

Chair Person Report for PPC AGM (25th April 2024)

We all seem to have stabilised and adjusted to the new norm, where life seems to have only got busier and more hectic. We are more reliant on technology; we use our phones to message rather than talk; we order everything into our home rather than go out.

This is where we need to remember that we need our Faith & Church more than ever.

It is a pleasure to come to Church - to sit in peace and have time, without electronic distractions (remembering to turn the notifications off on my watch!) and remember that we are not on our own. It is lovely that we are now all able to receive the Blood of Christ at Communion again and shake hands with others. It is nice to have that chat with 'the Man above' and leave Church feeling that our burden is a little lighter with a spring in our step or simply knowing that He listened. It is lovely to talk to others, to share cares and concerns and know we belong.

At this time of our AGM, I would also like to mention Les Watson, who previously served on the Holy Cross Parish Council as Secretary. Les is very unwell. Please take a moment to say a prayer for him and his wife Monica.

We are extremely fortunate to have Fr George who is not only our Parish Priest but also a handyman, gardener & plumber, suitably assisted by /or assisting Graham Hunter.

We are also fortunate to have Deacons Lawrence & Kingsley working with Fr George.

There are also lots of people organising social events, Children's Liturgy, programs for Confirmation & First Communion, Readers & Offertory and Choirs; Our Parish Council - parishioners from all corners of our parish; Our School – it is so lovely to hear how governors talk about the school and are so proud of the children - our Future.

As we all collectively belong to Christ the King & Holy Cross, we have widened our circle of parishioners, increased our friends and therefore our social circle. For this reason, we are pleased that Christ the King have lots of successful social events - coffee, quizzes & music nights. Tea & Coffee at Holy Cross once a month is a great success and well attended.

Please remember that even if you don't want to attend a social event - you could change someone else's day for the better, just by being there. You may be glad you came and you most likely wouldn't regret it.

The parish social at Cattle Country has proved to be a great event each time we have held it. Please do try to attend the next one!

I have been proud to serve as Chair of the Parish Council for both Holy Cross & Christ the King Church so far. I hope I have helped in some small way.

God is there for us.

Someone may need you, more than you know.

Elaine Godfrey

Chair of the Pastoral Council