

Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Our Lady of Lourdes (Aylesbury) & St Anne's (Wendover)

Meeting on Tuesday 24th January 2023 7.30pm

<u>Attending:</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Fr. Paul (FP)	Our Lady of Lourdes/St Anne's	Michael Lowry (LOL)
Carole Paternoster (CP)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Fran Woodbridge (FW)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sr. Bernadette (SrB)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Clive Gallagher (CG)	Saint Anne's	
Peter Donnelly (PD)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Nancy Moyo (NM)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Mary Harding (MH)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Gerrardine Goulding (GG)	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Sean Brannon (SB)	Our Lady of Lourdes	

1.	The meeting opened at 7.35pm with the parish prayer.	ACTION				
2.	Apologies received - Michael Lowry. Jane Larkham and Jaya Theodore did not attend.					
3.	<u>Matters arising from the previous PPC minutes</u> St Anne's report 5 a) in the previous minutes suggested every meeting starts "with a short Biblical text". This will be followed up.	JL				
4.	<u>Reports</u> a) <u>Finance (Clive)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been numerous contacts with contractors to acquire quotes for repair to the hall roof. As it will cost a substantial amount the diocese will advise on the final decision. It is anticipated that additional work (eg: upgrade to the toilets) will be carried out at the same time that the roof is being repaired. Constructing a protected walkway from the church to the hall will be discussed. Obviously, going forward, there will be an impact on hall rental contributions within the budget. Prior to the roof problems the finance committee had been in touch with Pretorium Hall rentals – a company which promotes the use of halls during daytime hours eg: NHS. • The relaunch of the 150 club is going well, with participants increasing to 73. The 150 club generates an income of £2,000 pa. • Income for the two parishes is back to pre-covid times. • Digital collections show the following figures: <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>1st 3 months =</td> <td>£1,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SVP =</td> <td>£200</td> </tr> </table> <p>There is an opportunity to contribute using the website but as yet no payments have been made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost to repair/recover the 90 chairs in the church will be £3,600. This project will be progressed in stages. b) <u>Safeguarding (Gerrardine)</u> With an increase in the number of volunteers DBS checks have been processed but there have been no issues. c) <u>Website (Sean)</u> There has been a spike in growing traffic with people checking Mass times, reading the newsletter etc. over the busy Christmas period. Daily Mass readings have been included and are accessible via a link. It was suggested that monthly results of the 150 club draw be added to the website. The	1 st 3 months =	£1,200	SVP =	£200	
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	<p>history of both churches will also be included.</p> <p>d) <u>Devotions in the parish (Sr B)</u></p> <p>The weekly devotions (Divine Mercy, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Heart of Mary) are continuing.</p> <p>e) <u>Youth Ministry (Peter)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter is keen to collaborate with St Michael’s school chaplains to share resources and promote activities such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – World Youth Day/ Flame– national level – Blaze/lux – diocesan level – Mini-Vinnies/faith sharing/music/youth Mass/events – parish level • The children’s liturgy group will, with PD, work towards producing a youth friendly activity based version of the Stations of the Cross for Lent. This group aims to be involved in a young people’s parish Mass on a regular basis. • For young adults – Pilgrims’ Cross, a walk from Oxford to Walsingham during Holy Week. • As well as supporting post First Holy Communion children, post Confirmation children and young adults the parish also needs to reach out to young people studying at our university. • PD to discuss a youth budget further with the finance committee. <p>f) <u>SVP Appeal (Steve Gill emailed a report)</u></p> <p>Prior to Christmas we were actively involved in the organisation of the Giving Tree at St Anne’s. We have supported financially a ‘Sewing Machine’ project in a parish in Kerala, India. Our regular financial and prayer support for 6 other parish conferences in India and Grenada continues. Our social evening planned for January at OLOL has been deferred until news of the status of the Parish Hall is known.</p> <p>The core work of the SVP in the parish continues: visiting the elderly at home or in care homes; transport to Mass and other errands; taking Holy Communion to the housebound.</p> <p>We are becoming involved in the Wendover Free Church Warm Space initiative This is an opportunity for us to find those in the community who would benefit from our help.</p> <p>Hopefully we can get some ‘advertising’ displayed in the narthex at OLOL- new members and financial support always welcome!</p>	<p>JL/CP</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Report from St Anne’s (Jane sent a report by email)</u></p> <p>a) Taking on board the suggestion from the Pastoral Area councils, I will send a leaflet for Lent and Easter in St Anne’s as soon as it is ready. Our programme always starts on Shrove Tuesday, 21 February this year.</p> <p>b) Meanwhile, returning to the Autumn, all was accomplished as outlined in the minutes of our meeting of 25 October. The Advent Retreat, featuring Father Paul and other local clergy was a great success with about 40 people from all three churches in attendance. Father Paul was so successful at this retreat that by popular demand he has been asked to lead a Lenten Retreat all by himself on Saturday 11 or 18 March, time 11.00am refreshments in Wendover Christian Centre, retreat from 11.30 to 1pm in St Anne’s Church.</p> <p>c) Tuning the organ took place on Wednesday 18 January.</p> <p>d) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 – 25 January 2023 was celebrated on Zoom at ecumenical morning prayer each weekday and on Saturday, led by Rev Remco of Wendover Free Church.</p> <p>e) Since late November we have been offering socials at Wendover Christian Centre as a Warm Welcome Café times:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Tuesdays 10am to 3pm (includes soup and roll at lunchtime) Thursdays 2pm – 5pm Fridays 7.30 to 10pm, includes table tennis</p>	

	<p>Saturdays 10am to 12pm.</p> <p>f) We have been awarded grants towards heating costs by Oxford CoFE Diocese and towards catering by Coca Cola through Budgens as they won a local community store wards back in the summer.</p> <p>g) The St Anne's SVP supper has been booked for Saturday 14 October 2023. In Wendover Christian Centre. We look forward to a similar event in our Lady of Lourdes Hall when the roof has been mended.</p>																			
6.	<p><u>Sacramental programmes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>First Holy Communion (Fran)</u> First Confession/Reconciliation takes places on Saturday 28th January. With 18 children on the program and with the hall being out of use it is proving a challenge holding the lessons. The best solution to date is to start the class at 9.45am and use the back of the church as a space for teaching, however it is not ideal. • <u>RCIA (Carole)</u> The RCIA course is a deanery project and led by Deacon John Sillitoe. There are 8 enquirers from St Joseph's and St Clare's and St Teresa's in Princes Risborough - none from our parish. The Rite of Election will be at the cathedral on Sunday 26th February. CP and FW attend the weekly sessions (at St Clare's) regularly to lend support and learn about the process. • <u>Children's Liturgy (Nancy)</u> There are 4 volunteers in the team with another volunteer awaiting a DBS check. The number of children attending were 25 before Christmas but has dwindled lately with 12 attending at last Sunday's Mass. The group is trying to revive the practice of inviting the children to the altar to say the Our Father during Mass. The children are learning to sign and this will be incorporated into the children's parish Mass. The children were commended for their contribution to the Christmas party. 																			
7.	<p><u>Lent/Easter arrangements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stations of the Cross will take place at OLOL every Friday during Lent at 5.30pm. Each week a different group will lead. The format for Stations of the Cross on Good Friday is to be decided. • The Lent Penitential service will take place on Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm. (NB: since the meeting the date of the Penitential service has changed to Tuesday 21st March). A second priest will be required to hear confessions. • Eucharistic Ministers and Readers will be recommissioned during the Mass of Our Lord's Supper. Ministers' names from both parishes will be given to the parish secretary. • Easter Masses will be as follows: <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Lourdes</th> <th style="text-align: center;">St Anne's</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Maundy Thursday</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7.00pm</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Good Friday Stations</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10.30am</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Good Friday Passion</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3.00pm</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Holy Saturday Vigil Mass</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8.00pm</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Easter Sunday Mass</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11.00am</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9.00am</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Our Lady of Lourdes	St Anne's	Maundy Thursday	7.00pm		Good Friday Stations	10.30am		Good Friday Passion	3.00pm		Holy Saturday Vigil Mass	8.00pm		Easter Sunday Mass	11.00am	9.00am	FW/CP/JL
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8.	<p><u>Social Events</u></p> <p>a) <u>Review of Christmas Party 17th December after 6pm Mass</u> The party took place in the church as events in the hall are banned until further notice. It was deemed to be most successful and enjoyed by all who attended. Father Christmas was in attendance and proved a popular visitor. Delicious food and a spectacular cake were provided. Highlights included John Hamilton's very successful and informative quiz and the children's choir singing carols and Christmas songs.</p> <p>b) <u>Review of Autumn Fayre</u> The parish worked hard to collect items for sale and provide food/entertainment on the day and</p>																			

	<p>fortunately the weather was kind to us. It was a successful day for the community and generated a good profit.</p> <p>c) <u>Forthcoming events</u></p> <p>Our Lady of Lourdes feast day is on Saturday 11th February. A novena will be said after Mass each day.</p> <p>The parish will celebrate this after 11am Mass with refreshments in the church on Sunday 12th February.</p> <p>Mothers' Day is on Sunday 19th March. Flowers will be given to mothers at Mass and the children's liturgy group will be called upon to help with this. There will be refreshments in the church after 11am Mass.</p>	
9.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FP will be away from 24th March until 1st April. Fr John White will celebrate Mass. • PPC meeting minutes will be posted on the notice boards. • FP raised the issue that there may be a small leak in the church roof near the fan. CG will contact Sean Dunne. • GG requested a dedicated Safeguarding area on the notice board in the narthex. • MH asked if there were any plans to use the small area to the left of the confessional. It is unknown at this stage. This space is currently used for overflow seating at Mass. 	CG
10.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>25th April 2023 7.30pm in OLOL church.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Concluding Prayer</u></p> <p>The meeting ended with a closing prayer at 9.10pm.</p>	