

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

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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**Present:-** Fr Paul, Louise Franik, Andy Brough, Amanda Wilson, Sandra Endsor, Catherine Endsor, Mark Booton, Linda McCauley, David McArdle, Stuart Olivier, Jo Rowlands and Jamie Roppa

**Apologies:-** Juan Carlos, Nick Carberry, Cath Green, Carl Mendonca

**1. Welcome** by Stuart Olivier - Chairman

**2. Opening Prayer:** led by Fr Paul

**3. Previous Meeting's Minutes/ Matters arising:**

Went through previous minutes and added Mark Booton who was present – apologies!

Pam Carberry is willing to take on the rota for cleaning and help out. Amanda/ Fr Paul will contact current church cleaners to see who actually still helps out

Steve Hemsall is to do the grass cutting

RCIA: or equivalent starts on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

**4. Parish Questionnaire**

Now with the Bishop for consideration. There are 14 Priests for the churches in Derby four of which are over 70 years of age so roughly working on 10 priests. Derby is to be split in to three zones and our zone will include Alvaston. Nothing will probably happen until September.

**5. Fr Slavic**

It is not known as to when he will be leaving but regarding his “do” it was thought best to invite him back to mass at St Albans, Oakwood and St Hugh’s with a presentation of a cheque and stole with coffee and cake afterwards. Sandra would put feelers out at Oakwood as to what they want to do. Collection to be taken by way of envelopes given out at masses rather than a second collection.

**6. Fr Phillip Holland**

Will come on board once Fr Slavic leaves. After much discussion/emails with the powers that be Fr Phillip can be “employed” for four hours a week which will possibly be one weekend mass and one evening mass and confession or however he is required once settled in. Payments cannot be direct to him but £160 a month would be paid between St Albans and St Hugh’s equally into the Retired and Future Priests Fund out of which Fr Phillip would be paid as and when required.

## **7. Disabled access to garden**

After discussion it was thought that concrete would be best and cheapest. Fr Paul/Amanda to get quotes and also for named bricks that families could sponsor to help with the cost.

## **8. Church on Oakwood**

The Christmas Social was successful but not so well support.

There were 73 people at the Carol Service which everyone thought was very good, traditional and most enjoyable.

Sandra asked that second collections could be notified the week before they are being taken as people do not put additional cash in their pockets.

Christian Unity Service is to be 7.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> January. Sandra has contacted local churches and the convent to invite everyone along. It is an international celebration organised by the Germans. Oakwood is our main ecumenical link

Wednesday evening masses are to continue on the third Wednesday of each month

## **9. Events**

The Epiphany Quiz is to take place after mass this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Andy is still working on the summer festival in the garden and has several acts interested.

First Reconciliation March time and First Holy Communion the weekend of 17/18<sup>th</sup> June

## **10. Suggestions**

Lynne Derry has said she is willing to put on another musical evening.

Frank has retired after 20 years of counting and used to do the banking too. Sandra will ask Eileen if she knows of anything he would like and would also investigate herself. Stuart to write a letter of appreciation to Frank.

Amanda mentioned that the Presbytery needs upgrading. Quotes to be sought for en-suite, kitchen and redecorating throughout. Amanda and Fr Paul

## **11. Any other business**

Leaves to be cleared out of gutters. Salt and grit required – Amanda to contact Council

Next meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm