

ST ALBANS CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

16th January 2014

Present:- Geoff Rowlands, Sanju Sabu, Simon Baldwin, Kevin Boyle, Clare Cox, James Kissane, Lewis Griffin, Dean Clegg, Eddie Duncombe, Eileen Rees

Apologies: - Fr Paul, Fran Wickes, Mark Booton, Caroline Collins, David McArdle

Opening Prayer – led by James

Previous Meeting's Minutes – approved

Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal – John Curran, from the SRP diocese committee, gave a presentation on the process for the appeal outlining the background and the support for raising funds. Formal presentation to be arranged in about two months' time.

Living Stones – announcement about the changes was placed on the internet. We discussed the link with St Hugh's and a rep at their next PPC meeting. The diocesan meeting on 14th December was well attended, however no timescales have been set. Personnel changes will precipitate moves.

Council Communication – PPC Email – Geoff will check.
Twitter/Text – set up for "Thought of the Week" from Fr Paul?
Parish Shop – is it still running? After Sat mass & every 3rd Sun in weekday chapel
Website – link school to Church?

AGM – set for 1st February. Agenda:-
Living Stones
Finance
Review of 2013 & Upcoming Events
Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal
Cheese & Wine

Recent Events:-

Oakwood Carol Service
Year 6 Carol Service
St Albans Carol Service – very spiritual
Christmas Eve – 480 people attended. Comments – pre-printed carol sheets to be made available and more mass sheets.

Epiphany Quiz – 40 attendees, a fun night
Christmas Lunch – went wonderfully well

Upcoming Events:–

22nd Jan – Christian Unity Service at Oakwood
25th Jan – altar servers bowling – St A v St H
25th Jan – Week of Guided Prayer – follow up
25th Jan – 1st Communion Starts
1st Feb - AGM
Early Feb – Survive Miva Appeal
23rd Feb – Juan Carlos’ deacon candidacy at St Barnabas
26th Feb – Confirmation starts

AOB:-

E-Cigarettes Ban – Eileen to print some signs and put up in parish hall

Future Meetings:-

27th Feb – opening prayer by Dean
10th April

Closing Prayer – led by Geoff