

St Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of meeting held on 8 June 2023

**Present:** Father David, Eva Gaskin, Rita Ford, Rosalie Mans, Deborah Minnock, Roger Warren

**Apologies:** Roger Maughan, Elisabeth Hall

**1. Tuning in** All participated

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

**3. Minutes** Minutes of the meeting of 30 March 2023 were agreed.

**4. Matters arising:**

**Ukraine**

Going well with big sheets from hospitals cut into 12-15 strips. Angela sews together. The new Manager from the Hub is visiting on 27 June.

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

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

**Christians Together**

Milford Unity Service 18th May very successful, but it was noted for the future that Ascension Day was not suitable for St Francis

Future events include a united service as part of the Music Festival Sunday 23rd July 10.00am and Songs of Praise at Keyhaven pm Sunday 18th July.

**Coffee after Mass**

Going well. Conversation flows. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Coronation went well with £44 in contributions.

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

27/6 overnight Bishop meeting Coordinating Pastors. 28/6 Bishop meeting Clergy. Discussions are ongoing.

**Joint Parish Events** – Lyminster, Brockenhurst and Milford.

Host Parish:

Milford – 28/6 Coach trip to National Gallery for St Francis of Assisi Exhibition.

St. Anne's – 1/7 Cream Tea. September Prayer walk in New Forest.

16/8 - The 3 PPC Chairs meeting to discuss one Mass for the 3 Parishes in Brockenhurst Village Hall on 19/11.

OLMSJ – Successful Coronation event. Advent Belong and Believe Celtic Christian Church Course.

**Little Assisi**

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

The present school can only accommodate 40.

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

Thank You letter received from Sr. Kay.

**5. Items at the back of the church** – Best time to sort out items is after Wednesday morning Mass – proposed 5/7.

**6. Recruitment of new PPC members** - Think of suggestions and email to PPC. Fr David and Roger Maughan to liaise.

**7. Future Feast Days** – Thursday 29/6 Ss Peter and Paul. Tuesday 15/8 Assumption

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

KK – Elisabeth now regularly visiting her in Hillyfield Rest Home with Holy Communion.

BM can no longer bring KR on Wednesdays because of KR's arthritis. Would like communion at home.

ML – has had 2<sup>nd</sup> knee op. improving, but slow. Eyesight is not good, can still cook as knows where everything is.

DM – scan in Poole soon.

RF – ongoing course of chemotherapy pills.

**9. Any Other Business**

A present and card has been bought for Judith and Anthony's retirement.

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Deborah – JK likes two lines of communion.

Deborah – back stairs of Maryland Room leading to outside need to be swept with dustpan and brush. Action: Deborah.

Eva – As the number of Parishioners is around 60, we need 65 Mass sheets.

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

**Date of following meeting:** **Thursday 30 November 2023.**