

St Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of meeting held on 19 January 2023

**Present:** Father David, Roger Maughan (Ch), Rita Ford, Elisabeth Hall, Anthony Kirke, Rosalie Mans, Deborah Minnock, Roger Warren

**Apologies:** Eva Gaskin,

**1. Tuning in** All participated

**2. Prayer** The meeting opened with prayer.

**3. Minutes** Minutes of the meeting of 1 December 2022 were agreed.

**4. Matters arising:**

**Ukraine**

8000 bandages have been made and will continue.

Hub continues to send out a van every week/fortnight.

The website to consult if you want to know more about how to help Ukrainian refugees:

<https://www.newforestforukraine.co.uk/>

**Christians Together**

Good Friday on the Green (All Saints if raining).

Joint service in Milford Community Centre 6pm Easter Sunday.

18 May Church Unity service - Methodist Church.

A service at 10am during Milford Music Festival.

**Coffee after Mass**

Going well.

Red, white and blue fairy cakes for 7/5 Coronation.

**Draft Diocesan Strategy Plan – New Forest Pastoral Area**

Ringwood and Fordingbridge have joined the New Forest.

Discussions are a work in progress.

**Synodal PPC – Anthony to update.**

When a major decision has to be made, then full Synodal decision.

**Hymn Selector** – Kate Boocock has announced her retirement, but has given us a pack of 3 years worth of hymn allocations to keep us going if needed.

Kathryn Fox has restarted and will provide a hymn for each service with two of Kate's hymns.

**5. Parish Stats** – Annual return. Mass attendance is increasing.

**6. Joint Parish Events** – Lymington, Brockenhurst and Milford.

The first one is a joint Mass on 19 November in Brockenhurst Village Hall.

The host Parish will organise the venue.

Activities suggested also include a walk, a quiz and use of Milford Community Centre.

**7. Little Assisi**

FMDM Lusaka Zambia – building a new school to accommodate 160 children.

The present school can only accommodate 40.

£1,000 donation suggested – use of the African Charities account.

Ellen is in her final year of teacher training – uses sign language.

**8. Future Feast Days** – Easter and Palm Sunday and Stations of the Cross, Good Friday.

Judith has produced 100 cards for Easter. The Welcoming Team will hand out at Mass.

Welcomers from St Francis needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil to be held in Lymington.

**9. Sick List / Housebound / Any general concerns**

MM in hospital,, communion from Chaplain.

ML– Anthony took communion.

HS in our prayers.

Leah takes communion to SB and UB.

DM, Fr David has visited and challenging weeks of treatment. NM has also been unwell with hospital stay and antibiotics.

RF course of treatment and procedure planned.

**10. Any Other Business**

No chalice planned yet, but intincture a possibility.

Fr David will be on holiday for 4 weekends from last weekend in April. Will be back on 22 May. Fr Shaun will provide cover.

**Date of next meeting:** **Thursday 30 March 2023.**

**Date of following meeting:** **Thursday 28 September 2023.**