

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Tuesday 17th September 2012

PRESENT: Fr. Peter	Deacon John Sanders	Ann Bassett
Tom Regan	June Blakemore	Linda Nolan
Sarah Down	Jackie Foster	Margaret Eustice

Deacon John opened the Meeting with prayer

1. **APOLOGIES:** John Ballard, Kathy Pope, George and Mary Phillips.

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- Fr. Peter mentioned that St. Michael's Roman Catholic Secondary School in Camborne had opened successfully and that things are looking very promising. Robbie Low is on the governing body. At present it is not known whether any children from our parish are pupils at the school although Fr. Peter was aware that there had been a number of interested families.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Operation Sunshine:** Ann Bassett reported that, following the liquidation of 'Global Hearts', the Co-workers of Mother Teresa have been considering where to channel their ongoing charitable giving. They are considering supporting the work of 'Operation Sunshine' an ecumenical Christian charity which is already supported by Mount Charles Methodist Church. It is based in Tavistock and fills containers to send to Africa, having much the same focus as 'Global Hearts'. Ann explained that Mother Teresa herself would allow no fundraising activities in support of her work and the Co-workers wished to honour her memory. Therefore she envisaged the Operation Sunshine initiative being taken up by the 'Banner Sewing Group' thereby giving them the freedom to consider a fund-raising event. She asked permission to organise a coffee morning at St. Augustine's in June next year. The PCG requested time to read and consider the literature about Operation Sunshine prior to making a decision at the next meeting in November.

5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:**

It was confirmed that the minutes of this month's Justice and Peace meeting have been circulated to all members of the PCG and in John Ballard's absence there was no verbal report.

6. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:**

Tom Regan reported that the moss had now been cleared off the church and presbytery roofs. Some tiles need replacing and the leaky guttering seals have been resealed. There is some minor painting to be done, the damage inside the church, caused by a leak in the church roof is awaiting repair once it has dried out completely and a quotation for the extractor fan in the kitchen is awaited.

7. SOCIAL MATTERS:

- **Parish Lunch:** Fr. Peter emphasised the importance of meeting together socially as a parish community. Although the Carlyon Bay Hotel has provided very pleasant surroundings and a good quality of meal for the past few years, it was agreed that the rising cost of this venue was resulting in a steady decline in number of parishioners able to enjoy this social event. After discussion it was agreed that the Seahorse club at Pentewan should be approached for a price quotation and possible booking.
- **Harvest Supper and Quiz Night:** Fr. Peter suggested the possibility of combining a Harvest Supper with a Quiz night. The CWL held a very successful Harvest Supper evening as part of their autumn programme last year and, if combined with a quiz which Peter Shaw is willing to organise, this would then become a whole parish celebration. It was agreed to hold it on Tuesday 30th October and to precede it with a Harvest Thanksgiving Mass.

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS:

- **Churches Together in St. Austell:** It was confirmed that all members of the PCG had received the minutes of the last CTSA meeting. The AGM and Forum took place on Monday. Jacqui Foster reported that the focus of the Forum was 'Healing in the Market Place'. John Sanders and Fr. Peter had been at the AGM and Deacon John reported that the future of CTSA was looking fragile as the clergy who were acting as the main officers of CTSA, Chairman and Secretary both wished to stand down and there have been no volunteers willing to replace them. All the member churches have been asked to alert their congregations to this situation and to request for willing volunteers.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **New Music Group Chairs:** Fr. Peter reported that he is planning to replace the grey plastic chairs for the Music Group with wood framed ones that will be more in keeping with the dignity of the church. He hopes to be in a position to order them within the next couple of months.
- Concern was raised over the problem of balancing the need of a quiet time to pray and prepare for celebrating the mystery of the Eucharist with the need to express our identity as part of the Christian family in gentle, friendly conversations before and after mass - this problem particularly relates to the weekend masses. It is a difficult balance and Fr. Peter felt that the matter should be quietly watched and reviewed if necessary.

Fr. Peter closed the meeting with prayer

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 20th November 2012 at 7.30pm

