

# SACRED HEART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the Parish Lounge

## NOTES

<p><b>1.0 Welcome</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Eleanor Bowman, Siobhan Heffron.</p> <p>Present were Jude Mariadoss, Anette Campbell-Black, Christopher Woodward, Teresa Engley, David Hurst, Primavera (Primi) Moretti (taking notes), Rachel Purvis, Sr Dorothy Perrott. Maria Christopher, Deacon Julian Burling , Ruth Naylor (in the chair), Canon John Clark</p> <p>Also present was Max Toon from the Young Adult House (9 Edge Hill). The meeting was opened in prayer by Maria.</p>	
<p><b>2.0 Minutes of 2 March meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and <u>will be added to the website.</u> Action: Ruth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● _____ Family mass – contacting Rachel Marshall – <u>Action: Ruth will invite her to a PPC meeting in the future</u></li><li>● _____ Supporting the flower group: (a) asking florists not to use oasis in arrangements for funerals: There isn't a handout about funerals so there's not a convenient way of doing this other than priests mentioning it to people organising funerals. (b) Planting shrubs that would yield suitable flowers and foliage would add to gardening costs once the beds are created but it would only require planting a few shrubs to provide plenty of foliage in future. <u>Action: Chris to discuss with Finance Committee</u> (c) could there be a weekend in September where the flowers/foliage all come from parishioners' gardens or could some parishioners with large gardens commit to bringing certain types of flowers/foliage at some points in the year? Ruth has discussed with Patricia and suggested she comes up with a date that's suitable for the group and organise it (e) Restarting the environmental group? Eleanor is too busy – maybe revisit it once we've heard from more parish groups – <u>Action: Ruth to discuss with Eleanor what's happening in schools and whether this is something the young people could pick up.</u></li><li>● Checking with Finance Committee about putting in a proper double or triple compost bin behind the shrubbery <u>Action: Chris</u></li><li>● Supply priests and managing until new PP arrives. David to speak to Fr Michael, Chris to speak to Finance Committee – Chris confirms they will be paid for if needed. <u>Action: Ruth discuss with Fr Joe if he specifically wants to put this on the meeting next time.</u></li></ul>	<p>RUTH</p> <p>RUTH</p> <p>CHRIS</p> <p>RUTH</p> <p>CHRIS</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Commissioning mass arrangements – Ruth writing note for newsletter, Fr Joe speaking to Mgr Gerard Bradley – See details below</li> <li>● _____New safeguarding team? Ruth has spoken to Jenny Cairns as it's currently falling to Fr Joe. How will we approach recruiting? Jenny will be happy to write a spec for the incoming people and will support the process. <u>Action: Primi add to agenda for next meeting.</u></li> <li>● _____Mass times on website – talking to Paul Davis – Ruth has spoken to Paul re Catholic Clocks – he will contact them – <u>Action: Paul Davis, Ruth to follow up.</u></li> <li>● Map of parish site boundaries for Diocese. Chris has sent another email chasing this.</li> </ul>	<p>RUTH</p> <p>PRIMI</p> <p>PAUL/RUTH</p>
<p><b>3.0 Updates From The Clergy</b> There were no updates.</p>	
<p><b>4.0 PPC Commissioning Mass</b> The mass had been planned for 28<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm with the aim of making the PPPC more visible and providing an opportunity to invite the parishioners to have a celebration with us and be able to chat to us – potentially getting some new members. It was pointed out that the planned date of 28<sup>th</sup> May is a bank holiday weekend, the start of half term so not many people will be around. It was proposed to have it in September instead not least because there might be a new parish priest by then which might be more suitable anyway and there will be more new people in the parish (and people won't be so busy with exams etc). <u>Action: Ruth to ask Fr Joe if 17/24 September work for him</u> (although we should note that it might end up having to be moved if there's an inaugural mass for the new parish priest). There are no special plans to do anything for the Patronal Feast of the Sacred Heart (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June) but there is a booklet for a novena which celebrates all the different groups in the parish and is read out at weekday masses during the nine days leading up to the feast. Thelma usually does the book Action: Ruth to discuss with her after Canon John's leaving do. It would be nice to have a social after the 6.30pm mass on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. <u>Action: Primi add to June agenda</u></p>	<p>RUTH</p> <p>PRIMI</p>
<p><b>5.0 Parish Community initiatives</b> <b>Merton Citizens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● purpose: community action holding decision makers to account</li> <li>● Spring 2023 newsletter with achievements distributed to PPC</li> <li>● co-ordinator, Vitoria Russo-Gaino, would like to meet interested PPC members TBD</li> </ul> <p>Meetings with decision makers</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dates TBC for review meetings agreed: LBM Council leader, Hannah Doody; Labour leader, Ross Garrod; deputy Labour leader, Ellie Springer; housing cabinet member Andrew Judge; Labour MP, Siobhan McDonagh</li> </ul> <p>Other meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 May 'Safer Surgeries Summit'(issue: Welcoming Borough)</li> <li>• 13 May meeting housing cabinet member, Councillor Andrew Judge (issue: Housing)</li> <li>• 31 May Merton Citizens celebration for 15 member groups</li> <li>• 05 June 'Be Well Hubs' celebration for South West London members (issue: Mental Health)</li> <li>• 4-5 July Community Organising training available – FREE OF CHARGE</li> </ul> <p><b>Merton Winter Night Shelter - Faith in Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wed 26 Apr review meeting with volunteers</li> <li>• 2023/24 to be managed by Nandita Nelson and Susie Wallat-Vago</li> </ul> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">NB need more overnight male volunteers</p> <p><b>Defibrillator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Location:</u> If it is kept outside it needs to be wired, heated and locked in box costing £594. It needs to be secured so it doesn't go missing (unfortunately it's compact and easy to steal and worth £1,000!). Since it has to be locked anyway, Chris suggests having it in the lobby by the hall. Max mentioned that public ones are locked and you phone a helpline which unlocks it and talks you through the process). It would be useful to know whether we can set up / request this service and how much it costs. Presumably it's run by the NHS for public ones. <u>Action: David to investigate.</u></li> <li>• Training options: 4hr hands-on, up to 12, cost £534; 2.5hr familiarisation, up to 20, cost £345. We agreed that the likelihood of the trained people being there when they're needed is pretty low and so we should look at teaching ourselves. <u>Action: David /Teresa to talk to St Saviour's and the people at Motspur Park regarding options.</u></li> </ul> <p><b>Hillside Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel (SNP) – includes Edge Hill residents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>6.30pm Thu 27 Apr</b> SHP invited to SNP meeting at Wimbledon police station. David reported in writing as not available to attend</li> </ul> <p><b>EHARA (Edge Hill Area Residents' Association)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.00pm Tue 13 Jun David invited to present SHP community work to next meeting</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">DAVID</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DAVID /TERESA</p>
---	---

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.30pm Sun 25 Jun Community Garden Party, Beaumont Court, 35 Edge Hill £3 in advance - 07961 015597 – <a href="mailto:sallygibbons35@gmail.com">sallygibbons35@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 at 8pm in Parish Lounge</p>	
<p><b>8.0 AOB</b> <b>Parish Planned Giving Appeal</b> which is aimed at encouraging people to set up standing orders and sign up for Gift Aid is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> June. There will be people standing up at end of each mass to explain and give out hand-outs re: budget and how they can set up a standing order and gift aid. There is a 1<sup>st</sup> Communion mass that day.</p>	RUTH
<p>Canon John closed the meeting with a blessing at 8.40pm. Ruth thanked Canon John on behalf of the whole PPC – and presented him with a small token of our appreciation in the form of a bottle of wine. The PPC indulged in a small social gathering as a send-off for Canon John.</p>	