

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

HARPENDEN

MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

TUESDAY 7th March 2023

7.30pm

UNDERCROFT

MINUTES

- Opening Prayer said by Canon.
- 1. Welcome & Apologies – Lucy, Liz, Mark.
- 2. Minutes of last meeting – accepted as a true and fair record.
- 3. Matters Arising –

Warm Spaces has ended after 11 weeks – lack of numbers. A long-term idea (e.g. club for the lonely elderly) should be considered, and would need volunteers. Sunday after Mass coffee could be resurrected.

Neighbourhood volunteers – 48 have signed up to assist.

- 4. Annual Parish Meeting
 - *Confirm Date* – Sunday March 26th. 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. In the Undercroft. Presentations 30 minutes max.
 - *Agenda for meeting* – Update on Synodal Pathway; acknowledgement of various groups' work; role of Confirmation candidates; what the PPC has done and actions we hope to take in the coming year (use notes from PPC/MDT meeting as basis for agenda; admit limitations of time and resources; call for people to help put things into practice; hope to employ paid worker in a co-ordinating role.)
 - *Tasks to complete* – creating notes for PowerPoint slides (Eddie and Canon will meet and Eddie will speak to Alison about creating PP); invite groups to contribute and present (Confirmation catechists; Homelessness Group; Comms Group, LiveSimply etc.) (Canon); Tony will speak on Families and Young People – (text on a slide to Eddie/Canon) and will contact the young families' volunteers again to invite them to the meeting; Sarah will speak to Pauline Cross re. Confirmation candidates; Canon will publicise date of meeting (a poster and flyers will be produced – Comms Group.)
- 5. PPC Priorities for coming year
 - *Including following up on survey suggestions* – traffic light system (red, amber, green – highlight suggested items from parishioners in terms of what can be done in the short, medium and long term (or not at all.)) Jon can do some work on this over Easter.
 - Sarah to speak to Fernanda about her work linking to the Synodal Pathway feedback.
 - Canon will then decide which issues are the crucial ones to take forward.
 - Ask parishioners to decide on their top three items to take forward in the coming year at end of APM. (We take ideas from survey/Fernanda's work.) Sarah will craft an idea on how to do this practically.
- 6. Family & Young People Project –
See Item 5 (link to Fernanda's work on Synodal Pathway.)
- 7. Suggestions from PPC email – no new ones at present.
- 8. Any other business –
Role of new PPC members: Canon will appoint 4 adult members and have youth members attending from time to time.
Discuss role of proposed paid Parish Co-ordinator at the next meeting.
- 9. Date of next meeting – Wednesday May 3rd. 7.30 p.m.