davidson  
Alison Ford  
Stephen Flitcroft  
Fr. Vincent Harvey  
Richard Luker  
Pat Ralph  
Sr. Mary Patrick  
Tony Spiteri

Apologies: Fr. Paul Lyons  
Brian Morris  
Fay Redmond  
Vina Tamares

Also attending for Item 1 of the agenda were 10 representatives from the different Masses of the Parish:

Name	Mass	Name	Mass
Kathleen Gaiger	Sherfield	Chris Oatham	HG 6.30
Joe Robertson	Winklebury	Graham Seymour	Popley
Roger Walters	HG 9 am	Mary Huntley	HG 9 am
Philippa Ford	Old Basing	Phil Wadsworth	Old Basing
Matt Lyons	HH 6.30	Joy Murphy	Sherfield

**Date:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006

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The meeting began with prayer and reflection on the Gospel reading for the forthcoming Sunday.

### 1. Transition to St. Bede's

Fr. Vincent introduced the concept for this item by first outlining the thinking behind the need for a new church and the reasons for change.

Four groups were formed, mixing Mass representatives and PPC members, and the groups were asked to consider:

- What are the issues for you as an individual?
- What fears and anxieties are you aware of from the issues raised by the transition to three Masses at St. Bede's?

Following a period of discussion to address these questions the outcomes were collated to identify the main factors of concern. These are summarised in the bullets below.

- There is a lack of information, and a lot of misinformation about the change to St. Bede's.
- Transport is a key issue – organising lifts, identifying those in need, co-ordination centrally, exploring community transport, etc.
- People may opt out of ministries because of the increased numbers at each Mass.
- Community
  - ◆ Retention of local community, in terms of care for others.

- ◆ Transport – offering/asking for help
- ◆ Yearning for local centres/attachment to Mass or Mass centre
- ◆ Churches together and Ecumenical aspects – Old Basing, Sherfield
- Welcoming of new Parishioners to a large Parish – it's not good now, and will get worse if not addressed.
- Music sharing – who/what/when?
- Will the 11:00 Mass be in essence the 10:30 St Bede School Mass?
- Loss of traditions of the separate Mass Centres and their folklore
- Loss of Mass centre links other than HG
- Children's liturgy and ministries – how/what/where/when?
- Loss of Parishioners
  - ◆ Some people might stop going to Mass – loss of independence, need for transport, etc.
  - ◆ Some people will go to other Parishes
  - ◆ Losing people in a larger crowd/different Mass (aspect of community and follow up etc.)
- Information is required on how the new church might work – eg. Ministries, music, children's liturgy, etc.
- Disturbance before Mass due to talking is a problem now – can it be addressed at St. Bede's before it becomes a problem?

## 2. Matters Arising

### a) *St. Bede's Church Update*

The building work is still behind schedule

### b) *PPC Suggestion Box*

Nothing received.

### c) *Justice & Peace*

A meeting was held last week. During Lent the group will promote a campaign on inclusion/exclusion, Short Straw, and also be holding Lent Lunches.

### d) *Altar Servers Trip Update*

The trip will be organised for October 2006.

### e) *Cell Groups Update*

This is going to be driven by the Pastoral Plan in future.

It is anticipated that the new church will give rise to new insights for cell groups, and that there could be a development from the folklore and tradition of the passing Mass centres.

### f) *Pastoral Plan Update*

The Diocese has issued the discussion document on Larger Pastoral Areas. There will be two presentations in the Parish, one during the day, the other in the evening, to gather responses for feeding back to the Diocese. Fr. Vincent and Steve Flitcroft, are to meet and plan the presentations, they will also host the sessions. (ACTION VH/SF)

There are some factual errors that have been noted in the issued discussion document. Fr. Vincent will feed back information on these errors to the Diocese co-coordinator. (ACTION VH)

The development of Larger Pastoral Areas is raising fear for some

clergy. It could mean some of them will no longer remain Parish priests.

### **3. Ministries**

*a) Items arising from transition discussion (Item 1)*

Following the successful discussion earlier in the evening, it was noted that no new item of concern had been raised that the PPC was not aware of. However, there were many different nuances with respect to a number of items that had not been appreciated. These will be addressed.

*b) Current Mass centre Ministry groups*

An action is still open on Fr Vincent and Steve to issue a letter to all ministers, asking if they wish to remain a minister, at what new Mass time, etc. After replies are received planning for coordination can begin.

**(ACTION VH/SF)**

### **4. Mass time questionnaire**

Ali, Brian, Tony and Steve met to draw up a response to the comments received from the Mass time questionnaire. The response was based upon grouping comments into generic headings and tackling them together, rather than individually. A draft copy of this response was issued to all PPC members, for them to read and comment upon prior to its issuing. All comments to be with Steve by 2 March.

**(ACTION All)**

At the time of issuing a short statement will be read, preferably by PPC members, at all Masses to introduce the document. The week after issuing the newsletter will ask for further responses.

### **5. Newsletter items**

Transition to the New Church.

### **6. AOB**

- Helpers Party – PPC members were invited to volunteer to bring selected items of food for the Helpers Party
- Ecumenical/Evangelical event “Pass the Baton” being held at URC – Fr. Vincent will contact Mike Davidson to see how HG can participate.
- Adoration – consideration needs to be given to where adoration will be held once St. Bede’s is established

### **7. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 16 March 2006  
8:00pm in the Presbytery.