

**Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Llay and Christ the King, Rossett**  
**Minutes of the Parish AGM**  
**23 February 2012 at 7 pm**  
**Parish Hall of St Francis of Assisi**

**Present:**

Canon Lordan – parish priest  
Helen Zammit-Willson – chair  
Anne Aitken  
John Fernee  
Carol Wareing  
Kathy Home  
Jasmine Zammit-Willson  
Lorraine Pizzey  
Chris Pilsbury  
Geraldine Downing

**Apologies:**

Charlotte Hannaby  
Derek Hannabhy  
Judith Done  
Eileen Evans  
Val German

Item		Action
1.	The meeting opened with a prayer.	
2.	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received as above.	
3.	<b>Approval of minutes from last meeting</b> The minutes of the last meeting on 17 November 2011 were approved.	
4.	<p><b>Action points from last meeting</b></p> <p>An advert was placed in the bulletin for a new secretary, but Geraldine Downey is the only person who has replied so far.</p> <p>Nothing has been done yet about advertising for extra volunteers for counting money.</p> <p>The next visit to Sumy will take place on 13-20 September 2012. Six parishioners, including Canon Lordan wish to go. A meeting will be held in June to discuss details of the trip.</p> <p>The first steps have been taken towards drawing up a flyer for parishioners to offer their skills to help with running the parish. As some work was done on this some time ago, there is a need to check first on what information is already available. There is also a need to update the parish booklets.</p> <p>George Walker, Joshua Jones, Bethany Jones and Alan Hazel were received into the Guild.</p> <p>Nothing has yet been decided regarding having the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle at Rossett.</p> <p>Operation Christmas Child was a great success.</p> <p>The visit to the Poor Clare's crib at Hawarden was very enjoyable.</p>	<p>Geraldine</p> <p>Canon</p>

5.	<p><b>Update of parish finances</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>79,079.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve Account</td> <td>4,498.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No 2 Account</td> <td>832.19</td> </tr> </table> <p>The current account will soon be reduced by the sum of £10,555.21 when the bill for solar panels has been paid.</p>	Current Account	79,079.03	Reserve Account	4,498.21	No 2 Account	832.19	
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6.	<p><b>Update from Property Group</b></p> <p>The sound system in church needs updating, or at least adjusting. John and Canon are to look into it.</p> <p>Wholehearted thanks are offered to John Fernee and the whole Property Group for the work they do.</p> <p>Out of 25 jobs outstanding, 22 have been completed.</p> <p>Solar PV system installed in the presbytery on 30/11/11</p> <p>Two redundant aerials and cables removed from presbytery roof</p> <p>Solar PV system installed in hall on 9/02/12 after planning permission received.</p> <p>Additional light installed in hall loft (serves solar PV inverter)</p> <p>Rossett church door lock realigned</p> <p>Birch tree behind presbytery felled and removed</p> <p>The willow tree in front of the church has been removed. The roots would soon have blocked the drains.</p> <p>Action plan formulated for specific Health and Safety issues</p> <p>Several faulty light bulbs replaced in Llay inside and outside.</p> <p>Future jobs include an action plan to resolve problem of slippery hall floor</p> <p>A report was given on the hoped for financial return on the solar PV systems. Based on the present feed-in tariffs, it is hoped that the capital outlay will be recouped in 8 years on the presbytery installation and 12.5 years on the hall. The net income over 25 years would be £33K-£47K for presbytery and £15K-£22K on the hall.</p>	John Canon						
7.	<p><b>Update from social and fundraising committee</b></p> <p>The Christmas coffee morning and raffle raised £688. There were so many raffle prizes donated that it was possible to use some for the raffle at the Sumy Soup Supper and give some to the Wednesday Club for their raffle. Thanks were offered to Margaret Robbins for her help with the raffle.</p> <p>Thanks were offered to John for his advice on quantity of items to be ordered, and to Anne for her knowledge of wine.</p>							

	<p>The Family Quiz raised £51, though it was very poorly supported. From this £14 was used to buy eggs for Easter. Thanks to Les Barson for acting as quizmaster.</p> <p>Valentina's raffle raised £27.50</p> <p>Starting from 3 March, donations of food and drink are needed for the Easter hamper raffle which will be drawn on Easter Sunday.</p> <p>A party is to be held for Margaret Robbin's retirement on Friday April 20 at 7 pm. This may possibly be a shared table with a finger buffet.</p>													
8.	<p><b>Any issues from other parish groups</b></p> <p><b>TCC:</b> Have been working with the health report on Castle Cement. Some points have been raised with the Environment Agency. Some of the dioxin regulations do not apply to the type of emissions made by Castle Cement.</p> <p>Have been working on the issue of loan sharks, particularly when they target vulnerable people.</p> <p>Thanks were offered to everyone who filled in a funeral questionnaire.</p> <p>Work is being done on the living wage scheme. St Asaph diocese is taking part in the scheme. Training will be offered on this topic in the near future.</p> <p>Canon is to find a date for Chris Pilsbury to speak in church about the work that TCC does for anyone who is not aware about it.</p> <p><b>Fair Trade:</b> This parish is not signed up as a Fair Trade Parish because not everyone likes the products. Some discussion took place on how to increase the parish use of these products. It was suggested that we should advertise in the bulletin for a parish Fair Trade representative, as it needs a re-launch. It was proposed that a Fair Trade representative from Buckley or the Cathedral should be invited to speak after Mass. Geraldine is to find out if anyone is available to do this.</p>	<p>Canon Chris</p> <p>Canon Geraldine</p>												
9.	<p><b>Lent and Easter services and other arrangements</b></p> <p>Stations of the Cross to be held on the following dates:</p> <table data-bbox="193 1603 1171 1823"> <tr> <td>24 February</td> <td>led by Canon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29 February</td> <td>led by Geraldine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 March</td> <td>Ashley to be invited to lead</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16 March</td> <td>led by young people, coordinated by Jasmine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23 March</td> <td>led by Helen and followed by Penitential Service</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30 March</td> <td>led by Anne Aitken and Margaret Robbins</td> </tr> </table> <p>Maundy Thursday Mass 8 pm followed by watching Canon to invite volunteers for washing of feet</p> <p><b>Altar of Repose:</b> Some objections were raised to having it in the meeting room at the back of the hall as it was considered to be too small for the</p>	24 February	led by Canon	29 February	led by Geraldine	9 March	Ashley to be invited to lead	16 March	led by young people, coordinated by Jasmine	23 March	led by Helen and followed by Penitential Service	30 March	led by Anne Aitken and Margaret Robbins	<p>Canon</p>
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	<p>whole congregation to spend time there immediately after Mass. Other options were considered, including the possibility of using the hall.</p> <p>Easter Sunday masses will remain as normal Sunday masses.</p> <p>A collection for flowers will be held on the two Sundays before Easter.</p> <p>Canon is to arrange meetings with altar servers before Easter to ensure they know what they need to do at Easter</p> <p>Margaret Robbins is to sort out readers for the Easter Triduum at Llay.</p> <p>The Deanery Mass will be held on 27 March at 7 pm</p> <p>We hope to use the Gloria and Sanctus from the Parish Mass by Peter Jones (Laudate Supplement, pages 22,23) at 11 am Mass on Easter Sunday</p>	Canon
10.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>It was suggested that we should hold the Divine Mercy celebration in our parish on the Sunday after Easter at 2-4 pm. Geraldine to liaise with Canon on this issue.</p> <p>It was proposed that we should hold a Mass for the sick, with a suggested date of 30 September. A discussion on the details should be held at the next PAC meeting.</p> <p><b>Youth Mass:</b> To be held on 29 April</p> <p>It was suggested that a dispensation from Friday abstinence be obtained from the Bishop for Margaret's party on 20 April.</p> <p>It was agreed to have a collecting bowl after Mass for Valentina.</p> <p>It was proposed that we should have a Parish Finance Committee to deal with financial issues. One issue of concern was that the parish may not have the most favourable tariff with Scottish Power, as we have built up a credit of £75. Canon is to contact the original members of the previous Finance Committee, namely Neil Spencer, Gerry Cummins and Ashley Rogers. Dave Bebbington to be contacted by Canon</p> <p>It was proposed that we should have a parish e-mail address which the parish secretary can access, in order to facilitate dealing with queries when the parish priest is away. Canon to liaise with the new secretary to discuss.</p> <p>Issues were raised concerning the new translation of the Mass. It was suggested that anyone who had objections should raise it with the Bishop.</p> <p>It was suggested that part of the parish grounds could be made into allotments.</p>	<p>Canon Geraldine</p> <p>Canon</p> <p>Canon</p> <p>Canon Secretary</p>
11.	The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 21 June at 7.30 pm.	
12.	Meeting closed with a prayer.	