

St. Thomas More Church, Hartley Wintney

Minutes of Good Shepherds' meeting number 30 held on Wednesday 9th July 2014

Present:

Richard Bannon (chairman), Janine Kilroy, Kath Budd, Pat Paul, Dinah Kennedy, Carole Johnson, Marian Duggan, Tim Davies, John Marcotti (minutes)

Apologies:

Fr Thom Amungwa, Cathy Gathergood, Marie Linscott, Stephanie Bannon, Liz Murphy,

1. *Previous minutes*

The previous minutes were agreed.

2. *Open actions and matters arising*

Action 29.01: Two people had come forward following the appeal, but as we are now already in July and the event was supposed to take place in the first part of July, clearly they were unable to organise anything.

Action 27.03: This appeal was made so the action is closed, but with limited success so we will try again. **Action 30.01 Richard Bannon.** At the meeting, Marian Duggan very kindly offered to join the cleaning rota.

Action 27.02: We will revisit the question of a youth Mass in September or October.

Action 26.05: We decided to refurbish the existing stand. Dinah Kennedy will provide contact details of a blacksmith. **Action 30.02 Dinah Kennedy**

3. *Gift Aid*

Four people took forms as a result of our previous appeal, but none of the forms have yet been returned so we will try again with another appeal.

Action 30.03 Richard Bannon.

Richard will also get some more Gift Aid forms.

A discussion arose as to whether possession of a box of envelopes automatically meant that one was in Gift Aid. Carole will check with Nigel Vince **Action 30.04 Carole Johnson.** In particular, Dinah Kennedy and Nigel Beazley would like to know if they are in Gift Aid.

4. *Parish walk*

We agreed in principle to do another parish walk this year if a suitable date could be found. We will invite the people from St Swithuns. Nigel Beazley will organise it. He has already provided us with a number of dates which would be suitable from his point of view; from the list we

selected our two favourites, and now need to get a preference from St Swithuns. **Action 30.05 Tim Davies**

Though primarily intended as a social event rather than fund-raising, we could consider using the walk to raise funds for this year's parish charity.

5. *Garden*

Carole suggested the allotment might be used to grow flowers for the church and we all considered this was a good idea.

We will need some people to be responsible for design, planting etc (but not necessarily actually to do the gardening themselves). At the next First Sunday (over coffee) we will ask people for ideas. We will also place a newsletter item to invite people to form a new Green Thumbs group.

Janine will ask Jamie White to cut the grass on a regular basis (e.g. fortnightly) and also if he will do the garden maintenance. **Action 30.06 Janine Kilroy.**

Also, the hedge needs cutting back. It should be cut quite hard, but preserving the arch over the gate. Janine will ask Jamie about this too.

The fence is falling over. Richard will speak to Tony Murphy about it. **Action 30.07 Richard Bannon.**

6. *Any Other business*

6.1 *Replacement treasurer*

After many years' service, our present treasurer would like to stand down. We will make an appeal at Mass for a volunteer (possibly followed by some shoulder-tapping) **Action 30.08 Richard Bannon**

6.2 *Chalices*

We have noticed that the gold on one of the chalices is showing wear, so the chalice needs re-gilding.

Occasionally at Mass the Eucharistic ministers run out of wine. Could the celebrant please ensure there is enough wine in the chalice.

7. *Dates of next meetings*

The remaining meetings in 2014 are currently scheduled for:

- Wednesday 10th September
- Wednesday 12th November

The meetings will take place at the church at 7.30pm.

8. *Open items*

Action number	Description and update	Actionee	Status
30.01	Try another appeal to get people to join the cleaning rota	Richard Bannon	Open

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30.02	Provide contact details for a blacksmith who might be able to refurbish the votive candle stand	Dinah Kennedy	Open
30.03	Try another appeal to get people to join Gift Aid	Richard Bannon	Open
30.04	Check whether possession of a box of envelopes automatically meant that one is in Gift Aid	Carole Johnson	Open
30.05	Ask Carole Williams for a preferred date for the parish Walk <i>Post-meeting note: The walk will be on 27th September</i>	Tim Davies	Open
30.06	Ask Jamie White to do various gardening jobs	Janine Kilroy	Open
30.07	Speak to Tony to see what can be done about the garden fence.	Richard Bannon	Open
30.08	Appeal at Mass for somebody to take over as Treasurer	Richard Bannon	Open
29.04	Obtain a first-aid kit for the church.	Stephanie Bannon	Open
28.03	Get prices for a portable ramp for wheelchairs etc. Also get quotes for 'smoothing' the step to create a permanent ramp.	Tony Murphy	Open
26.04	Check whether refund is available from Living Our Faith	Louise Poulter	Open
26.05	Arrange quotes for votive candle stand <i>13/03/2014: This has not yet been done because of difficulty in identifying which firm to approach. Carole Johnson will provide details.</i> <i>09/07/2014: We decided to refurbish the existing stand. Dinah Kennedy will provide contact details of a blacksmith.</i>	Pat Paul	Open

9. *Closed items*

Action number	Description and update	Actionee	Status
29.01	Appeal at Mass for people to help organise a parish picnic.	John Marcotti	Closed
29.02	Arrange for somebody to come and cut the grass.	Janine Kilroy	Closed
29.03	Ask for helpers at a gardening party.	Liz Murphy and John Marcotti	Closed

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29.05	Obtain a greeting card for the visitors from Bamenda and bring it to Mass so that members of the congregation can sign it.	Stephanie Bannon	Closed
27.03	Make an appeal for more people to help with cleaning	Richard Bannon	Closed
27.02	Make an announcement about the next Youth Mass	Richard Bannon	Closed
17.06	Make an appeal for people to use Gift Aid. We will ask Nigel Vince to make this appeal.	Richard Bannon	Closed