

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Thursday 10th June 2010

PRESENT: Sharon Mileham	Deacon John Sanders	Ann Bassett
John Ballard	Tom Regan	Breda Kurth
George Phillips	Mary Phillips	Sarah Down

Presentation on STAK by David Matthews and Andrew Cotton (Treasurer)

A power-point presentation was given to the PCG and other interested parishioners on the work and future of STAK. Its principal aim is to help people who do not have anyone or anywhere to call home – at present it helps about 36 individuals who are mainly vulnerable and needy rather than homeless. It was founded 20yrs ago and initially operated from a mobile van giving a free drink and soup to those in need. It then went on to offer a full meal for a nominal sum of 50p. It has moved four times during the course of its history and recently has had to move from its base at the St. Austell Baptist Church because they themselves now need to use their building for church activities. After a hopeful but failed investigation into using St. John's Church Hall, the Trustees of STAK (spearheaded by Kim Matthews who was determined not to let STAK's valuable work for the vulnerable cease) managed to secure the lease of a commercial property in High Cross Street. Although grants can be obtained to cover capital expenditure, STAK is dependent upon donations from individuals, churches and other organisations for their everyday running costs - monetary donations to cover the cost of the rent (£4000 this year, increasing to £5000 over a period of three years), electricity etc, together with practical donations of food, beverages etc. The Trustees receive the keys to the premises at the end of the week and are in a position to make the necessary alterations to the building to meet with the mandatory health and safety regulations etc before opening at the end of June (all being well). They plan to open from 10.00am to 5.30pm, six days a week, thus increasing considerably the level of support they are able to offer. The long-term aim of STAK is to be able to rent the next door property as well, in order to provide more facilities for the homeless and vulnerable i.e. showers, washing machines and a counselling room. David emphasised that the people they serve are often unwilling and indeed unable to go out and seek the assistance they need from doctors, benefit agencies, drug and alcohol counselling etc. They need a warm and safe environment where they feel at home and secure in order to be able to receive that help and for the help to come to them. STAK is asking for various forms of support:

- That we share the STAK vision with others
- Prayer support
- Volunteers to give their time
- A single donation – cash, cheque or coin box
- Regular monthly giving – gift aided where possible
- Food donations – tinned and packages are preferable but 'in date' perishables can also be accepted
- Committee members

STAK's account details for donations is: Lloyd's TSB Bank Plc
Sort Code: 30-97-28
Account No: 00921538

Continuation of the Meeting in Cuthbert Mayne Room:

1. **OPENING PRAYER:**
2. **APOLOGIES:** Fr. Robert, Linda Nolan, June Blakemore.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
6. **JUSTICE & PEACE REPORT**

John Ballard reported that there had been no meeting this month. He was pleased to report that St. Petroc's had now opened a house for supported living for 7 clients in a brand new block of flats in the town. This also frees up hostel accommodation for seven of the nineteen people still on St. Petroc's waiting list.
7. **REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

Tom Regan reported that the outside decoration and maintenance of the church buildings is nearing completion. A couple of doors and some soffits have needed replacing.
8. **DEANERY MATTERS:** None
9. **ECUMENICAL REPORT**

Deacon John mentioned that we continue to advertise ecumenical events on the notice board in the Porch and in the newsletter. He also agreed that we should publicise our forthcoming Feastday celebrations through the CTSA and Par Churches Together.
10. **FUNDRAISING**
 - **Feastday Celebrations:** Sharon Mileham went through the draft programme for Feastday celebrations at the end of August. Fr. Robert is going to lead an animated reading of the Book of Esther on Friday evening. Paul Mileham has offered to give an organ recital on the Saturday morning after the Feastday Mass. There will be a breakfast/ brunch between Mass and the recital and the PCG have agreed to organise this. The recital will be followed by a parish lunch (the CWL are to be asked if they are willing to arrange this. Sarah to write to Sylvia) followed by workshops in the afternoon. Sarah confirmed that she has written to two musicians asking whether they would be willing to lead a workshop but at present has had no reply. The servers are to be asked if they are willing to organise a BBQ on Saturday evening. On Sunday, after 10.30am Mass there will be a 'Bring a plate' lunch and it is planned to have an Ecumenical Songs of Praise on Sunday evening with opportunity for requests. It is hoped to be able to have a Grand Draw and a Lottery Licence has been applied for. The PCG agreed that all the proceeds of the Feastday celebrations should be designated for the Heating Fund.
 - **Mevagissey Male Choir Concert:** A banner is to be put up on the railings during the week. The Music Group is to arrange the seating for the choir (approx 45 chairs). Ticket sales have been slow so it was agreed to remind parishioners that the concert is helping to raise funds for the new Heating system.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th July 2010

