

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Tuesday 19th November 2013

PRESENT: Fr. Peter	Linda Nolan	Ann Bassett
George Phillips	Margaret Eustice	Jacqui Foster
Tom Regan	Kathy Pope	June Blakemore
Mary Phillips	Sarah Down	

Fr. Peter opened the Meeting with prayer

1. **APOLOGIES:** Deacon John
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - **Safe-guarding:** Representatives pictures are now on one of the notice boards in the Porch (to the right of the holy water stoup)
 - **Altar Tapestry:** Fr. Peter is going to mention to the servers that the candles should not be placed too close to the tapestry to prevent smoke damage.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
 - **Questionnaire from Pope Francis on Marriage, family life and relationships:** Fr. Peter outlined the purpose of Pope Francis' initiative, emphasising that is a means of enabling the Church to face up to the challenges of the society in which we find ourselves - it is not a form of opinion poll on what Catholics believe. The questionnaire needs to be completed and sent online. It is not an easy questionnaire and the wording is sometimes difficult, however not all questions need to be answered. Fr. Peter agreed to put a short explanation of the questionnaire in the Newsletter with details of how to access it.
5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:**
 - **Cafod 'Live Simply' initiative:** The Justice and Peace Group would like to set up a parish open meeting to present and explain CAFOD's initiative. Before this is set up, Fr. Peter wishes the J&P Group to work out and report to him what this initiative means for the Parish and how it would be put into practice.
 - **St. Petroc's Vigil for the Homeless:** Friday 6th December, 10.00pm until midnight here at St. Augustine's.
6. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:**
 - **Tree:** Tom Regan reported that the cherry tree that has been lifting up the car park and has been a potential source of damage to the church drains has now been felled by Adrian, the church gardener.
 - **Fixed electrical installation inspection;:** This 5yrly inspection was carried out in October and the necessary remedial work recommended is under way.
 - **Portable Appliance Test:** This has been carried out by Waldons and we are awaiting the report.
 - **Diocesan Safety Procedures Check:** Ivor Morris from the diocese carried out this check at the beginning of November. Fr. Peter emphasised that Ivor was impressed with St. Augustine's safety measures, documentation and record keeping. He thanked Deacon John and Tom Regan for all the meticulous care and work they put into it.

7. SOCIAL MATTERS:

Parish Lunch: Fr. Peter expressed regret that for a number of reasons the Seahorse at Pentewan was not available as a venue for the next Parish Lunch. A number of venues have been researched by George Phillips and Sarah Down. After discussion it was agreed that, if possible, we should make a firm booking at Trenythron Manor.

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS:

- **Churches Together in St. Austell:** Jaqui Foster gave a brief resume of the minutes of the last CTSA meeting. Funding for the ongoing Bible for Schools project is of continuing concern. The Feast Week opening service is on 6th July 2014 and will not be an 'all day' event, just an open air act of worship in the morning. It has been decided that there will be no united Lenten study course next year. Each church will organise their own programme of Lenten devotion and study and details will be made available to all the other churches in the town. This year's Big Sing will take place outside the Eden Cafe on December 21st at 12 noon. Fr. Peter reported that the Orthodox Church will be celebrating their 'Great Blessing of the Waters' service at St. Augustine's in January. The CTSA will also be holding their Annual United Service at St. Augustine's in January. This will be organised by Fr. Peter.
- **Par Churches Together:** The annual Advent Meditation is on Sunday 1st December at 6.00pm. Fr. Peter is leading the meditation.
- **Other ecumenical events:** Kathy Pope reported on the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to Cornwall. During his visit Truro Cathedral held a 'Festival of the Cross' and a Service of Thanksgiving for Christian Unity was held at St. Petroc's Church, Bodmin.
- **Interfaith News:** Kathy reminded the PCG that there was a Interfaith Conference at the Shire Hall in Bodmin on Thursday 21st November to celebrate interfaith worship in Cornwall. She mentioned that there were still places available.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- **'Singing for the Brain':** This is an initiative run by the Alzheimer's Society to help people suffering from dementia. It also gives very real support to their carers. There are already two groups running in Cornwall, one in Penzance and the other in Truro. The Alzheimer's Society is now in the early stages of deciding whether it is possible to set up a group in St. Austell. Janet Regan has been liaising with the Alzheimer's Society and requested that the PCG should consider whether St. Augustine's was able to offer potential accommodation for the group. The PCG agreed unanimously that if such a group were to be set up, St. Augustine's would be willing to offer accommodation.
- **Celebration of 25th Anniversary of Consecration of Church:** Fr. Peter reminded the PCG that 6th May 2015 would be the 25th Anniversary of the current church building's consecration. He invited members of the PCG to begin to consider suitable ways of commemorating and marking this anniversary.

Fr. Peter closed the meeting with prayer.

Date of next Meeting: Date to be fixed (the usual day falls in the middle of Christian Unity week)

