

The Sacred Heart and St. Therese of Lisieux, Ringwood
THE PARISH CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th May 2022
7pm in the house

Prayer and Reflection

Present Mgr. Paul, Mary Short, Bridie Gray, Martin Yarnold, Barbara Geatrell, Helen Rawlins, John Rawlins, Maggie Spiers, Patrick Bennett

Apologies David Saunders

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th February 2022 were agreed.

Matters Arising - World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March was a great success and Mary thanked Dorothy Brown for organizing it. Other matters arising were covered in the meeting.

Finance Update – David had sent an extract from the minutes of the Joint Finance and Property Committee on 11th May. *After discussion it was agreed that both Parishes should obtain the Dona system to enable Parishioners and visitors to donate using debit cards. There was a risk of a small loss during the first year. The machine will offer options of £5, £10 or £20.*

Bridie reported that **Ringwood** expenses exceed income by approximately £3.5K a year, based on current forecasts. Effectively this means the parish is eating into the reserves which are currently **£35K**. Canon Paul has appealed to parishioners to increase their donations, and will make the same appeal again. At present it is not known whether the parish will qualify for a heating grant in October.

Property, Health and Safety – An **accident** occurred on the evening of Saturday 7th May following the Music Evening, in Fordingbridge. Ringwood Parishioner, Josie Musselwhite, fell after reaching the bottom of the steps from the terrace. She suffered a broken nose and cheekbone and some facial abrasions. **Martin reported** that he and Efe saw Josie when she was in hospital; she is now at home and improving and hoping to attend Mass soon.

The **Flat renovation** has been completed. Melissa will obtain 3 quotes from agents before it can be let. The new boiler pipework has caused some new carpet to be lifted, and loft insulation to be moved. This will be completed before the flat can be let. A **Smart meter has been fitted** in Ringwood. A new boiler is being installed, necessitating some new underfloor and loft pipework.

The **five year electrical inspections** and gas certificates have been **completed** for both Parishes. New **first aid boxes** have been **supplied** to both Parishes. Weeds in paths have been treated in Ringwood. A **fence panel**, covered in ivy in the hedge along The Close at Ringwood is **damaged and could be replaced**.

The **Diocesan office** in the Presbytery in Ringwood will **no longer be used from September**. Fr Paul will need to keep an office on site. **This will also affect the parish's income**.

There were **no outstanding** items from the **Quinquennial Inspections** requiring immediate attention. Programmed maintenance was proceeding as planned.

Faith Matters – Helen reported that the EST has now wound down and has been replaced by **Faith Matters** which hopes to take a practical approach to helping parishes and their unique needs. **Patrick** presented a working document of ideas about how resources can be shared around the Pastoral area. Much consideration was given to what Ringwood parish needs. It was agreed that we should work on community spirit. With this in mind **Barbara** is hoping to start a Friendship coffee morning after weekday Mass, on a particular day of the week, to be decided. **Martin** suggested a men's breakfast group, similar to that run by Poulner Baptist church. **Maggie** suggested that we have a summer BBQ or lunch in the grounds of the church after Mass one Sunday. The parish **Social Group will reconvene** as soon as possible to discuss this further. Other suggestions will be discussed again at a future date.

Churches Together **Maggie** reported that **contributions are still welcome** for Hope Magazines etc. But especially the Mark's Gospel's, which is a joint project with Fordingbridge CT – 7,000 have been ordered @ £1.25 ea; £3.5k has already been received. Spare 'HOPE' magazines are to be taken to **"Party in the Park" at Carvers on Sunday 5th June**. CTiRD are looking for **volunteers** on 5th June to be in the **marquee/tent to welcome people** for a break. We will be giving out copies of St Mark's Gospel and "Our Faithful Queen". **Bridie and Maggie** will help on **5th June**, before Mass and afterwards for an hour.

The **Minister's lunch will be on Wednesday 29th June at Adam's house** – Forest Edge, Salisbury Road, BH24 3PB.

The **next CTiRD meeting is on Monday 18th or Tuesday 19th July** (TBC) at 5.30 p.m @ Ringwood Parish Church. Maggie asked if anyone could attend in her stead.

CTiRD are aiming for a **'Ringwood-wide' Alpha Course in September**; the idea being to run Alpha Courses in all of the churches around the town on different nights/days. A day-time one will possibly be held at 11.00 on Wednesdays at the Parish church. Rob Hibbitt is talking of running one in a cafe in town. It was agreed that we as a parish would be interested in being part of this venture.

There is the possibility of Mark's Gospel sermons on Podcasts – a bit like the Lent reflections done last year for Facebook. Adam will contact Canon Paul about this at a later date.

Any other business – Helen pointed out that another **gardening session** is needed. It was suggested that this be done on a Saturday afternoon. She will put an appeal in the newsletter. **Barbara** reported that there will be **6 First Holy Communicants** in Ringwood on **Sunday 19th June**. She requested our support and Maggie confirmed that Mary R had already spoken to the 'coffee team' and they will be here to provide hospitality to the children and their families.

Proposed Dates for the next two meetings:

Thursday 6th October and Thursday 1st December in the house

The meeting closed with prayers.