

	<p>The letter to parishioners regarding support for continuing the exchange visits for Sumy had not yet been drafted and presented, as Helen was waiting for the appeal for Riccardo's Journey of Hope to take place. No this was done, she would draft the letter in the next week, so that it can be presented to the parish before the end of November. This was so invitations to Sumy parishioners could be made before Christmas, if this is agreed by the parish, in order for them to obtain visas, etc.</p> <p>A request was made to ask for donations at the Sumy Soup Supper to raise money towards the cost of £1900 to provide equipment for a diabetic child in Sumy. It was agreed that this would be done.</p> <p>All other actions had either been done, or were to do with next year's parish report.</p>	<p>HZW/ John Fernee/ Canon</p> <p>John Fernee</p>						
<p>6.</p>	<p>Update of parish finances</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>£90,247.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve Account</td> <td>£ 7,240.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No 2 Account</td> <td>£ 2,138.39</td> </tr> </table> <p>As all parish accounts are held in the diocesan bank account, the parish does not receive any interest on its funds. A scheme has been proposed, whereby the parish nominate a sum of money to be invested in a long-term interest account. This would gain some interest for the parish. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.</p>	Current Account	£90,247.58	Reserve Account	£ 7,240.22	No 2 Account	£ 2,138.39	<p>Finance Group</p>
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<p>7.</p>	<p>Update from Property Group The following actions have been completed since September 2013:</p> <p>The hedges at Llay have been trimmed for the winter.</p> <p>A floodlight bulb and fuse have been replaced in Llay hall.</p> <p>Rossett lawn and overhanging willow tree trimmed.</p> <p>New items raised: It was suggested that the boiler for the hall be replaced, as the pilot light alone costs £40 per quarter to run. A new combi boiler would save 20% on heating, as well as saving on the cost of the pilot light.</p> <p>It was suggested that display boards be attached to the wall in the hall for exhibitions, etc. It was decided to investigate this possibility.</p> <p>The engineer's report from the Bishop's visit is to be worked on.</p> <p>It was proposed that we advertise in the bulletin for new members for the property group.</p>	<p>Property Group</p> <p>Property Group</p> <p>Property Group Geraldine</p>						
<p>8.</p>	<p>Update from social and fundraising committee A group of parishioners enjoyed outings over the summer to various places.</p>							

	<p>The Feast of St Francis of Assisi celebration coffee morning was poorly attended. (Post meeting note – although not raised at the meeting, it is noted that this was held at the same time as Skype Sumy – which did generate reasonable interest.)</p> <p>It was decided not to hold a fundraising event for the Wednesday Club in November, as there are many other fundraising events in the parish at the moment. This will now take place in the New Year.</p> <p>The proceeds from the Christmas Raffle this year will be in aid of Ricardo Dotolo’s fund. His family need to raise £60,000 so that he can have surgery in the US. This appeal has been very well received by parishioners. Raffle tickets will be on sale from this Saturday. The first prize will be a Marks and Spencer hamper, with various other prizes.</p> <p>We now have our own storage facility in the hall, which enables us to keep a stock of raffle prizes for any parish fundraising purposes, or hospitality. Any donations from parishioners will be gratefully received.</p> <p>New crockery has been purchased for the kitchen.</p> <p>A Christmas lunch will take place on 5 December, mainly for the group of parishioners who took part in the summer outings.</p>	
9.	<p>Issues from Parish Groups There were no issues raised.</p>	
10.	<p>Advent and Christmas preparations Liz Davies has offered to donate a Christmas tree.</p> <p>Anne Cheetham usually does the Llay wreath.</p> <p>There will be no Christingle service unless someone offers to organise it.</p> <p>Cribs to be done after Masses on 22 December.</p> <p>Canon will invite a child from each mass to light the Advent candle during Advent.</p> <p>There will be a Reconciliation Service on 12 December.</p> <p>Christmas mass times will be the same as Sunday masses, with the addition of Midnight Mass on 24 December.</p> <p>There will be an Ecumenical Advent Carol Service on Sunday 1 December at 6 pm at St Martin of Tours.</p> <p>It was suggested that we should hold a parish carol service between Christmas and the New Year. The feeling of the committee was that there would not be enough interest, as many people visit family at that time.</p>	Canon

11.	<p>St Stephen's Mass at the Cathedral We need to check if any of our servers are due to receive a medal this year.</p>	Canon
12.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The Pope's questionnaire The Bishop has circulated a questionnaire compiled by the Vatican for response by the end of November. A link will be sent out to everyone on the mailing list.</p> <p>Feedback at present on this questionnaire is that some of the questions are difficult to answer, because the information is not easily available. It was suggested that it is outside the scope of parishioners in general.</p> <p>Youth Mass: will be held on the feast of Christ the King. We have had a request from the diocese to host the Diocesan Youth Mass next year. We should liaise with Chris Humphreys.</p> <p>Helen Zammit-Willson no longer does the weekly bulletin. It is now done by Geraldine Downing. A vote of thanks was offered to Helen for the work she has done.</p> <p>Anne Aitken has now retired from the PAC after many years of service. A vote of thanks was offered to Anne.</p> <p>The communion antiphon in the bulletin is not always the one chosen by readers. Readers need to check beforehand, so that they are reading the same antiphon as the rest of the congregation.</p>	HZW
	The meeting ended with a prayer.	
	The next meeting will be held on 27 February 2014 after 7 pm Mass.	