

Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Llay and Christ the King, Rossett
Minutes of the Parish Annual Meeting
21 September 2014 at 12 noon
Parish Hall of St Francis of Assisi

Present:

Canon Lordan – parish priest
Helen Zammit-Willson – chair
Anne Aitken
Eileen Chandler
Roger Chandler
Don Downing
Geraldine Downing
Eileen Evans
John Fernee
Kathy Home
Sheilagh Humphreys-Jones
Marlene McHale
Lorraine Pizzey
Ashley Rogers

Apologies:

Judith Done
Val German
Chris Pilsbury
Carole Wareing

Item		Action
1.	<p>Before the meeting started with a prayer, the following announcements were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks were offered to Jasmine Zammit-Willson and Tom Butterworth for delaying their departure to Lampeter in order to serve tea and coffee to attendees. • Congratulations were offered to Judy and John Fernee on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. • The meeting were advised that samples of CAFOD Christmas cards were on display and anyone wishing to place an order should talk to Kathy Home. 	
2.	<p>Apologies Apologies were received as above.</p>	
3.	<p>Approval of minutes from last meeting The minutes of the last AGM on 15 September 2013 were approved.</p>	
4.	<p>Action points from last meeting All completed.</p> <p>Matters arising were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that following the success of last year’s Harvest Festival, the arrangements would be repeated this year. The date coincides with the St Francis of Assisi Feast Day coffee morning and CAFOD Harvest collection, and is 5th October. Canon Lordan will ensure it is publicised in the next bulleting, and Lorraine Pizzey, Helen Zammit-Willson and Anne Aitken would take responsibility for 6pm, 9am and 11am Masses respectively. Again any donated food will be transported to the Poor Clare Sisters in Hawarden. 	<p>Lorraine/ Helen/ Anne</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ricardo’s operation had been carried out and he was now walking with a frame. He still requires intensive physiotherapy, but the main thrust of fund raising was now over. The family was very grateful for all the help received, but would manage any further expense within their own resources. 	
5.	<p>Consideration of AGM Report The AGM report was considered section by section, with the following being discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorraine was thanked for all the work she undertook organising social and fund raising events. It was agreed that there was no point in organising events for which there was no demand, but Lorraine reiterated that if anyone had suggestions of events that could be organised, she was willing to be the focal point of that organisation. • Canon Lordan informed the parish that we were hosting the diocesan mass for the Youth at Christ the King (23 November), as we were one of the few parishes that hold a youth mass annually on this date. Chriss Humphreys (Diocesan Youth Co-ordinator) is liaising closely with Carole Wareing and Oonagh Thompson. The Aid for Church in Need organisation is also keen to be involved. • Discussion was held on the date for the Christmas Raffle, which was scheduled for 14th December. This coincides with the regular latin mass, and Lorraine and Margaret Robbins were to discuss if this should therefore be changed to 7th December. (Post meeting note – it has been agreed to change this date as discussed). • Canon Lordan encouraged people to take home a red box to collect for Missio. The amount raised in the parish per annum (£1,190) was a very painless way to donate to a very good cause, and the red box was a daily visual reminder to pray for the good work this organisation does. • Thanks were offered to the small band of men who organised the many repair and maintenance jobs required in the parish. • Roger Chandler reported that the 100 club had 2 new members since he completed his report, that increased the balance that would be transferred to the parish from £465 to £480. There is a need to address how to attract a higher level of membership of this fund raising initiative. The money raised via the 100 club is being “ring fenced” (this is an informal arrangement than it being “restricted funds” as is purely a notional arrangement agreed by the parish, rather than imposed) for funding young people in the parish who would like to attend events that help them develop their faith. This year 2 young people were assisted in finding the funding to attend Invocation in Birmingham, and it is hoped that the parish could help fund attendance at events such as the World Youth Day at Krakov. • Canon mentioned that although 9am and 11am mass was well served with Stewards, he felt a rota for the 6pm mass would be of assistance. • In respect of Sumy, an invitation had now been issued (and received) for parishioners to visit us next year. Obviously, the ability of this to occur may well be affected by the political unrest in the Ukraine. Sumy parish was helping a lot of refugees from the East of the country. Father Victor was in the process of getting new documentation, and funding to acquire a new car. John Fernee was 	

	<p>not sure of Father Andre's current location, but had heard he was last seen in Kiev. Ashley Rogers thanked John for keeping the parish informed of events in Ukraine, including the message from His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, with details of the plight and persecution of all who follow a non-Russian Orthodox faith, in rebel held areas of the country. It was agreed that any monetary assistance to Sumy could be sent safely via Father Stanislav, and reach the intended recipients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canon thanked the Parish Secretary for all her hard work, who works far more than her contracted 10 hours. The meeting also congratulated her on the very successful audit of the parish accounts. • The parish accounts were discussed and the following noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - further investment into the Diocesan Deposit Account scheme would be discussed at the next Finance Group meeting - a list of the types of things funded by our contribution to the diocesan levy would be circulated - there was some money erroneously in the general parish account and this was to be transferred to the Sumy account and the appropriate correction made - Geraldine was congratulated for her book keeping – which balances to the penny - John thanked Geraldine for the detail on income, but asked if more detail could be provided on outgoings. This could be provided and was considered by the Finance Group. It was agreed that the summary format would be retained for the AGM report, but anyone requiring a more detailed format could request one. - it was confirmed that SWALEC was our current supplier, but that refunds had been provided not only by this company, but also from our old supplier. This was mainly down to an over estimate of the energy that would be used at Rossett. - Income from the solar panels was on track to pay off this investment in 7½ years; after this point in time the parish would be in profit. 	<p>Geraldine</p> <p>Geraldine</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Any other issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Fernee asked why the parish did not feature in the Diocesan magazine (the LINK). It was explained that the editor of the LINK no longer used the bulletins from parishes to extract news, but had requested parishes send a report of the items they wished to be included. This was discussed and it was agreed that the organisers of events in the parish (coffee mornings, mass for the sick, etc) should consider if they want it to be included in the LINK and send an article to Canon for approval. It could then be sent to the editor of the LINK for inclusion. • Geraldine asked that the Property Group consider refurbishments of the hall, including items such as updating the toilets, including wall tiling, brightening up the hall by painting or hanging pictures. John asked that Geraldine to send him suggestions for consideration by the Property Group. • Nothing more was known about new mass times. This would be considered at the next Deanery meeting next month. 	<p>Geraldine /John</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>The meeting ended with a prayer.</p>	