

Parish Pastoral Meeting 26TH June 2025

Present:- Fr Michael, T McPhillips, A Langen, A Marchant, J Midgley, M Bragg, M Coyle, A Agyare, B Buah, M Barnicott, S Barnicott, M Anderson.

Apologies:- N O'Neill, L Van Jaarsveld, R Griffiths, T Golda, L Stirling, L Aneke, G Abaneke, J Era.

Welcome & Prayer – Led by Fr Michael

Reports:- H&S

Mark Anderson reported that they have been working through the Fire Risk Assessments and no particular incidents reported. One report at St Paul's due to votive candles had joined together creating one big flame but was easily rectified as people had been in the church to extinguish flame. Now, all votive candles at end of each mass are being extinguished, as part of Risk Assessment.

Smoke alarms have been reinstalled in Church and Presbytery. Looking at replacing doors in lower and upper room as not fitting properly and are Fire Doors. Waiting for contractors to get in touch.

Michael asked about H&S Risk Assessment for Welcoming space which was done initially, no immediate requirement necessary. All members working do have mobile phones if anyone needs any immediate assistance.

Risk Assessment will be conducted soon.

Emergency external lighting for outside presbytery and church need to be looked at.

Safeguarding

DBS applications are up to date just one or two need checking and new applications are being dealt with. Need to keep information updated at the back of Church which will be done within the next couple of weeks. Mark will look at display boards.

Social Activities Reviewed

Picnic on the lawn went very well. Quiz night for St Patrick's night was well attended.

Building Progress

Building work has all been completed with the last of the painting on the wall outside Presbytery completed.

Fr Michael has enquired about the walls around the Presbytery needing some work done and has had a quote which was sent to Diocese. Structure of Chimney is a cause for concern so waiting to hear from Diocese at present.

Finance

Central Fund has £112,00 and Bank Account has £20,650, the Central Fund is what is available to us to enable us to pay for any building work required.

Forthcoming Events

Picnic on the lawn was suggested again as it was enjoyed by all and some parishioners would like to have another. Newsletter will have details.

A Summer Fayre was suggested for summer but we may need to look at it for next summer as it was a bit late to organise at present, so picnic would be organised instead.

Diversity masses in September will be organised and Father Michael will talk to relevant parishioners. Anna suggested any refreshments to be organised for outside as inside lower room can get quite busy.

Quiz Night is planned for 26th September British Legion has been booked.

Day trip to Llandudno planned for the 12th August, Steve and Mary Barnicott have been organising this and there is about 70 people already on list and more forms have still to be counted.

Trip to Scotland in Autumn is filling up well and there is still availability. Details are in Newsletter.

Christmas meal venues will be looked at within the next month.

Christingle event with children at liturgy was suggested at Sunday morning mass. H&S will need to be considered.

Fr has been talking to St Michael's regarding a joint Carol Service. Looking at each of the Churches hosting every other year.

Schools St Mary's & HTA

Both Schools are doing well and both are over- subscribed.

All schools have signed up to Central Government legislation where all schools in are now in a Multi Academy Trust (MAT), meaning all schools are connected in the Diocese in various areas and have to work together in the terms of the resources they get. HTA are part of it which links them with the area of Macclesfield. .

Worship

Mass settings are being changed this week in all Churches.

Numbers have increased at five O'clock mass.

Numbers were down last week at St Paul's as some people were away but ordinarily numbers are good.

Mark Anderson said that he had been approached about guitar lessons. Suggested putting details in newsletter if anyone wants to get involved in the music ministry.

Fr asked if there could be anything we could do for towards helping the rest of our different communities within the parish becoming involved within the music ministry. Anna suggested maybe having people from our different communities singing Psalms and Acclamation at the eleven o'clock mass. Details to be included in newsletter after diversity masses in September.

Michael and Mark to organise open Mic Night for everyone.

A course for Eucharistic Ministers will be looked at being delivered, just to look at encouraging others and looking at a day of recollection for existing ministers.

We have a full list of readers at eleven o'clock, more readers are required for five o'clock mass to enable the ministries to be shared so that it's not the same people covering it all.

Children's Liturgy

Helpers required for children's liturgy. Two new members offered help. Tracey to coordinate rota.

Faith Sharing Group

Group went well and ideas have been given for next group to focus on to enable the group to continue. Michael C will look into some courses that could be delivered in the Parish.

Cafod Walk

Cafod Walk will be on Saturday 12th July at 10am.

SVP

14 Active members heavily involved in a number of things. Regular attendance at Welcome space, between eight to a dozen people

Situations that members deal with are, sorting out mobiles, food bank applications, supporting asylum seekers etc.

SVP will be having talks at each of masses in due course.

Fr Michael wanted to thank Michael for taking care of Parish website.

Next meeting 9th October 2025