

Draft Minute of meeting of Parish Pastoral Council

Date/Time: 26th October 2015 at 7.30pm

Location: Parish House, Peebles



ST JOSEPH'S, PEEBLES

Present: Fr Wojciech, Tommy O'Rourke, Rosemary Hannay, Claire O'Brien, Alison Futers, Bob Bon, Cecile Thorburn.

<p>1. Apologies Margaret Anderson</p>	
<p>2. Welcome Tommy welcomed everyone to the meeting and then Father Wojciech opened proceedings with a prayer.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of meeting of 21/9 The minutes were approved by Rosemary and seconded by Claire</p>	
<p>Matter arising from minutes. A letter has been received from the Baptist church regarding the possibility of using the Centre again. This is less easy than before as the Centre is used on Sundays for Children's Liturgy and monthly teas/coffees. We will wait and see if this is taken further. <u>Peebles Churches Together:</u> Father Wojciech has received Minutes of a recent meeting which he had been unable to attend. In this he saw that an Advent Ecumenical Service would be held in St Joseph's on 13th December. As he knows nothing he will ask Charlotte, our representative on this group, to clarify the situation.</p>	<p>Fr. <u>Wojciech/Charlotte</u></p>
<p><u>Parish Handbook:</u> - still being updated. <u>Prayer Group:</u> - four people are now meeting to pray. Any more would be welcome. <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> It was decided that Fr Wojciech should approach people and invite them to undertake this role. <u>PVG Coordinator:</u> Rosemary is still going through the required process. Once this has been completed she will be able to act in her official capacity and check that all necessary certificates are obtained.</p>	<p>Fr <u>Wojciech</u></p>
<p>4 - SWOT Analysis S = Strengths W = Weaknesses</p>	

O = Opportunities

T = Threats

Pat Floate and Elizabeth Brown have been working on this and have produced a paper which was said to have been very well put and easy to read. From here priorities and statements of what we'd like to achieve in the first instance will have to be decided. First of all we need to know what the Archbishop's long term plans are. It is from there we can make our own plans e.g. for catechesis/faith development.

RCIA While at Gillis in Edinburgh Rosemary saw some DVD's which might make a good foundation for Catechesis and Faith development. It was decided after discussion that these should be purchased for Parish use.

Bob Bon has said he is willing to work with the above group. Tommy will give his name to Pat Floate.

5 Refugee Crisis

During his visit the Archbishop said that the Scottish government had made it clear that they were going to deal with the question of accommodation of refugees. The cottage will, therefore, probably not be used for this.

A possible project for inter-church activity could be to welcome and support refugees when they come to the area.

It is hoped that Charlotte will continue to be our link with this group.

Tommy will arrange for a note to go in the newsletter updating people on this subject.

There is a note in the newsletter asking for crackers (of the savoury variety) to be collected for the Peeblesshire Youth Trust Christmas Hamper Appeal. There is a box available at the back of the church.

6 Archbishop's visit

This was very successful. The effort he made to speak to as many people as possible during the short time available was much appreciated.

Fr Wojciech will go to a meeting on 3rd November re safeguarding. He will update us after that.

7 Parish Register

A great deal of the information currently held is out of date - hence the request for people to fill in new forms. It is easier if everyone filled in a new form. In this way we can be sure that information held is current.

8 Christmas Liturgy:

After discussion it was decided to have a the first Mass of Christmas at midnight on

