

**ST ALBANS CHURCH**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012**

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**Present:-** Fr Paul, Maria Neads, Shaun Read, Geoff Rowlands, Mark Booton, Fran Wickes, Mary Keogh, Cath Green, Clare Cox, Eileen Rees, James Kissane

**Apologies:-** Jo Rowlands

**Opening Prayer** – led by Maria

**Minutes of Last Meeting** – approved

**Council Communication** – minutes to be placed on noticeboards at both St Albans and The Church On Oakwood. Copy of minutes to be sent to Simon Baldwin for posting on website.

**Pastoral Plan** – copy to be printed and placed on table in entrance to St Albans and to be mentioned in the weekly newsletter - also, to be posted on website.

Feedback sheets from meetings with parish sub groups to be passed to Geoff, Maria and Shaun, who are to meet before the next meeting. Meetings that have taken place – Music Group, Children's Liturgy, Eucharistic Ministers, Cleaners, Welcomers and Spirituality Group.

**Maintenance** – boilers and hot air blower have received their annual certification, fire alarm passed its annual test. The blower does require a silencer - £638.00. Risk assessments are on going and an emergency plan for the Church Hall is to be drawn up.

Fencing – grant applications have been unsuccessful, so surplus from parish funds and other sources will be used. A quotation for more radiators in the Hall is expected along with quotes for a hot water boiler. New furniture is becoming quite urgent. Quote for fixed wire testing to be chased up.

Emergency lights have been fixed along with the lock to the bar door.

Leaking pipe in kitchenette to be fixed – it has caused the door to swell.

Garden – section to be created – to be accessible, sensory – a legacy.

**CAFOD** – Connect2 to Rwanda – funds still being sent through – an article on how the community spent Christmas to be posted on the website.

**Oakwood** – meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January . New Methodist minister – Rev Peter Bates. All denominations to be invited to Ash Wednesday mass at St Albans with a frugal supper afterwards. New hymn books have been ordered and delivered. There will be a Christian Unity Service on 18<sup>th</sup> January to be led by Fr Paul.

**Children's Liturgy** – new format is popular, just not enough time. Discussion to be had to ensure message is understood. The children's return to the main mass to present what they have done is very popular.

**Christmas Masses** – Christmas Eve extremely busy, Christmas Day busier than usual. To be reviewed for next year.

**Recent Events** – Epiphany Quiz – 45 people attended, a great success. Carol Service was lovely, Penitential Service went very well.

**Upcoming Events:-**

1<sup>st</sup> Communion 27<sup>th</sup> May – services to be held on Saturday evening and Sunday morning

Living Stones – talks to be held through Lent starting 28<sup>th</sup> February, kick off meeting to be held at St Hugh's on 27<sup>th</sup> January to be attended by parish priests and PPC chairs

Confirmation – 11<sup>th</sup> July

**AOB** – is another council member required following departures of Simon and Lorraine?

**Future Meetings** – 1<sup>st</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> April

**Opening Prayer** - to be led by Mark Booton

**Closing Prayer** – led by Fr Paul