

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Thursday 12th May 2011

PRESENT: John Sanders John Ballard Tom Regan
George Phillips Ann Bassett Kathy Pope
Sarah Down

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mary Phillips, Linda Nolan and June Blakemore

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- **Prize Bingo:** The PCG agreed that, although it was not appropriate to commit the parish to a regular bingo session in Fr. Paul's absence, it would be good to have a trial one off Prize Bingo session. Sarah is to fix a date with Hilary Hoskin who has offered to organise the event.
- **Plant Sale:** As a fund-raising event, the Plant Sale was once again a great success, £1400.30 net having been raised. Deacon John commented that it was a shame that the success was down to the hard work and commitment of a relatively small number of Parishioners. He stressed that Fr. Paul's vision for this fundraising event was for it to be a parish community effort, with as many parishioners as possible being involved and contributing to this expression of the family life of our Church.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Letter re. Music & Banner Cupboard:** Ann Bassett reported on the difficulties of accessing the banners which are stored in the Music Cupboard. She mentioned that the music trolley was very heavy to move out of the way. George Phillips volunteered to liaise with the Music Group so that the cupboard can be re-organised to make things easier for the Banner Group. Ann also asked whether the banner frames could be modified to enable easier access to all of the banners on the frame. Tom Regan and John Ballard are to look into this matter.

5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:**

John Ballard expressed pleasure in the increased membership of the J&P Group – they were pleased to welcome John Buta to the group last month.

- **STAK:** STAK has now received a grant from the Diocesan Trustees for £3000 for which much appreciation and gratitude has been expressed. This secures the future of STAK for three years.
- **FOSTAH:** John Ballard reported that he has now been appointed as Chair of FOSTAH with Pat Kotwinski as Treasurer. He mentioned that FOSTAH was very grateful for St. Augustine's involvement in the work of FOSTAH. He mentioned that FOSTAH would like to use St. Augustine's for their meetings in future (they meet every 6-8 weeks) and this was approved by the PCG. Deacon John confirmed that he felt Fr. Paul would be very happy with this. George Phillips thanked John Ballard for his recent informative and relaxed talk to the Mevagissey Churches Together on the work of FOSTAH.
- **St. Petroc's:** The storm caused by the 40% reduction in funding from the Cornwall Council has been weathered. John Ballard reported that St. Petroc's have felt it inappropriate to be involved in the sometimes quite aggressive campaign that has been mounted against the Council's decision. They have steered clear of all the recent demonstrations and other protest actions.

- **Lenten Alms Giving:** John Ballard was delighted to report that £224.00 had been raised, to be shared equally between the Hospice and the Cornwall Music Therapy Trust. He also reported on the magnificent amount, £111.47, given by the children through their Smarty Box Collection. Deacon John confirmed that Fr. Paul had made it quite clear to parishioners that the Smarty Box collection was the children's own opportunity to be involved in a practical way in the sacrificial journey of Lent.
- **Giving Envelopes:** The church's policy in relation to 'giving envelopes' being placed in the pews was discussed. It was agreed that envelopes should not be placed in pews but rather given out by hand to parishioners after the weekend Masses.

6. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Tom Regan reported that the church's window cleaner was coming to clean out the guttering round the Lantern part of the church and that he would clean the upper windows while he was there. It was agreed that this job should be done approximately twice a year to ensure that rain water drains away easily. Tom Regan and John are planning to review the on – going programme of redecoration for the church and its rooms.

7. SOCIAL MATTERS

- It was confirmed that the **Parish Celebration** will be postponed until Fr. Paul is well again.
- **St. Mewan Sinfonia Concert:** Sarah reported that posters are prepared and that she will be responsible for publicity. It was agreed that volunteers should be recruited from the Music Group and other parish groups to sell tickets after Masses on the two preceding weekends. It was felt that, although the Welcomers were an obvious choice, it may be too much to ask them to tidy away hymn books etc and sell tickets at the same time.
- **Friendship Group:** Trudy Whiston has decided to retire from leading the Friendship Group. Unfortunately there is difficulty in replacing her and the continuing existence of the Friendship Group is in doubt. The PCG felt that there should be one more meeting of the group with a short entry in the Newsletter, encouraging someone to step into Trudy's shoes.

ECUMENICAL MATTERS

- **Dor Kemmyn:** Kathy Pope reported that there is to be a day of celebration at Penmount on 21st May. The grass on the site of the new inter-faith centre is going to be mown to show the footprint of the new building. George Phillips is going to research the possibility of having aerial photographs taken on the day.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Cloth of Pain:** It was confirmed that the Cloth of Pain will be burnt and buried in the Memorial Garden on 4th June.
- **Disabled Access to Sanctuary:** Kathy Pope queried whether the means of providing disabled access to the Sanctuary could be addressed. It was felt that, although some measures would be impractical to implement and also very costly, there were simple ways of helping those with physical disabilities to feel included.
- **Ordinariate Group:** John Sanders confirmed that the Ordinariate Group feel that they have been made most welcome by the Parishioners of St. Augustine's and are already making moves to integrate into the Parish Community. John Ballard wondered how they may best be invited to join the various Parish Groups without compromising their identity as the Ordinariate Group. John Sanders also made it clear to the Meeting that Fr. John would very likely be allocated his own parish by Bishop Christopher and that his commitments there would mean that he will definitely

not be celebrating Mass at 8.30am on Sundays. It is likely that he will celebrate Mass for the Ordinariate Group on Sunday and/or Wednesday evenings.

- **Fr. Paul:** Deacon John confirmed that Fr. Paul continues to make good progress. When he returns home he will be unable to receive any visitors for a while. It is vital that he avoids any risk of infection and there is also the practical problem of opening the door to visitors.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th June 2011