

Sacred Heart, Tisbury and All Saint's, Wardour
PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
19.30 17th February 2012 Hinton Hall, Tisbury

Present: Fr Robert, Nick Weeks (Chairman), (in the Chair) Martin Snell (treasurer), Patricia Coopman (secretary) members of the Parish Pastoral Council – Richard Arundell, , Mike Montgomery, Mike Lennard, Krystyna Morgan, Mark Shuldham, Philadelphia Whittaker, and 23 parishioners

Apologies: Sarah Howard, Dinah Rawlinson

1. Welcome, Introductions

The chairman opened the meeting, explained the format and asked Fr Robert to lead a prayer.

2. Reports

i. Fr Robert reported on progress since the Parish EGM in November last year, in particular –

He had heard today that the diocese had approved acceptance of the Bell's tender to redecorate the church,

Although the church cleaning rota had been sorted but more people were needed on the flower rota and to take Communion to the housebound;

He has arranged a concert of Russian religious music in the church on 21st May;

Unfortunately his hope of having an exhibition of nativities in June was unlikely to materialise unless someone was prepared to organise it.

He thanked all those who worked for the parish, often unnoticed.

ii. The chairman reported on the work the PPC had done since the last AGM:-

the PPC had met 6 times since then, the meetings before Fr Thomas's retirement had mainly been concerned with celebration of his 70th birthday and retirement and looking forward to the arrival of Fr Robert. Most of the job descriptions had been completed.

The PPC had been concerned with the problem of social outreach by the parish and the possibility of having an SVP conference in the parish was being explored.

Membership of the PPC:-

Fr Robert, ex officio

Fr Robert appointed Mike Montgomery, Mark Shuldham and Martin Snell.

Sarah Howard, nominated by Sheila Mac Dermott,

Mike Lennard, nominated by Mark Shuldham

Alan MacDermott, nominated by Patricia Coopman,

Krystyna Morgan, nominated by Bernard Morgan, and

Jeny Tozer, nominated by Krysia Fitzpatrick

Were declared elected, there being no other nominations.

Richard Arundell, Felicity MacSwiney and Philadelphia Whittaker remain members.

iii. Martin Snell, treasurer, reported on the financial state of the parish, the meeting having copies of the accounts. He said that the parish finances were healthy, having £91,000 on deposit, and a surplus of over £11,000 last year. The

income last year included a legacy of £3,000. The number of special collections was fewer than in 2010 that was why there was a significant reduction in the amount given.

The accounts were accepted unanimously.

Fr Robert thanked Martin and Felicity MacSwiney for their hard work throughout the year.

iv. Krystyna Morgan reported on behalf of TCSG chair, Dinah Rawlinson, (who prepared the report) on the activities of the Tisbury Catholic Social Group over the past year which included the breakfast for the First Holy Communion, Fr Thomas's birthday and retirement party, the coffee and cakes after Fr Robert's induction, the Harvest supper and quiz and the children's party, all of which were very successful. The committee would welcome new members with new ideas.

v. Ann Windsor reported on the Youth Activities in the parish. The parish youth Group Eclipse met monthly, except in August and January. Hannah Bertenshaw gave a presentation on her trip to Sri Lanka, Patricia Coopman had talked to the group about the CAB and Johnny Berkley- Matthews gave a presentation on his recent trip to Egypt.

Youth SVP meets once week in term-time. Their activities last year included dog-walking, cleaning the church, filling shoes boxes for the Trussell Trust to send to needy in Bulgaria and organizing Santa's grotto for TiztheSeason. This year they hoped to do a sponsored walk on 28th April for CAFOD's Thirst for Change campaign, a sleepover in the Parish Room for Alabare, and have a monthly cake sale after 9am Mass to sponsor an African child, have a youth Mass(es). She would be going to CYMFED conference in London in March. She thanked Becky Bertenshaw for her help and would welcome help from other parishioners.

Fr Robert thanked Ann for her hard work and the meeting showed its appreciation.

3. Parish Charities:

i. The chairman said that it was time for the parish to decide what charity(ies) it wished to support besides CAFOD. For the past couple of years the parish had supported Progressio's Land to Mouth project. The PPC proposed that the parish should support at least one charity for a year at a time and he asked for suggestions from the floor. The Apostleship of the Sea was one suggestion and Alabare was another. Fr Robert said that someone needed to take responsibility for fund raising for whatever charity was decided upon. One possibility was that the parish should donate a proportion of its surplus funds to the parish charity(ies).

ii. Alan MacDermott spoke about the financial position of the governors of Wardour School who had to find 5% of the maintenance costs of the school now that the diocese was only providing half the church's commitment to find 10% of the maintenance costs. Wardour was not a parish school but the parish benefitted from it and would only continue to do so if it were properly maintained. He was of the opinion that the parish had a moral obligation to provide the necessary funds which he thought would now be about £4,000pa. No objection having been raised to the parish making a contribution the Chairman said that the question of whether Wardour School should be adopted as this year's parish charity was one that should be considered by the PPC.

4. Fr Robert thanked Nick Weeks who was retiring as Chairman and Patricia Coopman who was retiring as secretary.

The meeting was closed with the saying of the Grace.