

MEETING MINUTES OF HOLY GHOST PPC

Attending: Colin Davidson
Stephen Flitcroft
Alison Ford
Fr. Vincent Harvey
Richard Luker
Sr. Mary Patrick
Brian Morris
Pat Ralph
Fay Redmond
Tony Spiteri
Vina Tamares

Apologies: Fr. Paul Lyons

Date: Thursday 15th June 2006

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The meeting began with reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel reading, and prayer.

1. Matters Arising

(a) Transition to St. Bede's

i) Transport – Co-ordinators

Several names have been proposed, but the people concerned have yet to be approached. Judith Aylmer & Geoff Fowler have agreed to be involved. Forms will be available on an on-going basis & mention of these will be made at Masses.

Currently the Community Bus charges £5 per round trip. Investigation will be made into whether it could operate on a Sunday & if so, what the rates would be.

(Action FR)

- Newsletter

This has now been published & has received no adverse comments. Questions have been raised about the possibility of operating a minibus, but the Community Bus could address these.

ii) Ministries

There is a need to co-ordinate Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Welcomers into a familiarisation session at St, Bede's. This could all take place on one day.

The Children's Liturgy groups are in recess for the summer.

The Music groups have agreed that the 9.00am Mass will involve the choir, the 11.00am Mass the Cantor & Organ, and the 6.30pm Mass the Old Basing group.

A rota has been drawn up whereby there will be a scheduled change of music style every so often.

Additionally the Filipino section of the community want a monthly involvement, and the current Popley group also want to be represented.

iii) Non pastoral roles

Main key holders (2 Popley residents), Operation of the Boiler, the Baptistry, Electrical & PA systems & the Presbytery garden are all roles that have been

allocated. The main gardening could possibly be undertaken by those who currently look after the school grounds. (Action VH)

Roles that still need to be filled include a Sacristan & general factotums. A newsletter this weekend (17th/18th June) will appeal for volunteers.

(b) New Church Update

St. Bede's church will not now be available until the end of July, with the first Mass being pencilled in for 5th August. Completion of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is also slipping behind schedule.

Familiarisation sessions for the various ministries could take place at the beginning of August as long as the church can be accessed. It was suggested that there be two separate dates for this, so as to accommodate those with holiday arrangements.

However this all depends on the building schedule.

The New Church Committee has invited the PPC to their final meeting on Monday 26th July at 7pm. At this meeting the New Church Committee hope to be able to wind up & "hand over". The Design & Building Committee will continue and there will also be a requirement for a "Site Committee". This could be constituted of those who have volunteered to fill the non-pastoral roles.

(c) Justice & Peace

There is to be a CAFOD meeting on 21st June in the Hall. One aspect of discussion will be the setting up of wider regional areas. The J&P group may meet after this to follow up.

(d) Cell Groups Update.

It was proposed that when the new rotas for the various pastoral ministries are published, those involved should meet up to re-acquaint with each other & share experiences. It was also suggested that for the first month or so Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Welcomers could wear name badges so as to make themselves known. It will be planned that the co-ordinators (when identified) will organise these when St. Bede's gets under way. (Action SF)

(e) PPC Suggestion Box

A letter had been received regarding the use of a wind generator as a token of energy conservation.

The idea of utilising Solar panels had been looked at 4 years ago but was not taken up as the architect had declared they would not be possible if the new church was to stay within budget. An energy chart would have had to be produced for the new buildings which would have involved higher initial expenditure. There thus would not have been any financial advantage for a very long time.

The new boilers are considerably more efficient than those currently in use at the Holy Ghost.

The lighting systems employ low voltage technology.

There will be a need to monitor the situation to ensure that energy will not be wasted, (e.g. closing doors).

2. Larger Pastoral Areas

Some of these are larger than expected and some parishes are baulking at the idea. One priest has resigned and some clergy are afraid of having to work more closely with other priests, (fearing a return to a "curate" role, losing authority, losing

financial control etc). With regard to the financial aspect, the Bishop does not envisage any changes to the present situation for 3 years at the very least.

The Bishop is currently looking to appoint a Co-ordinating Pastor, and there is also to be a co-ordinating team of lay people.

In terms of clergy, our area will have no changes. There will be a new priest serving Andover (with a Mass population of 672, a parish church and a Mass centre at Whitchurch). The second Mass Centre, at Stockbridge, will move to the Winchester LPA.

The rationale behind integrating Andover with us is that it is a vast area which could not remain on its own. However it would have been unwieldy to have merged it with Winchester/ Alresford.

There remains a concern that the Mass centre at Whitchurch could compete with that at Overton. Further, if Whitchurch develops this could bring pressure to close the centre at Kingsclere.

The LPA will officially come into existence on 1st September.

There are to be two training days: for co-ordinating Pastors on 4th October; and for all clergy in November.

There will be a desire to retain the identities of the component areas within the LPA. A co-ordinating team will be needed for day- to-day matters. Also, there will be a pastoral group and then a group for each worshipping area. One problem already identified with this is that some people will be required to be involved in all of these groups.

The future model will be similar to the current model of PPC & DPC.

Tadley will need to be involved even if they are without a PPC of their own.

Eventually, current PPC's may become sub-groups.

Guidelines will be published for operating current PPC's, & a handbook will be produced for worship groups.

For the foreseeable future we should not have any problems with Pastoral or Sacramental cover.

Future contacts within the LPA will need to be more structured rather than the informal contacts that currently exist. (Action CD- Management Techniques !!!)

The priest taking over in Andover will be very positive & will ensure Andover's full involvement with the LPA.

Within the Holy Ghost parish, our main concern has been the move to St. Bede's church. This has tended to knock the issue of LPA's into the background. However, the new church has given us momentum for change which may make it easier for us to accept the LPA's.

3. Newsletter Items

These will be: May meeting minutes will be published on the website.

The transition to St. Bede's

Larger Pastoral Areas

4. A.O.B.

- The parish name will remain "The Holy Ghost" even after the opening of St Bede's church. Ultimately, the LPA will take on a name of its own..
- It was suggested that deceased members of the parish should have a photograph published when their death is announced. It was agreed that this would assist other parishioners to identify the deceased and could be published either in the newsletter

or in The Dove. Once St. Bede's is in operation a photograph could be placed on the notice board.

5. Date of Next Meeting;

Thursday 20th July 2006 at 8pm.in the Presbytery

(N.B. Meeting with the New Church Group on Wednesday 26th July at 7.00pm in the Old Church Hall)