

St Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of meeting held on 25 July 2024

**Present:** Roger Maughan (Ch), Deborah Minnock, Elisabeth Hall, Rita Ford, Eva Gaskin

**Apologies:** Father David, Eva Gaskin, Rosalie Mans

**1. Tuning in** All participated

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

**3. Minutes** Minutes of the meeting of 30 May 2024 were agreed.

**4. Matters arising:**

**Ukraine**

The Milford Bandage Brigade have now completed sent almost 20,000 bandages to the front line and Eva explained how they continue to make three standard sizes of rolled bandages, pack them in labelled waterproof bags and deliver them to New Forest for Ukraine hub in Lymington each week. Concern was raised that some locations previously used for donation to the Ukraine, such as Milford Community Centre, Everton Post Office and New Milton Memorial Hall are either not accepting donations or have become less popular and not so visible as before.

The hub in Ampress Park still continues regular deliveries to the Ukraine and their website provides information on how to support their valuable work:

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

**Christians Together**

A performance of 'The Journey of the Maggi' is planned at All Saints Church at Christmas this year. Tickets are to be sold at the Milford Community Centre. Elizabeth hoped that the workshop for children would be open to all children but the arrangements for this were not yet clear.

The 4 churches will join in covering the cost of the event which was estimated to cost around £650, although it is hoped that the tickets will cover most of the cost.

**Purchase of Land Fundraising – Lusaka**

Since our donation of £500 the school has been able to purchase many necessary supplies and support the land purchase project being put in place by Mission Direct. There was much celebration when visitors from a American Mission

arrived to support the school with much enthusiastic dancing!

**5. Memorial for Peter Larke et al**

The proposal of having a 'Bench of Remembrance' to celebrate and commemorate the time and effort that many late parishioners have given to St Francis church and its community was put forward. An oak bench situated outside the Maryland Room was recommended for future discussion.

**6. Saint Francis of Assisi Fundraising Program 2024-2025**

Arranging a future concert or event involving our churches was discussed.  
Rita suggested a concert of Choralia, with whom she sings, as one possibility.  
All agreed that show songs were always very popular and that a Sunday afternoon slot was a good time to consider for it.  
This proposal will be put forward at our September meeting for further discussion.

#### **7. Beach Clean All Parishes September 7<sup>th</sup> 2024/Use of Maryland Room**

The use of the Maryland Room as a base for this event in September was discussed.  
The use of our carpark was raised as many parishioners would be arriving from all parishes and would need to park somewhere.  
Offering refreshments in the Maryland Room was also discussed and agreement that the Saint Francis team would provide hospitality.

#### **8. Future Feast Days**

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

#### **10. Any Other Business**

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 26 September 2024**

**Deborah kindly offered to do refreshments.**

**Date of following meeting: Thursday 28th November 2024**