

# PARISH ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

Thursday 20 June, 2019

## SUMMARY NOTES

1. Bring and Share Supper from 6.30pm.
2. The meeting began with the usual prayers at 7.30pm.  
Present: Fr Kentigern, 8 Council Members & 11 Parishioners.  
Apologies: 3 Council Members & 4 Parishioners
3. The Minutes of the last meeting (21 June 2018) were agreed and signed off.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting
  - The Parish Web Site has been running since January 2019. It seems to be working well. All were encouraged to continue with feedback and suggestions.
  - Data Protection Regulations (GDPR): A couple of issues were discussed.
  - The point about praying for each other was repeated.
  - World Youth Day: No request was ever made to the Parish from possible interested parties.
5. Parish Priest's Report

All in the Parish were thanked for their kindness and support over the years. He also apologised for mistakes, hurt and upset caused by him during his period of care, he especially regretted the instances of his mistakes causing the loss of parishioners.

He then spoke about the opportunities afforded to the Parish for future development:

  - Work being undertaken on a new parish Constitution.
  - The challenges of the "Missionary Disciples" Study Day –  
The items raised by the rest of the meeting's agenda.

Fr Kentigern then spoke in a little more detail about his new work:  
Parishioners then offered a vote of thanks for the works of Fr Kentigern and Fr Alexander.
6. Constitutional Issues

It was agreed that further work on this should wait for the input of the new Parish Priest.
7. Financial Issues

The Treasurer gave the following report:  
The Current Account balance is approximately £20 000. This is being held at a such a high level to prepare for likely Fabric Expenses.  
The level of income so far in this financial year is virtually unchanged in total; that from Our Lady & St Chad has reduced slightly; that from St Mary's has increased slightly.  
Ordinary Income is expected to exceed Ordinary Expenditure for the full year by approximately £5000.  
The Treasurer continues to refrain from making any forecasts for the future due to the continuing political uncertainty.  
Questions were related to encouraging the use of Gift Aid and the effects of Brexit uncertainty.  
There was a discussion about how to move forward with planning for a new Treasurer.
8. Fabric Issues

Information was given about ongoing key works – Legionella Survey, Quinquennial Review.  
One other item was raised and resolved.

9. Social Issues  
A question was raised about the possibility of organising Parish Outings or Pilgrimages. **This idea was accepted. Perhaps those with suggestions would be willing to organise and lead.**
10. Outreach Issues  
In response to an article in the "Tablet" magazine, there was discussion about how the Parish could be more environmentally aware, especially in encouraging wildlife.  
**The creation of a Gardening Group was suggested.**  
The Parish Rep for the (Women's) World day of Prayer is stepping down.  
**Anyone interested on taking up this role were encouraged to speak to the outgoing rep or the parish priest.**
11. The Meeting ended with prayers at about 9.00pm