

## Our Lady of Sorrows and St Philip Benizi, Fordingbridge

### Parish Coordinating Committee (PCC)

"To love and serve God, and God's people, by enabling His gifts to bear good fruit in all."

Minutes of meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	By whom	By when
22.11.	<p><u>Present:</u> Parish Priest: Canon Paul Townsend LPC: Phil Rogers (Chair); Helen Eales; Steve Berry; FPC:: John Singleton;</p> <p><u>Apologies received:</u> (LPC); Larry Bartel; Julian Radcliffe; John Elliott; (FPC); Peter Hayton; Donna Kerrigan; Parishes Administrator: Melissa Hildreth</p>			
22.12	<p>Phil welcomed everyone The meeting opened with the gospel of the day and reflection led by Steve Berry.</p>			
22.13	<p>The minutes of meeting agreed as true record.</p> <p><u>Matters arising:</u> 22.05 (4) Lenten Lunch took place on 31<sup>st</sup> March as planned 22.05 (5) Stations of the Cross was led weekly by a different parishioner. 22.07 Work is underway to comply with Quinquennial 22.09 'Music in May' event raised almost £1300. Proceeds went to DEC Ukraine Appeal and not for Bell repair after all. Many thanks go to Larry Bartel and his team for making so successful.</p>			
22.14	<p><u>Administrative Issues</u></p> <p>In her absence, Melissa sent PCC an administration report. Items covered elsewhere in the meeting's agenda Phil reiterated the appreciation of PCC for her hard work.</p>	To distribute Admin Report by email	HE	asap

22.15	<p><u>Pastoral Issues</u></p> <p>1. Avon Stour Pastoral Area (ASPA) : A group to be known as Faith Matters has been formed. The aims include working with vulnerable and marginalised to make a positive difference; To act, with parishes, to identify those most in need and accompany them on their faith journey; To engage the youth in Christ's work and offer them practical opportunities to develop their relationship with Jesus. Currently support is ongoing for the Youth with the trip to Lourdes, and with Travelling people. There is representation from each ASPA parish. Helen Eales is currently there for Fordingbridge and will report to Canon Paul. Each Parish is invited to form a group to provide leadership to reflect local needs. Canon Paul is enthusiastic about this initiative.</p> <p>2. Synodal Questionnaires and Meetings: Postpone as Larry Bartel not in attendance.</p> <p>3. Diocesan Strategic Plans. Meeting in Eastleigh which Donna Kerrigan and John Elliott were due to attend was cancelled. Parish meetings should take place before July. We need the presentation materials. Dismay was expressed that so little effort was made to obtain 'grass roots' opinions by the Diocesan organisers.</p> <p>4. Social Events: Following the success of 'Music in May', we would like to build on that with a variety of other things. We have had offers from John Elliott and George Fanning.</p> <p>5. In Memoriam board: Agreed that there will be a designated board in the hall for parishioners who have died since 2019.</p> <p>6. CAFOD: The campaign this year is entitled 'Fix the Food System' addressing the imbalance of supplies of food and those going hungry. This year CAFOD is celebrating 60 years since its inception this. The Fordingbridge group was set up in 1992 and Ringwood joined with us to form the Joint Parishes group shortly afterwards. It may be possible to ask for a Papal blessing next year for our group.</p>	<p>Mission Statement of Faith Matters to be sent to PCC members and also displayed on Notice board in Hall.</p> <p>To invite a number of people to form Fordingbridge group.</p> <p>To obtain presentation materials if possible and decide on next steps.</p> <p>To approach JE and GF re their ideas.</p> <p>Set up board</p> <p>To raise the Papal blessing with Joint CAFOD group</p>	<p>HE</p> <p>PJT</p> <p>HE &amp; MH</p> <p>PR&amp;HE</p> <p>HE</p> <p>HE</p>	<p>June</p> <p>18 June</p>
22.16	<p><u>Health &amp; Safety:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fire drill was run though. Hi-Viz jackets for marshals to be kept in the hall for use in event of fire.</li> <li>The address for all emergency services is 15 Salisbury Road. SP6 1EG This is NOT on Whitsbury Road - post code directs to footpath at rear for Homebridge House). There's a 3 word location code as follows: MORNINGS;VOWING;RESONATED</li> </ol>	<p>To arrange for Hi-Viz vests to be placed in Hall.</p> <p>Notice in porch to clarify this</p>	<p>PR &amp; NW</p> <p>HE</p>	<p>1 June</p>

	3. There is a new First Aid box and the old one has been sent to Ukraine.			
22.17	<u>Finance Issues:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heating costs will start to rise in light of national energy cost pressures. Cost saving strategies have already been actioned.</li> <li>2. Contactless Tech has been thoroughly explored and is being trialled for 1 year. Gift Aid will still be used and small cash donations will continue to have Gift Aid applied.</li> <li>3. Charities such as CAFOD can also use this contactless facility.</li> <li>4. We are still negotiating with Homebridge House about repairs to the shared drive which has developed pot holes.</li> </ol>	<p>To consider how further cost saving can be achieved.</p> <p>Maintain negotiations with Homebridge House</p>	<p>All</p> <p>PR</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
22.18	<u>Churches Together in Fordingbridge and District: (CTFD)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PCC would like to apply to be a Fairtrade Parish. Phil knows someone who is a Fairtrade rep in Hyde and offered to find out more.</li> <li>2. Ringwood Churches Together distribute Hope magazine and have asked CTFD to pay towards additional copies. This reduces item costs and will facilitate distribution in Fordingbridge and District – including our own church and hall, etc. This was agreed.</li> <li>3. We need someone to act as our representative now Jan Brian has moved away.</li> </ol>	<p>To explore what criteria is needed and how to apply for Fairtrade status</p> <p>To confirm agreement with CTFD</p> <p>To Invite a parishioner to be our CTFD rep.</p>	<p>PR</p> <p>MH</p> <p>PR &amp; PJT</p>	
22.19	<u>AOB</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Canon Paul brought up the subject of the Easter Triduum. It is becoming impractical and costly to use two priests to serve both churches simultaneously. If services were to be held in one church, (for example alternate years) it was pointed out that a designated form of transport may have to be made available and not to expect people to rely on goodwill lifts.</li> <li>2. Now the hall is back in full use, the minutes of this meeting can be pinned up on the notice board again.</li> <li>3. The posts of the 'Church Parking Only' signs have rotted and need replacing.</li> <li>4. There is still a need for the church to be signposted where drivers can clearly see where to turn in. Under the Homebridge House sign would suffice.</li> </ol>	<p>To continue to explore options</p> <p>To pin up minutes in hall.</p> <p>To start work on Parking sign posts</p> <p>C/F item for next Agenda</p>	<p>PJT</p> <p>HE</p> <p>JS</p> <p>HE</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	<p>5. There is a need for another Garden Tidy. However, there are some bushes that perhaps need a professional approach. After a short discussion, PCC agreed to investigate possibilities individually</p>			
22.20	<p><u>Dates of next meetings.</u></p> <p>In order to have better attendance, the dates must be given well in advance. It is recognised people have other calls on their diaries. The following dates were suggested: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022</p>			
22.21	<p>Phil ended the meeting and thanked everyone for their input.</p> <p>The meeting closed with prayers led by Steve Berry.</p>			

**Meeting Dates for 2022 (All from 6.45pm to 8.30pm)**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**