

## St. Aidan's Parish Pastoral Council

### Minutes of Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 7.00pm at St. Aidan's Presbytery

1. **In attendance:** John Hannacher, Fr Roy Karakkattu, Sue Finch, Vivianne Gattoc, Deirdre Lay,

**Apologies:** David Curtis, Peter Kirk, Finbarr O'Donoghue, Vince Smith, Debbie Rogers

2. **Prayer & Welcome:** JH welcomed everyone, and the meeting commenced with a prayer from Fr. Roy.

3. **Approval of Minutes of the last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024, were approved, having been proposed by Vivianne Gattoc and seconded by Susan Finch.

#### 4. Ministry reports and discussion as necessary.

##### 4.1 Finance – Sue Finch

Quarter 4 still not available yet from the diocese. Sue will contact Majella as it is needed for the AGM.

We have a donation of £1,000.00 from Tony Killian's family whose was a parishioner and whose funeral service took pace at St. Aidan's. It was decided that we would purchase a new chalice. Tap and Go has been installed. We have two digital collection plates positioned either side in the Narthex. We will use it for Offertory, Donations and shop on a regular basis and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections when they happen. We also plan to use it for fundraising.

##### 4.2 Liturgy – Vince Smith

No report was given from Vince. The choir are holding regular practice sessions and incorporating new hymns.

##### 4.3 Formation

Confirmation took place on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

We have four new Eucharistic Ministers for a Saturday evening who are currently being trained.

First Holy Communion registration for 2025 is open. If our numbers from St Aidan's permit we will keep it in house.

##### 4.4 Social & Cultural – Deirdre Lay

Invitations for the Volunteer Thank You Social, at St Aidan's on 14<sup>th</sup> July after the AGM, will be going out in the next week.

Feast of St Aidan Walk and BBQ will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Quiz Night will now be planned for October. The only date available at Restore Hope was 5<sup>th</sup> July and this was too close to other planned activities.

##### 4.5 Maintenance – Finbarr O'Donoghue

Trees – South Bucks Tree Surgery are coming to check the pine trees.

Drains – Dyno came out to check the drain following a block from the drain in the Presbytery kitchen. After inspection it was found that the drain had collapsed outside our boundary towards Finch Lane. Thames Water are now investigating as this is there responsibility. It was agreed that we would have a full survey of all the drains. – DL to organise

Gutters – the gutters have a lot of 'greenery' growing in them and need clearing. DL to contact window cleaners who have done this in the past. At the same time she will ask for the Perspex roof by back door of Presbytery to be cleaned.

Ivy – ingress into the church and across the fire doors by the choir. The bottom of the growth has been cut which means the ivy growing up the wall/door will die and will be easier to remove.

Tarmac – Fr Roy has had a quote for the replacement of tarmac from the entrance across the front to the hall and the driveway. This was £12,500 plus VAT. This amount would need diocesan approval so 2 more quotes are needed. DL to contact T Clubb and JH to contact Applewood. Sheds – are in need of replacing. We need to do a clear out as there is a lot in them that is damaged or no longer needed. DL will organise once back from holiday. The money for new sheds will be raised through fundraising.

#### **4.6 Ecumenical – Vivianne Gattoc**

Churches together are holding an event in Westwood Park on 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. The next meeting will be held at the Methodist church on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm.

#### **4.7 Youth**

Nothing much is happening with our Youth Group which is disappointing. The Youth Mass on a Saturday on monthly basis would be a good starting point DL to talk to Michelle to see if she would be happy to look after the musicians and choir.

#### **4.8 Pastoral Area Council – Peter Kirk**

Fr Roy reported that it is a vibrant large group. There is a Sacramental Preparation workshop on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 10.30-3pm. Emmaus Talks have been very successful. There will be a common Christmas and Easter booklet.

### **Any Other Business**

AGM - In preparation for the AGM could all Ministry reports be sent to JH by end June

JH and VS are happy to continue as Fr Roy's nominees

VG is happy to continue as the Parish representative

### **Questions from the last AGM**

Should we provide a memorial for Fr. Ken? – consensus that Fr Ken would not want money spent on something like this.

Could we have a visible listing of names of those whose ashes are buried in the memorial garden? – work in progress to produce a weatherproof sign which will provide this information.

Hall Hire - A local dementia group have asked if they could use our hall and grounds for their meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> August as St George's Hall is not available. It was agreed that we would not want this to be a regular event. However, as a one off this would be a good thing to do and not to make a charge. DL to contact Jo Herrera and arrange to meet her at the hall.

### **5. Meetings this year**

AGM 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024