

## SAINT HUGH'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### Notes of Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Attending: Fr. Ka Fai Lee (President), Tony Gregory (chairman), Tony Heron, Joe Rudski, John Heaps, Geoff Dennis & Terry McMenamain (secretary).

Apologies: Ian & Mary Chater, John Burns, Ken Reeves, Steve Hemsall & Lisa Radford.

Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> May were approved and signed.

Matters Arising: John Burns had weeded round side of the Church and sprayed weeds under the hedges. It was agreed to take up Steve Hemsall's offer to maintain the gardens at his normal rate of £10 per hour, charging 50% of his time until Ian Chater can return to active involvement.

#### 1. Pastoral & Liturgy:

- a) Planned ecumenical events in 2015 are: 24<sup>th</sup> May, time TBA, Pentecost celebration at the Moravian Church; 7.30pm 9<sup>th</sup> July a tribute to the ladies of the VAD hospitals in WW1; 7.30 pm on 26<sup>th</sup> July a ticket-only evening of Music Words and Pictures commemorating WW1 at the Methodist Church; 3pm on 27<sup>th</sup> July a commemoration of start of WW1 at All Saints, the Bishop of Repton will give the address; August/September Holiday Bible Club for youngsters of ~8 to 14.
- b) WW1 anniversary dates advised by the Bishops: August 4th 1914: War breaks out; April 25th 1915: Gallipoli; May 31st & June 1st 1916: Battle of Jutland; July 1st 1916: Battle of the Somme; July 31st 1917: Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele); November 11th 1918: Armistice.
- c) St. Alban's links: On Sunday the congregation indicated enthusiasm for the monthly exchange of clergy. It was agreed that the PPC chairmen and vice-chairmen arrange a joint social evening, with a further evening for the full Council membership to meet later on. Fr. Ka Fai advised that Fr. Newman's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary is on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

2. Website: –Liam Leavesley is keen to maintain the website. Fr. Ka Fai to arrange site authorities.

#### 3. Buildings:

- a) The Church organ failed PAT testing. It is rarely used and very dated; however Tony Heron offered to examine and attempt repair. Tony Gregory will ask Michael to investigate alternative instruments. Church windows – Terry to request the volunteers to set dates for repairing and varnishing the west side Church windows. Roof – John Heaps reported on the surveyor Richard Slusarenko check on the roof. It does not need replacement. He recommends lifting the lower rows of tiles to renew the felt and any rotten timbers, needing scaffolding. We should remove moss, and old steelwork on the walls, ventilate the of roof space, and investigate the damp in the confessional. It was agreed that John should request a scope of work and guide prices.
- b) Tony to press Michael regarding carpet in the side porch of the Church
- c) Projects – it was agreed to concentrate on the roof and toilets. Regarding the latter, legislation is complex and Joe agreed to request guidance from Building Controls. (Post-meeting note: it seems there is some flexibility and Terry has prepared some plans for consideration).
- d) An aerial survey of the field is expected. Terry will also re-measure its boundary.
- e) Risk assessment: the draft risk assessment was reviewed. It was agreed to display signs stating that the car park is private and unauthorised use is prohibited. It was also agreed to include safeguarding. Terry to amend the document. Terry commented that the Diocese may now be more aware of the legal penalties, and the need for training. Parish priests as legal occupiers will arrange any training. Terry commented that it would make sense for this to be at Deanery level.

4. Finance: The financial statement was distributed.

5. Development Proposal received: The proposal for development on the north side of Derby Road was discussed. It was not considered a serious proposal so we do not need to respond. Joe commented that we should use the field to visibly take possession. Terry has spoken to Stan Addison's tenant who may be interested in grazing sheep.

6. Any Other Business: The need to welcome visitors was agreed. We may need signs for pushchairs.

7. Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7pm. If necessary a special meeting will consider toilet refurbishment.