

**PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

<b>PRESENT:</b> Fr. Peter	June Blakemore	Kathy Pope
Ann Bassett	George Phillips	Tom Regan
John Ballard	Sarah Down	Jackie Foster

The Meeting opened with prayer and John Ballard welcomed Jackie Foster to the Pastoral Co-ordinating Group. Margaret Eustice was unable to attend as she has been ill and just come out of hospital.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Deacon John, Mary Phillips, Linda Nolan & Margaret Eustice
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** None
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Letter from Churches Together in Cornwall re: Olympic Torch**

John Ballard gave a brief outline of the Churches Together in Cornwall's aim to mirror the Olympic Torch (essentially a pagan symbol) journey through Cornwall, with a matching Christian 'Journey of Light' involving runners carrying miner's lamps through Cornwall. This will symbolise the Gospel coming into Cornwall with the first Celtic missionaries. Other activities planned include a great Cream Tea challenge and an ecumenically backed day of prayer. It is necessary to register our Church family's interest in becoming involved as soon as possible. It was decided that we should request more detailed information from Churches Together in Cornwall and that the Parish should be given an opportunity to express an interest in becoming actively involved in this act of Christian witness before a decision to register is made.

5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

John Ballard reported that the group were delighted to welcome Fr. Peter to their meeting and to have the chance to acquaint him with the focus and work of the Justice and Peace Group in St. Augustine's. It has been decided to have a Fairtrade Cafe again next year, during Fairtrade Week which takes place during the last week in February and the first week of March. Kathy commented on the good response there seems to be to the Advent Giving Tree this year.

6. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

- **Church Heating:** (The timing system for the heating system is split into two parts – (a) the church itself and (b) the peripheral areas. It is not possible to isolate one room only) Fr. Peter raised the subject of the heating in the peripheral areas of the church. He feels that each individual room is too large to be heated by the electric heaters currently in place and it was decided that there was a need to research the most efficient and economical way of heating single rooms. In the meantime, it was agreed that the main heating system should be in use when heating is needed in any of the church rooms even though this means heating the whole of the peripheral area. George reported that recent problems with the heating were caused by a drop in water pressure in the system, indicating a leak. Denis Nolan is aware of this and is going to attend to the matter.

- **Hymn board:** Tom Regan reported that a number of parishioners were experiencing difficulty reading the hymn numbers on the board at weekend Masses. It was agreed to research the possibility of an additional Hymn board further up the church for those sitting near the back. Fr. Peter and Tom Regan are to decide on a possible position for this board.

## 7. **SOCIAL MATTERS**

**Autumn Fayre.** The Autumn Fayre was a great success. Ann Bassett suggested that Beryl and Mollie should be asked to report back to the PCG after their post-mortem meeting in the New Year.

## 8. **ECUMENICAL MATTERS**

It was agreed that, as the Ordinariate and St. Augustine's representative at St. Austell Churches Together, Jackie Foster should give a short report to the PCG after each CTSA meeting. This would save on the cost of paper and printing of minutes for each member of the PCG. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Service of CTSA is being held, this year, at St. Austell Baptist Church. Par Churches Together is 25yrs old and has quietly worked away at uniting all Christians in the area. Its key annual events – Lent Course, Beach service, Advent Meditation etc go alongside many small low key activities where Christian of all the different traditions represented in the Par area are able to work together and share in the joy of our Christian faith.

Jackie Foster informed the PCG that she would be out of action for a few weeks and that Jackie Pollard would stand in for her as the CTSA Representative for that period of time. Kathy Pope reported on the success of a recent inter-faith event for primary schools in the Bodmin area centred around sharing sacred stories from a variety of Faiths. A similar event is planned for the west of the county next year. She reported on the progress in relation to the Dor Kemmyn project which is ready to go to planning early in the New Year. There will be an inter-faith Service of Light on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Jackie Foster raised the subject of the CTSA Bibles for Schools initiative and it was decided to stand by the original decision (made last year under Fr. Robert's guidance) to stand back from involvement with this project on the grounds that there are more effective ways of communicating faith and better ways of spending money for that purpose.

9. **AOB:** It was suggested that, in the near future, Fr. Peter should define his view of the role of the PCG and what he expects from the PCG in its support of his ministry and its service to the parish.

The Meeting closed with prayer.

**Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 17th January 2012 at 7.30pm**

(It was decided to hold the PCG meeting regularly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month after Mass).

