

## St. Thomas More Church, Hartley Wintney

### Minutes of Good Shepherds' meeting number 27 held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014

#### Present:

Richard Bannon (chairman), Fr Thom Amungwa, Marie Linscott, Cathy Gathergood, Liz Murphy, Ruth Hudson, Kath Budd, Carole Johnson, John Marcotti (minutes)

#### Apologies:

Paula Simcoe, Janine Kilroy, Louise Poulter, Dcn Dave Morgan, Pat Paul, Marian Sandle, Bill Bishop

#### 1. *Preliminaries*

Having welcomed Fr Thom to the parish, we started off with a round of introductions.

We all agreed to extend a 'Thank You' to Rafaela, Rosemarie, Becky, Andrew Linscott, Michele Linehan-Hill and Paul Sudell for the various ways they helped us out at Christmas.

As an aside, we noted that if we are going to have Father Christmas visit us again next Christmas, we will only need 3 or 4 non-confectionery presents.

#### 2. *Previous minutes*

The previous minutes were agreed.

#### 3. *Open actions and matters arising*

Action 24.01: Some of the quick wins have been implemented, others are still in progress.

#### 4. *Christian Unity Week*

Christian Unity Week is the week starting 20<sup>th</sup> January. We are scheduled to hold a service at St Thomas More on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am. Fr Thom agreed to lead the service.

Churches Together publishes a booklet containing recommended themes for services each day of the week. There was some confusion as to whether we had received a booklet. Carole offered to check if Margaret had received one, and to send information about the recommendations to Fr Thom.

*Post meeting note: Churches Together had given the booklet to Margaret Jennings. Carole was able to track it down and deliver the necessary information to Fr Thom.*

Carole offered to open the church and to provide refreshments.

The suggestion was made that maybe next year we could have some evening services, so that people who are normally at work during the day would be able to attend. John will take the suggestion back to Churches Together **Action 27.01 John Marcotti**

We will consider next year's Christian Unity Week in our November meeting.

5. *Lent*

There will be a Mass at St Thomas More on Ash Wednesday, but the time has not yet been decided.

We decided to have Stations Of The Cross again this year, but not on Sundays. We will have it at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings in Lent, starting on 12<sup>th</sup> March (the first Wednesday after Ash Wednesday).

Kath offered to lead some of the sessions.

We decided to see if we could advertise this in Contact magazine, but call it "The Way Of The Cross" because this is a term that other Christians are more likely to recognise.

It is not yet clear whether there will be a service at St Thomas More on Good Friday.

One day in Lent – preferably a Saturday – we could arrange a bread-and-cheese lunch. This would probably have to take place in the church.

6. *Youth Mass*

The Youth Mass we had recently was reasonably successful but it would have been better if more youths had been able to take part. We will try again. We will have Youth Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Richard will make an announcement at Mass **Action 27.02 Richard Bannon** and hopefully Alan can be at the back of the church on the same day collecting names of volunteers.

7. *Church cleaning*

We need more volunteers to clean the church each week.

Richard will appeal for more cleaners. **Action 27.03 Richard Bannon**

Kath will take over the rota.

8. *Choosing a new charity*

Richard invited us all to send suggestions to him, and we will discuss it at the next meeting. **Action 27.04 All**

9. *Events for this year*

We had a few initial suggestions:

- Maybe we could have another picnic if Dr and Mrs Saunders are still in their house

- A plant sale after Mass
- A sponsored walk in September

We will also consider all the suggestions provided in the recent parish survey.

10. *Any Other business*

10.1 *Lectern*

Fr Thom asked if a small lectern could be placed beside his chair. He will see if one is available at St Swithun's. Otherwise we will try to source one elsewhere.

10.2 *Altar preparation*

Fr Thom asked if we can also put out a corporal, purificators and a paten. John will update the opening and closing instructions accordingly **Action 27.05 John Marcotti**

11. *Dates of next meetings*

Meetings this year will be on the second Tuesday of alternate months, starting in January. The dates are:

- 14<sup>th</sup> January
- 11<sup>th</sup> March
- 13<sup>th</sup> May
- 8<sup>th</sup> July
- 9<sup>th</sup> September
- 11<sup>th</sup> November

The meetings will be at the church, at 7.30 pm.

12. *Open items*

<b>Action number</b>	<b>Description and update</b>	<b>Actionee</b>	<b>Status</b>
27.01	Suggest to Churches Together that next year's Christian Unity Week services could be in the evening.	John Marcotti	Open
27.02	Make an announcement about the next Youth Mass	Richard Bannon	Open
27.03	Make an appeal for more people to help with cleaning	Richard Bannon	Open
27.04	Send suggestions for next year's charity to Richard	All	Open
27.05	Update the Opening and Closing Instructions to include the additional equipment to be set out	John Marcotti	Open
26.02	Write a cheque for Friends of St Mary's	Louise Poulter	Open
26.04	Check whether refund is available from Living Our Faith	Louise Poulter	Open
26.05	Arrange quotes for votive candle stand	Pat Paul	Open

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24.01	Implement the quick win identified from the disability audit	Richard Bannon	Open
24.02	Arrange for a trial renovation of a single pew	Bill Bishop	Open
17.02	Investigate satellite speakers for organ.	Richard Bannon	Open
17.06	Make an appeal for people to use Gift Aid. We will ask Nigel Vince to make this appeal.	Richard Bannon	Open

13. *Closed items*

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26.01	Make announcement at Mass about Cabrini	Pat Paul	Closed
26.03	Discuss young children's involvement with Ruth Hudson	John Marcotti	Closed
21.02	Obtain a list of Churches Together events and post it on the noticeboard	John Marcotti	Closed