

Catholic Parish of Belper and Duffield

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

14th January 2014 at Our Lady's, Belper , 7.30pm.

Present: Fr Michael, Bernard Holden, Barbara Wareing, Michael Wright, Sally Phillips, David Barlow, Anne Halliday, Niels Richthof, Patricia Lloyd, John Wareing, Bernadette Copeland.

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

2. Apologies: Louise Monange

3. Minutes of last Meeting: Approved

4. Matters Arising: After discussion, a reminder was given of the necessary improvements to the celebration of the Liturgy as a result of the fact that the priest is facing the congregation during Mass.

5. Liturgy: The Bishop has stressed the importance of Lay Readers contribution to the Liturgy; further training is to be provided for new readers, with some cascading of expertise from established readers.

A request was made that the Eucharistic Ministers' Rota is to include all Ministers to serve, on occasions, at 11am. Mass. John Vale is to be asked to implement this.

6. Spirituality/Sacramental Preparation: Jane Schuman and Fr Michael are to meet with Fr Ged Kelly and Andy Bunting to review the Parish Mission, with a view to working on Post-mission training and formation. Caring/Outreach programmes and Cell Groups could be part of the way ahead, possibly to include Hospital visits, Working with Young Mothers, and Visits to Newcomers.

First Holy Communion Plans: The numbers are increasing every week. The list will soon have to be closed.

Confirmation: Bishop Malcolm has given a date in September for this. L. Walton and H. Ward are helping with the planning and training.

Baptism: Lucy Colenso and Sherri Medcalf are prepared to deliver group sessions, to take place the last week in February and the second week in March. The group activities are to involve parents. Two other sessions are planned for later in the year.

If needed, there is a catalogue of gifts available to suit, in the Repository.

7. Ecumenical: The Ecumenical Group in Duffield had requested help in the purchase of a House in Derby, ostensibly to give a secure address to two or three jobseekers who may be homeless. Whilst wishing to support any help in this area, it was decided that this is outside our remit. There is already Jericho House established in Alvaston, run by the Benedictine Order. This has a tremendous success rate of helping people, and has been established over 10 years. Nottingham House also has sheltered accommodation given to help those needing to prepare for independent living.

8. Evangelisation /Mission: The Pentecost initiative by Belper United Church plans a Pentecostal Flash Mob for young people on King Street.

The Belper Churches Together are to have the Overnight Vigil at Our Lady's Church from 12am Friday 17th January to the Saturday at 12 am. Much planning is going into this to ensure good support. Duffield Homeless Society plan a Curry and Quiz evening in March. Details are to follow.

David Barlow gave a report on the work of the Belper Food Bank, explaining how very well organised this was. The Churches and People in Need groups in Belper are very well co-ordinated, collecting the donated food, packing it, and arranging for drivers to deliver. Those who need the food are recommended by Social Services or Doctors. It is a totally non-judgemental operation, very quick, and provides food for 4 or 5 days. It is very much appreciated, very necessary, and is provided 12 months of the year.

The Christmas Toys Appeal was very successful, with 70 families receiving toys throughout the diocese.

9. Planning and Structure: *Michael Wright gave notice that work on the soffits etc is to begin 27th January.

*The bill for removing the unsafe tree behind Our Lady's is £75.

*Notice was given that further unsafe trees will need to be removed.

*The roof and Chimney repairs need to be attended to.

*A second Hymn Number Board has been fixed at the opposite end of the Church.

*The first estimate for lagging and insulation in the House is, at £6 per sq metre, £500. Work extra. A less-expensive quote is to be researched.

*At Duffield, the replacement towel holder, courtesy of JL, will be put up in the Disabled toilet to replace the broken battery-operated one.

*The guttering on the building needs attention.

10. Social Events/ School Liaison: The Leisure Group Finished the year with a Christmas lunch and party at Duffield. The Meal and Games were greatly enjoyed.

New Year started with Mulled Wine and Mince Tarts to begin the outline plan for the year's activities.

In February, David Mullen is to give a talk on Old Russia. Gareth from "Hope for Belper" is to talk about the work on the Food Bank. Planned trips include a visit to Mt St Bernard's and Horsley Lodge.

The Christmas mini Market was fairly well-supported, giving people a chance to socialise with a glass of mulled wine, after the Masses. £250 was raised to go towards the Chimney Fund repairs. Thanks to Barbara Wareing and her helpers for this.

The Cleaning team worked hard on the Church and the house, both in preparing for Christmas and in clearing up after the Mission. Thanks to all concerned with this.

School Activities: The Leisure Group watched the Infant Nativity Play and had a lovely Christmas Meal on Dec 10th. Barbara W attended the Carol Service at the end of term. Liz Worth and Ann Gannon continue to go to the school each week with the Franciscan Minorees

11. Communication: The deadline for articles for *Journeys* is 2nd February.

The Diocesan Newspaper has a report on our Church Mission. See page 4.

12. Closing Prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th March 7.30pm Our Lady's, Belper