

**ST ALBANS CHURCH**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

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**Present:-** Fr Paul, Geoff Rowlands, Kevin Boyle, Clare Cox, James Kissane, David McArdle, Sanju Sabu, Lewis Griffin, Dean Clegg, Eddie Duncombe, Simon Baldwin, Fran Wickes, Eileen Rees

**Apologies:** - Mark Booton, Caroline Collins

**Opening Prayer** – led by Dean

**Previous Meeting's Minutes** – approved, minor alterations

**Confirmation** – Lewis introduced the plans for Confirmation preparation next year. The date is set for 11<sup>th</sup> July with preparation starting in February. Open to Year 8 upwards and to involve St Hugh's. It is intended to involve the Parish as much as possible. A weekend away will be subsidised as last time, however we discussed the possibility of the gift of a bible for each of the candidates provided by the parishioners making donations/sponsorships at the enrolment mass.

**Council Communication** – nothing in suggestion boxes.

Car Parking – can only the designated spaces be used – note to go in newsletter.

Social events for older parishioners – Eddie to raise at Social Committee meeting

Christmas – parish lunch – discussion on-going

**Living Stones** – Deanery meeting at St Mary's on a date to be confirmed.

We discussed succession planning for the various groups.

Bereavement Group – to be added to chart

Baptism Preparation – Deanery to form

Finance – we discussed how expenditure could be planned/allocated

**Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal** – James gave brief presentation on how the appeal is being planned. An Appeal Committee to be formed – Richard & Ellen to be asked if they would like to be on this.

Presentation to the parish to be held in February.

**Report From Oakwood** – Finance – the minutes from the meeting

Were discussed and the implication of the proposals. Once everyone has had a chance to digest the minutes, James will send an email on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov to garner feedback for discussion at next PPC meeting.

**AGM** – we are obliged to hold one. Planned February in conjunction with the SRP Presentation.

**Holy Land Trip** – photos will be placed on display in the hall at St Albans – there will be specific themes and this theme will change regularly.

**Recent Events:-**

Induction of new vicar at St Mary's in Chaddesden – very busy

5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Supper – raised £100 for Padley Centre

4<sup>th</sup> October – CAFOD – Marie Malloy presented updates, Ethiopian food served

Music Group met

Spirituality Group met

Diane Williams – presented with flowers & meal voucher at Mass

**Upcoming Events:-**

2<sup>nd</sup> November – Service of Remembrance

9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Bingo at St Albans school

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Week of Guided Prayer

November – Briars Retreat

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – end of Year of Faith celebrated at St Barnabas

30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Bazaar

Altar Servers Bowling – St Albans v St Hughs

15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Oakwood Carol Service

19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 Carol Service

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – St Albans Carol Service

**AOB:-**

Minutes approval process – flow chart discussed – agree at next meeting

**Future Meetings:-**

5<sup>th</sup> December

16<sup>th</sup> January

1<sup>st</sup> February – AGM & SRP Presentation

**Closing Prayer** – led by Clare