

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Thursday 9th December 2010

PRESENT: Fr. Paul John Ballard George Phillips
 Mary Phillips Ann Bassett Tom Regan
 June Blakemore Sarah Down

1. **APOLOGIES:** Deacon John, Linda Nolan and Kathy Pope.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** None
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Soroptimists re 'Earth Day'

It was agreed to support the initiative to the world wide campaign to help combat climate change by turning off lights on March 26th from 8.30pm for an hour. It was felt that this idea was in keeping with the parish's growing awareness of our responsibility to protect our world. This will be promoted nearer the time in the weekly newsletter.

Letter from Dr. Rachel Newman re; 'Dying Matters'

The PCG agreed that Fr. Paul should make an initial approach to Dr. Newman with a view to arranging a time when she could come and speak to the Parish. The CWL would then be asked whether they would be willing to co-ordinate this meeting.

5. JUSTICE AND PEACE

John Ballard outlined CAFOD's Connect 2 initiative. Once the parish has chosen which particular area it wishes to support, our giving to Cafod via the Cafod Jar etc will be directed to that region of the World. It is planned that the Connect 2 initiative should be introduced to the parish in February. John stressed that this would not be a fund-raising initiative but purely for the Parish to be informed of Cafod's Connect 2 plans and to choose their Connect 2 region. Tom Regan requested that the Diocese should be consulted in relation to the timing of this initiative – is February a good time? There was also a request from the Justice and Peace Group that CAFOD and Justice and Peace should have more notice board space – the situation of the current notice- board in the corner of the Narthex is not very satisfactory. The difficulty of accommodating all display needs was raised and it was felt that extra display areas would make things too overwhelming for parishioners. John Ballard reported that 36 Real Easter Eggs had been ordered. He requested that the parish should recognise Fair Trade Fortnight, taking place in March, by having one day set aside to sell and promote Fair Trade issues and products. The Real Easter Eggs would be sold at this time. John also requested that an inquiry should be made to the Diocesan Trustees in relation to their promised grant for STAK.

6. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

George Phillips reported that the new boiler for the heating system has now been installed and all the pipe work in the boiler house is now complete. The new fans for the church have arrived and are waiting to be installed. It is hoped that all will be in place and in full working order by Christmas!

7. SOCIAL GROUP REPORT

At present there is no existing Social Group committee. This needs to be addressed in the near future. Fr. Paul expressed the wish to have a parish social event in the coming year – possibly in the form of a barn dance or the like.

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS

Churches Together in St. Austell are holding a Carol Singing event in White River Place/ Aylmer Square on December 21st at 7pm. Par Churches Together are Carol Singing outside the St. Blazey Co-op on Saturday 18th December at 10.30am.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr. Paul reported on Sharon Mileham's resignation from the PCG while her husband Paul is taking a break from playing the organ for St. Augustine's. The demands of her new job at Lostwithiel school combined with the needs of her family make it difficult for her to give the time needed to serve the parish effectively as Chair of the PCG. The need to recruit new members to serve on the PCG was discussed and the issue is to be addressed in the New Year.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th January 2011