

Pastoral Parish Council - Minutes from the AGM held on Thursday 25th April 2024.

Present: Fr George, Deacon Lawrence, Yvonne Baker, Elaine Godfrey, Chris Hurford, Gillian Pollard, Bob Sheehan, Georgina Sheehan, Tim Sherwin.

Apologies: Deacon Kingsley, Paul Crowley, Jane Parker, Mark & Jean Wallis.

Opening Prayer:

Fr George opened with a prayer and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Elaine Godfrey chaired the meeting thereafter.

Minutes of previous AGM dated 25 April 2023:

The minutes from the previous AGM were reviewed briefly and accepted as a true record.

Parish Priest Report:

The Parish Priest Report was available on-line (via the CTK website) and in hard copy at the meeting. Rather than read through the report again, Fr George invited questions and comments on the report. It was noted that attendance at the weekend Masses were holding their own and how it was nice to see people meeting socially afterwards: after the 5.00pm Mass at Holy Cross monthly, and after the 10.30 am Mass at CTK weekly. The Childrens' Liturgy Group ("Little Church") was seen as a positive at the 10.30am Mass when this took place. Reference was made to the new Pastoral Areas and the Parish links with both St Wulstan (what was Stroud and Gloucester) and St Edmund of Abingdon (what was North Bristol). The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Bosco MacDonald will take place on the 8th of May.

Pastoral Council Chair Report:

The Pastoral Council Chair Report was available on-line (via the CTK website) and in hard copy at the meeting. Some discussions were held about the Holy Week services which all took place at CTK. Elian also spoke about social events which could be organized to bring people together. The PPC will discuss this more at their next meeting.

Treasurer Report:

Chris presented the annual Finance summary reports for both CTK and Holy Cross (which are available on-line via the CTK website). Tim raised a question about the Reserves held by CTK and what the funds may be targeted to be used for. Chris suggested that a Quinquennial review for both Churches would help in terms of priority areas. Discussions about the sale of 13 Old Town (Holy Cross) were also held. It was mentioned that the Parish was awaiting approval from the Diocese to go ahead with the sale of both the house and garden.

School Report:

The School Report for CTK Primary School was available on-line (via the CTK website) and in hard copy at the meeting. A question was raised as to whether the school had been asked to expand to meet rising and expected numbers from new house developments. It was also suggested that the School Masses be included in the Parish Newsletter to encourage Parishioners from both Holy Cross and CTK to attend.

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The new sign ("Noticeboard") for CTK has been purchased and will be installed shortly. The Noticeboard at Holy Cross will be looked at thereafter.

Elaine was thanked by Gillian for acting as Chair for the Council over the last 12 months and welcomed her as Vice-Chair (to Gillian) for the coming year.

Tim gave a general word of thanks to all serving members of the PPC for their work in the past 12 months.

Closing Prayer:

Fr George finished the AGM with a closing prayer.

Date of next AGM meeting (2025): Tuesday 29th April 2025 at 19.00hrs