

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL PPC MEETING**  
**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

Present: Father Richard Reid (FRR), Ros Bowles (RB), (AB), Bella Caridade-Ferreira (BCF), Rudi Pittrof (RP), Michelle Reilly (MR), Dina Raouf-Tapp (DRT) and Lizzie Sinclair (LS)

Apologies: Father David Raju, Alyson Bumby, Joe Colairo, Robin Landon, Mary-Maye Lorriman and Patrice Murphy

**Minutes**

Minutes were approved subject to one correction.

**Matters Arising**

RP Books are going to send samples of sheets for children.

**Gift Aid**

BCF informed the PPC that all the gift aid was up to date and that the new envelopes would be given out in the next 2 or 3 weeks. LS volunteered to help give them out and it was decided that BCF should email and co-ordinate volunteers. The Diocese had also supplied envelopes for visitors. There was a discussion about where to put the envelopes and LS suggested that there should be something put in the newsletter and on the notice boards. BCF suggested that there should be a talk given at weekend Masses regarding gift aid and said that she was prepared to write something out for others to read if she was not available to do it.

**Terms of Reference & RP's Suggestions re Charities**

There was a discussion on these subjects. Originally the Terms of Reference of the PPC provided for members to stand down after serving 4 years. RR said that MML wished to resign. BCF said that she was happy to stand down as chair. RP said that new recruits were needed and MR said that there should be more diversity. BCF thought that FRR should vet volunteers. FRR pointed out that there were other matters to talk about. There was a short discussion about charity projects but it was agreed some members should do some research and that the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June should be a special one just to discuss the Terms of Reference and charity projects.

**Toilets & Glass Doors**

FRR read out the letter from the architects. RB wished to know whether Lambeth Council was the authority from which planning permission has to be gained. FRR said that was do but it was thought that as it was intended that the toilets should have access for the disabled that this would not be a problem. RB asked if listed building consent would be needed and it was pointed out that the architects would deal with this. A discussion took place about the architects and FRR asked if the PPC was happy to accept their Terms & Conditions and move on to the next step. This was agreed. BCF asked if the architects had come up with any ideas about the glass doors. FRR said it was not in the letter.

MR left the meeting at 8.00 pm

**Diaries**

The church had been offered free pocket diaries (paid for by advertising) and it was agreed that these should be ordered.

### **Summer Faire – Last of the Summer Wine**

This is being held on September 9<sup>th</sup> hopefully in the garden. BCF said there would be food, wine and music. RL had offered to do the bar. DRT asked if the usual band should be booked and it was decided that they should not be. BCF said she knew a group of singers who might perform and it was agreed that she should ask them. LS suggested that a stereo could be used or a DJ hired. No decision was made.

### **Communion Ushers**

BCF said that the 10 am Communion is still unruly. It had been absolute chaos the previous Sunday especially around St Gerard's chapel. The Eucharistic Minister had been standing in the wrong place. BCF said that she had been unable to recruit young people to act as ushers. LS reiterated that announcements should be made from the pulpit and it was pointed out that only FRR did this. LS suggested that it should be in the newsletter and announced at the beginning of Mass "When going up for to communion, etc." BCF said that maybe a booklet on church etiquette should be produced. It was pointed out that when children were noisy and running around during Mass this was the parents' fault, not the children's. BCF suggested that colouring books and crayons should be supplied and that parents should be told that "We are thinking of you and trying to make sure you have a peaceful experience in church". RP thought that safety concerns were reasonable but that laying down rules and regulations would make people feel that "This is not for me".

### **Altar Servers/Eucharistic Ministers/Psalms**

LS pointed out that some Masses have 10 altar servers while others only have 4. She said she thought that some kind of rota was needed and also some sort of "contract" laying down some rules of behaviour. They were often very noisy in the sacristy before and after Mass and could be heard in church. It was agreed that LS should email Kimberley on behalf of the PPC thanking her for doing a good job but mentioning that there were a couple of points that needed to be sorted out. LS also suggested that keep an eye out for people who could not get up for communion. It was agreed that LS should email Elizabeth Greathead on behalf of the PPC to ask her to have a word with the Eucharistic Ministers to make sure that everybody gets communion. LS also mentioned that the Psalms were different at every Mass. BCF pointed out that when this was changed it was not properly reinforced. LS said she did not mind how the Psalm was said but that it should be the same at every Mass. BCF agreed to email Philomena Waldron to ask her to get all the readers to use the same format.

### **Dates of Next Meetings**

7<sup>th</sup> June              Special Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> July

None in August

13<sup>th</sup> September

18<sup>th</sup> October

15<sup>th</sup> November

15<sup>th</sup> December

### **Any Other Business**

DRT mentioned the matter of the Syrian refugees. FRR said that he had spoken to Ruth, the Vicar at Holy Spirit church. DRT will go to the next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June at St. John's, Waterloo. FRR suggested that DRT could bring something back for the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

BCF suggested that the PPC go out for a social evening and the date of 7<sup>th</sup> July was suggested. Suggestions were invited for a venue.