

ST ALBANS CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7TH MARCH 2015

PPC Present:- Fr Paul, Geoff Rowlands, James Kissane, Eileen Rees, Clare Cox, Lewis Fenn Griffin, Juan Carlos Valer, Eddie Duncombe, Kevin Boyle, David McArdle, Mark Booton, Fran Wickes, Simon Baldwin

Opening Prayer: led by Geoff

Review of 2014

Led by Geoff – all events and developments throughout 2014

Plans for 2015

Led by Geoff

Living Stones

Led by Geoff – re-cap of current situation – nothing will happen for at least two years

Maintenance & Building Projects

Led by Kevin – all projects that have happened over last 12 months

Sick & Retired Priests Appeal

James gave a progress report on the appeal – roughly 55% to target halfway through the appeal. Proceeds from Christmas Bazaar & 20% of Parish Centre takings donated to the appeal.

Constitution

Geoff led everybody through the proposed changes to the constitution which removes any ambiguities.

This was approved and seconded.

Open Forum (with cheese & wine)

The meeting split into groups to discuss the following questions:-

- What are the strengths of our parish?
- What areas would you like to see our parish develop?
- Is there anything we should start doing?
- Is there anything we should stop doing?
- At the centre of our parish is....

10am Mass – with certain masses being fuller than others, is it possible to place more chairs around the church to cater for everybody? Maybe open up the partition at the former “rear” of the church.

Pastoral Plan – can this be made available to the parish groups?

PPC outward communication – this could do with improving

Doctrine Pamphlets – place a rack in the foyer to make available useful information on doctrine

Repository – can this be moved to somewhere more apparent & available?

Older Youth Group – set up a group for the older youth in the parish

Moral Discussion Meetings – offer to the parish – six monthly?

Main Entrance Foyer – due to congestion after Mass, possibly extend the area

Make these questions/discussion available to the wider parish

Should anyone require a copy of the minutes, please download from the website or contact the parish office