

ST ALBANS CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

26TH APRIL 2012

Present:- Fr Paul, Maria Neads, Shaun Read, Geoff Rowlands, Jo Rowlands, Fran Wickes, Cath Green, James Kissane, Kevin Boyle, Mary Keogh, Eileen Rees

Apologies:- Mark Booton, Clare Cox

Opening Prayer – led by Fr Paul

Minutes of Last Meeting – approved.

Council Communication – All minutes have been sent to Simon Baldwin for posting on the website.

No letters received.

Letter to be sent to Sanju to thank him for all his hard work in guiding the younger altar servers.

Pastoral Council Numbers – there are sufficient numbers on the council at present as per the constitution, however it is felt that it would be good to co-opt a young person to the council. Feelers to be put out.

Parish Groups – please see separate handout regarding the feedback following consultation with the various parish groups.

29th May – there is to be a social evening for all the parish groups to say thank you for their work and involvement.

Liturgy Group – to be set up to plan for the themes throughout the year – volunteers for this, please – Maria, James and Jo have already put themselves forward. Advent this year will be the first plan.

Buildings & Maintenance – risk assessments have now been completed and passed on to the groups which use the hall.

Fire alarm and emergency lights have been certificated.

The boiler for the Hall has got its annual certification.

PAT Testing has been completed.

All certificates are in the Maintenance Log Book in the office.

Safety Log Book for weekly fire alarm test and monthly emergency lights – Eileen agreed to carry these out. Also, tap temperatures to be checked if required.

Fixed Wire Testing – this is in progress and to be completed by 3rd May.

Roof leaks repaired and flashing replaced.

CAFOD – Connect2 to Rwanda – it needs to be decided whether the parish continues to contribute money to Rwanda or select another community. Collections are ongoing.
Please see Side BY Side magazine – 50 years of CAFOD.

Oakwood – AGM recently took place – it was passionate. Tradecraft catalogues ordered.

Children's Liturgy – it would be nice to have photos of the children on display on one of the boards – permission forms to be raised and issued before this is done.

Youth Group – 11-15 people regularly attending.

Garden Seating Area – date for meeting on how it is to look to be re-set.

Recent Events – Easter was really well attended. Palm Sunday went very well. Ecumenical Walk of Witnesses took place.

Parish Finances – presented and appear to be in great condition

Upcoming Events:-

1st Communion 27th May – services to be held on Saturday evening and Sunday morning
Social Evening – 28th April
Confirmation – 11th July. The group have a residential weekend in Edale 29th to 1st July
Service for Sick & Housebound 23rd June
Fr Ka Fai will be celebrating 25 years since his ordination
St Albans' Day – 24th June – Family Day to be planned – check on availability of bouncy castle

Spirituality Group – to attend next meeting and will lead the opening prayer

Future Meetings – 21st June, 13th September

Closing Prayer – led by Fr Paul