

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 2nd May 2024.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	By whom	By when
24.12	<p>Present: Parish Priest: Canon Paul Townsend Helen Eales;; Phil Rogers (Chair); Helen Thomas; Steve Berry; Peter Hayton; David Bates</p> <p>Apologies received: Larry Bartel; John Elliott; Parishes Administrator: Melissa Hildreth</p>			
24.13	<p>Phil welcomed everyone, The meeting opened with prayer and reflection led by Canon Paul Townsend</p>			
24.14	<p>The minutes of meeting of 1st February 24 agreed as true record.</p> <p><u>Matters arising:</u> 24.04 Melissa' annual appraisal: She does not wish to increase her hours but she has volunteered to help with mapping the cemetery as a defined piece of extra work</p>			
24.15	<p><u>Pastoral Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Pastoral Area update.</u> There have been no more meetings. • <u>Easter arrangements.</u> Canon Paul was very grateful for help and support from people of both parishes. Next year should be in Ringwood but there are some logistical issues which have to be overcome. • <u>New translation of the Liturgy</u> will require new Lectionaries for both churches at some cost. Mass books for parishioners only used in Fordingbridge so will need separate arrangements. Readers will have training. • <u>AGM</u> will take place early in October to involve parishioners in the future of our worshipping community. Discussion took place about criteria and areas in which parish priest will need support. Plans to be drawn up outside this meeting. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Further ideas regarding topics for consideration to be sent to HE for inclusion in criteria check list.. 2. To arrange AGM for 10th October 	<p>All</p> <p>LB, PR & PJT</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Social Events:</u> -Choir and Supper event was well received. Sum raised not yet known. -Garden Party on 23rd June to mark Canon Paul's Anniversary. Arrangements to take place outside this meeting. -Ceilidh/Barn dance proposed for 12th October -John Elliott has offered to give another talk which PCC were happy to accept and plan at next meeting. • <u>Reaching out</u> to the wider community. This will be part of the objectives for the AGM. • <u>Adult formation.</u> Various options for activities we could undertake. Showing a film might be an option. 	<p>Coordinate plans for 23rd June party</p> <p>Carry forward</p> <p>Explore opportunities for showing appropriate films</p>	<p>LB</p> <p>HE</p> <p>PH</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>11July</p> <p>11July</p>
24.16	<p><u>CAFOD:</u> -Lenten Lunches very well attended and lots of outside help to produce them. -Planning a Curling event in September at Fordingbridge. -There will be a special collection for Sudan this month.</p>			
24.17	<p><u>Churches Together:</u> 'The Chosen' series of films is being shown with good attendance. Some parishioners have helped the endeavour with funds but PCC agree the church should help funding it as the Ringwood church does with their Churches Together. Suggested £100</p>	<p>To request Melissa facilitate donation</p>	<p>PJT</p>	<p>10May</p>
24.18	<p><u>Health and Safety:</u> Brief discussion about latest report. No issues at present. There will be a fire practice again soon. Discussion re driveway potholes and plans to repair them. Also noted was loose paving stone on the ramp to the church.</p>			
24.19	<p><u>Financial Report</u> 1. Congratulations to Donna Kerrigan is now chair of the Joint Finance and Property Committee. Many thanks given to Phil who has stepped down after about 4.5 years in the role. 2 Parish finance report circulated prior to meeting. Currently we are in good position but need to be aware there may be costly structural repairs in the future. 3. Funds for reinstating the bell: Canon Paul has received a few donations. There needs to be more concerted fundraising. Should be able to give on Dona and coffee mornings dedicated to the Bell. It will be brought to the church for parishioners to view before being hung.</p>	<p>To coordinate Coffee morning in aid of Bell hanging</p>	<p>HE</p>	<p>16June</p>

24. 20	<p>AOB.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anne Hunt is moving away and leaving the parish. PCC expressed many thanks to her especially for her help as a counter and as Eucharistic Minister facilitating Adoration and as a sick visitor. Donna Kerrigan will step up as a counter. 2. Steve explained that there are more readers now on Saturdays and Sundays. 3. Some parishioners have expressed concerns about the tidiness of the hall. Discussion re. safety of folded table storage and how many chairs should be in each stack. (5) 	Safety notices where appropriate	HE	31May
24.21	Carry Forward: Seating capacity and storage of furniture.			
24.22	Phil ended the meeting and thanked everyone for their input. The meeting closed with prayers led by Canon Paul.			

Next meeting THURSDAY 11th JULY 2024 from 6.45pm to 8.30pm