

ST ALBANS CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
27th FEBRUARY 2014

Present:- Fr Paul, Geoff Rowlands, Fran Wickes, Simon Baldwin, Kevin Boyle, James Kissane, Eddie Duncombe, Eileen Rees, Caroline Collins

Apologies: - Sanju Sabu, Mark Booton, Dean Clegg, Clare Cox, Lewis Griffin, David McArdle

Guest:- Tony from St Hugh's

Opening Prayer – led by Geoff

Previous Meeting's Minutes – approved

AGM – Fr Ka Fai was pleased to be part of it. Highlighting the past 12 months was well received. There were approx 30 attendees and they all appreciated the feedback from the PPC.

Living Stones – no real updates. St Hugh's have been well prepared for the changes and are delighted with the link to St Albans. Somehow, four masses have to be reduced to three.

Parish Constitution – focus group to be set up to review the constitution and bring it up to date. Tony from St Hugh's gave a copy of their guidelines.

2014 Business – we discussed various themes to be focussed on over the year.

Social Events – different themes, monthly basis. Simon to support Eddie.

Building Projects – laminate whole floor in hall – Buildings Committee to review.

Trip to Hereford Cathedral

Grounds Maintenance – plans & rotas – item to be placed in newsletter re grass cutting.

Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal – James plans to announce at each mass this weekend that there will be a presentation on the SRP after Easter in order to drive donations & standing orders. It was decided that we would not follow the Diocesan Appeal Committee line of asking the parishioners to fill out contact cards to return to the diocese.

Oakwood – Finance – there is still agreement to be reached on this. Christian Unity Week went well.

Recent Events:-

25th Jan – altar servers bowling – St A v St H – a great night of fun

25th Jan – Week of Guided Prayer – future dates have been set for later in the year

25th Jan – 1st Communion Started – 34 children

23rd Feb – Juan Carlos' deacon candidacy at St Barnabas – a lovely occasion

26th Feb – Confirmation started – 17 candidates

Upcoming Events:-

23rd March – Enrolment Mass for Confirmation

14-16th March – Edale w/e for confirmation candidates

Ash Wednesday – Youth Group to serve soup & bread

Station of Cross – alternate Fridays at St A and St H

Lent – “We Saw His Glory” – online spiritual reflection

AOB:-

Welcome to Caroline

Fr Peter Phirrie – support required in bringing him from Africa to St Hugh's.

Future Meetings:-

10th April – opening prayer to be led by Eddie

Closing Prayer – led by James