

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Tuesday 16th April 2013

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

Deacon John opened the Meeting with prayer

1. **APOLOGIES:** George and Mary Phillips, June Blakemore
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** Fr. Peter apologised for not having the outline of his plans for the re-structuring of the PCG ready to hand out at the meeting. He will have them ready for consideration at the next meeting.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:**

Jacqui Foster presented the minutes of the Justice and Peace Group's March meeting. At the time of the meeting £90.56 had been collected for the Lenten Alms. The meeting was reminded that it is the 10th anniversary of the parish's status as a 'Fair Trade church'. Jacqui reported that the draft form of the new Justice and Peace 'flier' is nearly ready. Fr. Peter explained to the PCG that it had been agreed to have an occasional insert in the weekly parish newsletter, in the form of a flier, to inform the parish of current Justice and Peace issues and action.
6. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:**

The large water heater in the kitchen has been repaired by Denis Nolan and is in full working order again. Tom raised his concerns in relation to the security of the church and the safety of parish groups using the church i.e. the front doors of the church are left open to admit late comers to the Music Group practise on a Friday evening and this also allows free access to the church for anyone else (of good intent or otherwise). By the very nature of their activity, the Music Group are unaware of who may or may not enter the building during their practice. This is also a problem when parish groups meet in St. Monica's Room. He suggested that the front doors of the church should be locked when the majority of a parish group have arrived and for latecomers to be encouraged to gain access through the nearest fire door. Fr. Peter suggested that individual groups should consider and review their current practice.
7. **SOCIAL MATTERS:**
 - **White River Gospel Choir Concert, 18th May:** Ann Bassett reported on her meeting with the choir secretary this week. The choir is not printing a programme. They will be responsible in advertising the concert in the local chapels but would like St. Augustine's to deal with advertising in the Press and for producing and distributing posters. The choir will be responsible to displaying a banner on the ASDA roundabout. Ticket price is to be set at £4 and Fr. Peter suggested that an A5 flier could be handed out to parishioners after the weekend Masses one and two weeks before the concert. Fr. Peter has been asked to introduce and welcome the choir and Ann is going to organise people to help

with providing tea and biscuits after the concert. Ann reported that the majority of the proceeds would go to St. Augustine's with a donation to the choir. Sarah is going to produce tickets for the concert for any advance sales.

- **Ordinariate Quiz Night:** Subject to checking the parish diary for any conflicting booking, it was agreed that the Ordinariate Group should hold a Quiz night to raise funds both for themselves and St. Augustine's on Friday 7th June at 7.00pm

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS:

- **Churches Together in St. Austell:** Jacqui Foster gave a brief review of the last CTSA meeting. It is planned to have a band for the annual Big Christmas Sing. The Walk of Witness on Good Friday was well supported. Jacqui reported that there is a considerable shortfall in the money needed to pay for the Bibles For Schools – approx £1800 still needed. The CTSA Lent Course was not well supported this year, maybe because the night was changed to a Tuesday evening, maybe because each weekly session met in a different venue.
- **Par Churches Together:** Kathy Pope reported that Par Churches Together now has a new secretary, Jenny Taylor. The Lent Course was well attended, number slightly increased from last year. The Annual Beach Service collection will be for the 'Mission to Seafarers. Kathy outlined the other dates planned for the rest of the year. Par Churches Together are considering producing a leaflet to raise its profile in the area. She also reported on the success of the 'Open the Book' project, an initiative by local Christians who go into schools to give a short dramatic presentation of well loved Bible stories during the school assembly.
- **Churches Together in Cornwall:** Kathy reminded the PCG of the forthcoming ecumenical Pentecost celebration at Gwennap Pit. She also mentioned that volunteers are needed to help man the Churches Tent at the Royal Cornwall Show. Volunteers have the benefit of a pass for the whole day at the show, once they have done their 'stint'.
- **Inter Church Families:** Annual conference at Swanwick, 24th – 26th August. Details are available from Rev Malcolm Bowers and Kathy Pope. Financial assistance is also available.

Kathy also reported on the forthcoming Inter Faith Forum at Epiphany House on Thursday 18th April at 7.30pm and the Buddhist Festival of Wesak, Faith and Enlightenment that will take place on 19th May, 12noon – 3pm at the Dor Kemmyn Site. She mentioned an article in Catholic South West on 'A Call to Action', the initiative of priests and lay people to take forward the preaching and teaching of the reforms of Vatican II.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Flowers:** Fr. Peter suggested that the flowers for the great church festivals, namely Christmas and Easter, should be funded by a retiring collection a couple of weeks before these festivals. This was approved by the meeting. It was also suggested by Linda Nolan that parishioners could be invited to donate flowers both for Christmas and Easter and throughout the year. This would need to be co-ordinated carefully through Angela Hyland. It was felt that the idea needed further thought and consideration.
- **Safeguarding:** Kathy Pope, who is professionally involved in safeguarding vulnerable adults, presented a short 3min film addressing this issue. This DVD is

designed to be used with groups and copies of the DVD are available for any group in the parish that might be interested – please contact Kathy. Kathy mentioned that she was ready and willing to give a talk to any Parish group that may wish it. She reminded the PCG that adults can be as vulnerable as children and it is important that, if faced with a situation of any concern, to report it. There is no need to prove it, just share it - Karen Waters is our Parish Safeguarding representative. She also gave out copies of two booklets which are available in the Porch.

Fr. Peter closed the meeting with prayer

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 21st May 2013 at 7.30pm