

Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Llay and Christ the King, Rossett
Minutes of the Parish Advisory Council
4 February 2016 at 7.45 pm
Parish Hall of St Francis of Assisi

Present:

Canon Lordan – parish priest
Helen Zammit-Willson – chair
John Fernee
Carol Wareing
Roger Chandler
Eileen Chandler

Apologies:

Geraldine Downing
Don Downing
Sheilagh Humphreys-Jones
Charlotte Hannaby
Derek Hannaby
Mike Smiga
Kathy Home

Item		Action								
1.	The meeting opened with a prayer.									
2.	Apologies Apologies were received as above.									
3.	Approval of minutes from last meeting The minutes of the last meeting on 19 November 2015 were accepted as amended by Canon.									
4.	Action points from last meeting (Item 6). The decision to publish in the bulletin the amount received in Gift Aid was not carried out on the recommendation of the Finance Group, as the Government rules have changed regarding this. Although two more people have offered to help in counting money, we still need extra people as two others are no longer able to do this work. (Item 9). No information was available on the updates for risk assessments. (Item 15). Although we have had two new volunteers to be catechists, more are needed.									
5.	Update of parish finances <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Deposit Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£80,187.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30,738.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Reserve</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 9,929.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summy Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 4,942.39</td> </tr> </table> The parish accounts have not yet been amalgamated into one.	Deposit Account	£80,187.21	Current Account	£30,738.58	Business Reserve	£ 9,929.89	Summy Account	£ 4,942.39	
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6.	<p>Update from 100 Club</p> <p>Total membership receipts for 2014/15 were £1579 instead of £1305 as reported in November 2015, as the original figure did not include some of the Christmas Gift donations. As these memberships run from 1 January 2015 until April 2016, the figures should not have been included in this year's accounts. Total membership receipts for the year 2015/16 were £1410. "</p> <p>No request has yet been made for funding by the young person who has applied to go to the Youth Conference in Krakow.</p>	
7.	<p>Update from Property Group</p> <p>An additional spotlight has been installed above the organ at Llay. The wiring can now be finalised.</p> <p>An entrance sign has been fixed on the Llay side door.</p> <p>The door closer has been adjusted in Llay, to make it less stiff.</p> <p>Repair of floor bubbles in the flooring at Llay church is scheduled to start on 8 February.</p> <p>A gas leak in the boiler room in Llay has been fixed.</p> <p>A request has been made to remove moss from paths (although which church this relates to is not clear).</p>	
8.	<p>Update on Health and Safety</p> <p>No report was available.</p>	
9.	<p>Update from Sumy</p> <p>The Soup Supper on 4 December 2015 was sold out, and raised £1200 for the Sumy Soup Kitchen. This was increased by a £100 donation from Chester Lay Franciscans. This money has been sent to Father Voitek.</p> <p>The annual sale of cakes in support of Valentina (who has been confined to her bed for 40 years) will take place on 21 February. Steve Williamson has donated the profit from 25 copies of her recently issued book. This has raised £215 for Valentina's care.</p> <p>It was suggested that we should check whether or not our annual donations cover the whole cost of Valentina's care, and consider whether we should make an extra appeal on her behalf if it does not.</p>	
10.	<p>Update from social and fundraising committee</p> <p>There was no report from the social and fundraising committee.</p>	

	<p>The Christmas panto on 14 December was well attended and well received.</p> <p>Please see the report submitted after the PAC meeting regarding all the Christmas events within the parish.</p>	
11.	<p>Issues raised by parishioners</p> <p>There were no issues raised.</p>	
12.	<p>Lent and Easter services and other arrangements</p> <p>There will be no collection for flowers, as the parish has sufficient funds.</p> <p>There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7 pm throughout Lent, beginning on 12 February. Canon will lead the Stations on the first week, and then parishioners will be invited to lead the remaining weeks.</p> <p>On Friday 11 March the Stations will be combined with a Penitential Service.</p>	
13.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on 30 June 2016.</p>	
	<p>The meeting ended with a prayer.</p>	

REPORT TO PAC AFTER THE MEETING of 4 FEBRUARY 2016

We held a number of events during the Christmas period which were as follows

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

This is an ecumenical service initiated by our own parish in pursuit of Christian Unity. This year it was held at St. Martin of Tours in Llay.

The parishes involved are St. Martin of Tours, Llay; St Francis of Assisi, Llay; Christchurch Rossett and Christ the King Rossett. It is parishioners from these churches who come together to organise the service.

A request this year (2016) will be made for other parishioners to become involved so that ideas and enthusiasm remains fresh and to encourage a wide participation in the event. To date the event has been successful but we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. If we are to grow as a community, we must continue to nurture it. It is likely that in 2016 the hosts will be ourselves at St. Francis although this will need to be confirmed.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

A successful social event and all tickets were sold. The panto was performed by "Bitesize Theatre Company" who gave a professional performance and worked hard to engage the audience.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

This was our first dedicated parish Christmas Carol Service, held on 28th December 2015 and was a lovely event. 30 people attended and the music was provided by the Barlow family. The feedback received from those who came was very positive together with a wish to repeat it this year, 2016. The service flowed well and there was a good mix of scripture and poetry. The music was excellent and we hope to be able to ask the Barlow family to feature in future events.

Following the service we enjoyed festive refreshments in the hall which was decorated and people stayed for a further hour talking and enjoying the company. Altogether a success and definitely worth building upon.

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS CRIB

Whilst some had their doubts as to whether or not we should "risk it", "risk it" we did and very glad we are too. The crib had the desired effect – proclaiming to the world our faith. Passers-by could be seen looking at it as well as drivers and passengers in the standing traffic.

The crib was well secured and no attempt was made to vandalise or steal it.

The people from whom we bought the "stable" i.e. a dog kennel for a cat!! Were so delighted with the idea of what use it was to be put to, that they came to visit. I am happy to say they were delighted with what they saw and took the trouble to send a card to the parish to express their gratitude and happiness.

Geraldine Downing
11 February 2016