

**PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

<b>PRESENT:</b> Fr. Robert	John Ballard	Kathy Pope
Deacon John	Ann Bassett	Tom Regan
June Blakemore	Sarah Down	

**OPENING PRAYER**

1. **APOLOGIES:** Linda Nolan, Tom Regan, George and Mary Phillips.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Ann Bassett drew attention to the fact that it was recorded that railings should be placed leading to St. Monica's room whereas it should have been leading up the steps into the garden beside St. Monica's Room. The minutes were then approved.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** None
4. **CORRESPONDENCE**
  - **CWL Good Clothes Sale:** The requested date of 20<sup>th</sup> November was agreed.
  - **Letter from St. John's Seminary, Womersley:** Copies of the magazine produced by St. John's Seminary will be available for all parishioners together with Bishop Christopher's next Pastoral Letter which will speak about issues relating vocations to the priesthood.
  - **Changes in CTSA's constitution:** John Sanders commented that a two year changeover in the offices of Chair and Deputy Chair was a very short period of time, given the difficulty in recruiting suitable candidates – possibly should be extended to 3yrs. It was also agreed that it should be suggested to CTSA that the periods of office should be overlapping, thereby avoiding two inexperienced officers taking on their respective roles at the same time. John Sanders is going to report back to CTSA.
5. **JUSTICE & PEACE REPORT**

John Ballard reported that the donations for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection were down this year. It was mentioned that, although they were available in the Narthex, gift envelopes were not actually handed out directly to parishioners at the 8.30am Mass. John thanked Fr. Robert very much for all his support of the work of Justice and Peace over the past 15yrs.

**STAK:** Fr. Robert reported that a favourable reply to the request for a grant had been received from the Diocesan Trustees. John Ballard confirmed that, at present, the parish's only means of raising money for the work of STAK was through the Advent Giving Tree.
6. **REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

Tom Regan reported that the Electrical Appliance Safety check had been successfully carried out and that the hand rails up to the garden were now in place. He confirmed that the heating quotations have been agreed and that Denis Nolan has been instructed to carry out the work at a cost of between £9000 and £10,000. It is hoped that Denis will be able to commence work at the end of the month. Fr. Robert agreed to put something about the heating in the newsletter this week. Tom also reported that the wheelchairs only needed tyres re-inflating for the brakes to be fully functional again. He is to attend to this.

**7. DEANERY MATTERS**

Pat Kotwinski has now resigned as a parish representative. Fr. Robert commented that the Deanery Forum was in a state of fluidity and needed re-focusing before it could become effective again.

**8. SOCIAL GROUP REPORT**

**Fund-raising:** The problems relating to the unplanned sale of raffle tickets clashing with the collection for Fr. Robert's leaving present and the appeal for CAFOD Family Fast Day were raised. The PCG were reminded of the reasons behind the Church's fund-raising policy. Sarah is to write to St. Michael's, giving them an outline of our parish policy re fundraising and collections for their future reference. She is also requested to send out a copy of the Fund-raising policy to all parish group co-ordinators as a reminder.

**Autumn Fayre:** booked for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November and to take place at the earlier time of 10.30am – 3pm, thus avoiding the scramble to get the church cleared for 6pm Mass. Janet Regan is chief co-ordinator of this event.

**9. ECUMENICAL MATTERS**

John Sanders reported that the CTSA had been invited by the Town Council to send a representative from each member church to lead prayers before the commencement of each council meeting. This will be organised on a rota basis. John confirmed that the invitation had been sent only to the member churches of CTSA and not to other faith groups.

Kathy Pope had a very interesting and informative time at the Inter Church Families Conference in Swanick in September. She also reported that Par Churches Together will be celebrating its Silver Jubilee next year with a series of celebratory events. Once again, there will be a Par Churches Together service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent in St. Blazey Church.

**Dor Kemmyn:** A sub-group of the Inter Faith Forum is having site meetings at two possible sites for development as an inter faith centre – one at Penmount Cemetery, the other on the university campus in Falmouth. Kathy also reported on the success of the Faith Journey which visited various faith centres of worship in the Truro area with a lot of eating on the way! There was a good representation from all faiths involved. Diwali will be celebrated at Diocesan House on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Fr. Paul needs a housekeeper as the problems with his knee make him less mobile than he would like to be. Fr. Robert is to put a request in the newsletter for someone to take on this paid role, at least on a temporary basis, until Fr. Paul settles down in the Parish. It was suggested that Fr. Paul should be gradually introduced to the parish by inviting him to the various group meetings during the next month or so. Sarah will draw up a list of the Groups and their co-ordinators for Fr. Paul.

Fr. Robert expressed his gratitude for the support he has received over the years from the PCG. He commented that the work of the PCG had been of great help both to himself and the parish as a whole. The regard and trust the parish had in the individual members of the PCG provided an effective vehicle for parish concerns to be expressed.

The Meeting closed with prayer.

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

