

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND
ST MARGARET'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting 7.00pm Thursday 20th October 2022

Present: Canon Don, A. Cass, A. Scullion, M. Davis, A. Urquhart,
K. Hall, C. Wardle, D. Norton, A. Travis

Apologies: M. Pickford, E. Soper, S. Hickinson.

- 1, Canon Don opened the meeting with a prayer.
- 2, Minutes from the meeting of 8th May were approved.
A.Cass reported that the damp woodwork in the cellar had been sorted and now needs varnishing.
- 3, Care Group: A new list of people to be visited and visitors, is to be prepared. M. Davis and A.Cass to deal with this.
- 4, Ceiling repair: Gordon Handley had shown concern about the damage to the ceiling. It was thought that the repair would wait until the decorators are in. But this is now to be looked into earlier.
- 5, Church Decorating: A quotation had been obtained from B & P Ratcliffe Ltd, the company that did the decorating last time.

Fr Don said the price including scaffolding is in the region of £22,000. It was agreed that a date for doing the decorating be obtained from the decorators.
- 6, Finance: Derek Handley was still handling the book keeping and M. Pickford is dealing with the Gift Aid. It was agreed that Derek was doing an excellent job.
Fr Don is to speak to Mary about her helping with the accounts.
- 7, From his notes on the meeting held in Matlock, Damian outlined some key facts. The Immaculate Conception will be amalgamating with New Mills and Marple Bridge and the new priest will service all three churches. Damian's thoughts were that the Immaculate Conception could continue to carry on with its council meetings, and fund raising etc. keeping its own store in order, his concern was the Sunday Mass times. Damian suggested that we look into the possibility of now trying to adjust the Mass time at the Immaculate Conception to accommodate all three churches. This to be looked into and discussed.

- 8, Children's Liturgy was discussed but it was agreed that at present there are not enough children to support it.

Fr Don reported that Henry will be making his First Holy Communion next year, which will require someone to give him necessary instruction.
Joan Burkinshaw and Sue Hickinson have done this in the past.
- 9, Replacement Council members: A parishioner had shown an interest in being part of the church activities and it was agreed to approach them to become a council member.
- 10, A Health & Safety Check on the church, is to be carried out on Wednesday 23rd November.
- 11, Fr Don mentioned the fruit trees needing pruning, Maree was asked for her advice. She agreed to look into sorting it out.
- 12, Sue Hickinson reported that she did not see any more well dressings being done, and said that anything in the cellar that was used for the well dressing could be given away to someone doing well dressing, or be disposed off.

Sue also wondered if it was wise spending such a large amount on decorating at present.

It was agreed that any maintenance on the church is to be done before the amalgamation takes place.
- 13, Fr Don spoke about his possible changes as Dean and the bringing together of the parishes and finalising the pastoral plan.
- 14, A Safeguarding Officer is required. Fr Don suggested one officer to cover both St. Charles and Immaculate Conception, but it was agreed that because of the changes it would be better that each church had it's own. A parishioners name was mentioned and it was agreed that they be approached.
- 15, Fr Don said that there was a requirement for a Fabrics Person. Someone he could report repairs etc to and who could get the job sorted. This is to be looked into.
- 16, Damian asked if the Hymn books at St Margaret's were being used, and if not could they be given to Immaculate Conception. Kirsty offered to check with the school.
- 17, John Miles had asked if the service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be going ahead and if he will be required. If so he is available for Monday 19th December. This was agreed and A. Travis to confirm with John Miles.
- 18, Date for the next meeting 7.00pm 12th January 2023 at Annette Scullion's, 8 Spring Meadows, Charlesworth.