

Minutes of the St Vincent's PPT meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2022

Present: Fr Martin Onuoha, Lucy McJannett (Chair), Danny Norton, Rosy Hickman, Kate Chalmers, Mary Norton, Margaret McCann, John Maloney, Cathie Kay (Secretary).

Apologies: Jane Roberts.

Fr Martin began the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Matters Arising:

- **An Anointing Mass** for all 3 parishes is to be held on Sunday 11th December at 2 pm at Our Lady's. Drivers will be needed from each parish, but John will also contact Stockport Volunteer Drivers if more help is needed. Pick-up times will be approximately 1:30 pm and 4 pm. After the service, refreshments of tea, coffee and mince pies will be served in the church hall. Fr Martin will arrange to visit at home for Advent/Christmas anyone who is unable to attend that day's service.
- **Advent and Christmas Preparations:** It is proposed to hold a carol service on 13th December at Our Lady's, led by students from Aquinas College.
- Christmas tree outside St Vincent's: John and Danny are to meet to discuss this further. Fr Martin has a contact who can provide the trees at a good price for the three parishes.
- Christmas Crib afternoon: It was decided that this should take place outside St Vincent's on Friday 16th December for the children of the local area, including our own parish. Nevill Road schools will be informed of this. The Social Committee will organise this event and it is hoped that the Christmas tree will be in place by then.
- **Senior's Party:** This is planned to take place on Sunday 29th January. Paul Hickman has very kindly agreed to entertain everyone with his Magic Show. A meeting of the Social Committee will take place soon to plan the afternoon.

- **Community Sponsorship Scheme:** The Home Office and Caritas have both recently held yearly review meetings with the family. Lucy reported these meetings as having gone well. Lucy also reminded us that the agreed lease with the landlord of the family's house is only for two years, after which they will need to look for alternative accommodation.
- **Safeguarding:** Safeguarding leads for each parish have now been established and can be seen in the weekly newsletter.
- **Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford:** Jane had kindly provided the minutes of the recent meeting and these had been read by all members of the PPT that were present tonight.
- **Parishioner's Points and AOB:** Richard Crawford has recently been emailed regarding the proposed porch. Fr Martin is awaiting a reply.
- **Parish Mission:** Fr Martin has been in contact with the Sion Community. It is proposed to have a meeting with one of their co-ordinators and the PPTs of all 3 parishes at Our Lady's Parish Hall. This will double as our annual end-of-year get-together. The proposed dates for this are the evening of 28th November, or possibly 29th but this would be over Zoom. The preference was to meet in person.
- **UPDATE!** Fr Martin has since received an email from Michelle at the Sion Community and the new date for the joint meeting is Friday 2nd December at 7 pm at Our Lady's.
- **Christmas letter:** Fr Martin would like to write a letter containing the dates and times of Christmas services at our 3 churches and inviting the local communities to join us. It is hoped to distribute these letters to as many homes as possible in our surrounding neighbourhoods.
- **Rotas:** Danny suggested that all the rotas for the parish should be centralised, to facilitate easier access.
- **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 13th December.

Chair- Cathie Secretary- Rosy