

**ST ALBANS CHURCH**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

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**Present:-** Fr Paul, Mark Booton, Geoff Rowlands, Jo Rowlands, Fran Wickes, Cath Green, James Kissane, Mary Keogh, Clare Cox

**Apologies:-** Maria Neads, Eileen Rees, Kevin Boyle

**Opening Prayer** – led by Fran

**Vice Chairperson** – with Shaun leaving the parish, a new vice chairperson needed choosing. Geoff volunteered – proposed by Jo, seconded by Fran. Geoff chaired the meeting.

**Minutes of Last Meeting** – approved. Clare to discuss 200 Club with Maureen.

**Pastoral Council Numbers** – Jessica Daykin to be invited to next meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Council Communication** – Christmas Cards – a parishioner mentioned how St Mary's used to have Christmas cards with images of the church for sale. This has previously been raised by Paul Wilson and discussed at a previous meeting. Some examples were passed round and the wreath option was generally approved. These would cost 24p each per 1000 ordered. To be checked with Sally Parlato to see if there is any conflict with cards sold by the repository.

**Liturgy Group** – meeting set for 27<sup>th</sup> September. Advent this year will be the first plan. Check with Maria how this is to proceed.

**Oakwood** – new minister started – only at Oakwood one Sunday a month. Invite to council meeting if he has time?

**Peace Garden** – Lee Downing, a landscape gardener, has presented two cost options for the design. These include screens, paving, water features, raised beds and fencing. Two parishioners have offered to provide materials. Mark & Geoff to follow up.

**Recent Events** – Peace Garden concert raised £400.  
Confirmation - Bishop Malcolm most impressed with the service, especially the music. The retreat at Edale was also a great success. Thanks to the commitment of the catechists.  
Healing Service for Sick & Housebound 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
St Albans' Day – 24<sup>th</sup> June – Family Day

**Living Stones** – 28<sup>th</sup> June recommendations have been made and have been sent to the Bishop's Council. The recommendations were discussed. The next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**Upcoming Events:-** 2013 – Year of Faith – launched at the Cathedral on 14<sup>th</sup> October. It will link the Vatican documents with how we live our faith and draw inspiration from the lives of the saints.

Harvest Festival – 6<sup>th</sup> October – with a Beetle Drive.

Memorial Service – November 7<sup>th</sup> at Oakwood – ecumenical

Christmas Bazaar – 1<sup>st</sup> December

**Shaun Read** – all Shaun's responsibilities within the parish – reading, CAFOD – have been covered. Jo and Clare to link with Sally Parlato regarding communication between council & CAFOD group.

**Parish Council Term of Office** – three years, to be re-elected next year. Geoff to check constitution. Maximum of two terms for any member. How will the election be carried out?

**Buildings** – there is work to be done and various actions to be undertaken. New gates are to be fitted in the next week.

**AOB** – none

**Future Meetings** – 18<sup>th</sup> October – Jo to lead opening prayer.  
29<sup>th</sup> November  
9<sup>th</sup> January

**Closing Prayer** – led by Fr Paul