ST JOSEPH'S & ST MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 16th July in St. Joseph's Church Hall

Present: Canon Boardman, Clare Sommerville, Christiane Cantlay, Trixie Douglas, Teresa Keating, Judith Braeman, Don Clarey, Martin Price, Marianne Cowpe, Jenny Dunstan, Joyce Harding

1. Opening prayer: Canon Joe	
2. Apologies: Paul Gallone, Mary Taylor, Sr. Joseph Mary, Benny Augustian,	
Kevin Lawrence, Deacon Elfed, Gareth Rein	
3. Minutes of last meeting: 21.5.2015 agreed as correct Record	
4. Matters arising:	
Item 4: Film Club. MP said it seemed to be quite successful and would be carrying on.	
Item 6: Appeal for parishioners to switch to standing orders for weekly offerings.	
Several people have asked for forms and it is hoped there will be more to come.	Canon
Notice to appear in newsletter asking people to return completed forms as soon	
as possible.	
Item 6(c): MC had attended the Dinas Powys Council of Churches meeting on	
27 th April. The Advent Service 2015 has been organised. A small committee had	
been set up with MC, Deacon Elfed, Mo McCarthy and Kevin Lawrence. It will	
be held on Tuesday, 1st December. An email has been sent to all the churches	
informing them that this is an ecumentical service. The Baptist church and one	
other have shown interest in being involved. Deacon Elfed will give MC an	
outline of the service which will be for 45 minutes. MC to sound out the	
musicians. Next meeting of Council of Churches (AGM) is on 21.9.2015, The	
parish reps from St. Mary's with Deacon Elfed, will go to this.	
Item 10: Wine tasting evening: £405 is to be divided between Teenage Cancer	
Trust and Nazareth House.	
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Item 15: Mass for the Sick (agreed to discuss at this point). Everything came together for the day. The cook had given short notice of her	
inability to attend and Mary Lovering plus 2 others stepped in and went to Cost	
Co to buy food. The only problem was that some people cancelled at the last	
minute and the numbers were down.	
Everyone enjoyed the food and most were able to take what was left home with	
them at the end of the day. JB had had feedback from people who came and	cs
they really enjoyed the day.	
Congratulations and thanks to everyone to worked to make this possible. CS to	
write to Mary Lovering to thank her and her helpers for their hard work.	
The food bill was £183 and the taxis had cost £180.	
5. Correspondence: There was no correspondence	

6. Reports from Meetings attended:

(a) Finance Committee:

The next meeting due to be held on 20th July.

The cloister roof is on hold as builder is otherwise engaged at present. Will now be done later in the year.

Welsh Churches Act Fund:

The application has been submitted for £5,000 for two projects - rendering of walls in St. Joseph's and the interior decoration in St. Mary's. Canon had been to Armed Forces day in Barry as stand-in chaplain to the mayor and was introduced to some of the Council members. Just a case of waiting for decision.

St. Mary's Loose blocks/benches: ongoing. Difficult to get the builder to come and do this. We really need a person in the parish we could call on for smaller jobs; an electrician and a carpenter. MC suggested putting a notice in the newsletter.

MP suggested this topic should be discussed at the Finance Meeting.

(b) Cytun (Penarth):

CC/JH had attended the meeting on 17th June.

It had been agreed that the Lenten groups would continue in Lent as the 'Pentecost' timing had not been as successful.

People had complained about the Good Friday March of Witness in that they felt the service at the end in West House was getting longer and longer. It was agreed that a short reading and one unaccompanied hymn were sufficient to end the march.

Finances: Bank balance £238

Food bank: there had been a shortage of food at some point but there had been collections at Tesco and Sainsbury. The food bank will move into the new building in Plassey Street.

The new Chair, Anne Niblett, will be inducted at a service in Tabernacle on 27th September 2015 at 6.00pm

(c) Council of Churches (Dinas Powys): - discussed previously

(d) Other Meetings: Home Access AGM

MP had attended this meeting. He felt the service was very well run. They had issued 102 bonds last year amounting to £30,000. Their funding from the Welsh Government and The Vale Council is granted on a year on year basis. They cover the whole of the Vale. They will also be moving into an office behind the food bank in the house in Plassey Street.

Because of the early start to Lent next year Canon has decided to take the	
collection for Home Access in August. St. Joseph's and St. Mary's parish does	
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7. Health and Safety:	
The new on line system is being introduced soon by the diocese. Each parish has	
to have a Health and Safety Officer. We already have ours in place with Mike	
Bamber and Val Kacal. The software for this is going to cost approximately £200.	
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It feeds into Archbishop's House property office. There will be colour coding	
relating to H&S matters and risks will be identified more easily and more quickly.	
There is a Clergy Day at the Hilton Hotel, Langstone on 13th October to	
introduce this system. VK will be away; it was agreed that this be discussed at	
the Finance Committee meeting to decide who should go in his stead.	
8. Environmental Health Issues: nothing to report	
9. Safeguarding: Canon had received a message from Anne Chilcott to say that 2	
out of 3 of the new people driving the bus on Sundays had now been processed.	
10. Social and Fundraising Activities: -already discussed	
11. Youth: SVP:	
The Youth SVP had held a very successful afternoon at St. Joseph's School on the	
previous Saturday. Money raised had been divided between CAFOD and the	
SVP.	
12. Website: DC said things were running smoothly although not many people	
were sending in items to appear on the website. Following discussions it was	
agreed that a notice appear in the newsletter inviting parishioners to send in	Canon
items of interest or photographs of any occasions such as weddings, christenings	G a G
etc.	
It would help to give the impression of a lively parish and make the website more interesting.	
13. St. Joseph's School:	
JD said school finishes on 17th July. A statue of the Holy Family had been given	
to the school by Mary Taylor (on behalf of the Herlihy family) who had attended	
the school over the previous 29 years.	
14. Parish matters:	
JB said the hospital had become very busy with 20 communions on Sunday. This	
number is difficult to fit in. It was necessary sometimes to do some on a	
Tuesday. 20 was the absolute maximum that can be accommodated.	
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CC said there were no present problems in Holme Tower.	
Canon mentioned that something has changed at Holme Tower and that he was	
getting calls from parish priests because the nurses do not call the priest on call.	
Canon is unsure as to reason for this which may be a financial one. He is happy	
to visit on their behalf because some of the parishes are on the other side of	
Cardiff.	
15. Canon Joe:	
Mass for the Sick already discussed.	
Eucharistic Ministers:	

Sr Joseph Mary is on sick leave. The EMs have now had to undertake covering	
the extra communions, for a longer period than initially anticipated. There was	
a need for more EMs and Canon felt any approach should come from him. In	
the first instance he felt that the EMs who only administer at Masses should be	
approached to see if they would be willing to take H/Comm out to the	
housebound on occasions as they are already CRB checked etc. JB felt that	
EM's were now having to do too much.	
16. Any Other Business: Parish Census	
500 forms were issued, 323 have been returned so far. More will probably come	Canon
in over the next few weeks. A reminder will be put in the newsletter in August.	
There had been a very good response and lots of people had indicated their	
interest in parish ministries. Information is being put on a spreadsheet which DC	
updates as forms are returned. Canon thanked MP and DC for their work in	
relation to setting up the new database.	
17. Date of next meeting:	
THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2015 at 7.30pm IN ST. MARY'S HALL	
18. Closing Prayer: Canon	
Prayers were said for Richard Guest, the gentleman from North Wales who had	
lost his life saving two girls from the sea at Towyn recently.	