

**St Wilfrid's Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
**– Held in the Parish Library**

**Present:**

**Geoff Thompson - Chair**  
**Peter Randall SJ – Parish Priest**  
**Parish Administrator**  
**Maria Hall – Musical Director**  
**Hilary Rigby**  
**Andrew Dawson**  
**Lee Unsworth**  
**Shirley Russo – Secretary**

**Apologies:**

**Fr Paul Fletcher SJ – Superior of the Jesuit Community**  
**Fr Michael Ashworth SJ**  
**Chris Murray**

➤ <b>The meeting was opened and closed with a prayer.</b>	
➤ <b>Apologies – see above.</b>	
➤ <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting – there were no minutes to approve.</b>	<b>Action</b>
➤ <b>Matters Arising:</b>	
➤ There were no matters arising.	
➤ <b>Feedback from Liturgy Meeting – 11.11.18</b>	
Plans are in place for Advent Liturgies – key difference is that the Parish and the Children will be more involved than in previous years. Events will include evening Vespers and Taize. There will also be the annual Carol Concert involving students from Newman College and Our Lady's High School in Fulwood.	
Lee will organise the Christmas Trees – date for these to be installed to be confirmed but last year it was Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December. Parishioner (Wynn) has offered to do the Advent Candle on Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> December – Shirley to assist in positioning this.	
The F&J Group will have a Fair Trade stand in the Narthex at the Vigil Mass on Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec and the 10.15am Mass on Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December.	
Christmas Cards for the Holy Land will take place on Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> December and Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December.	
Morning prayer Mondays in advent. Reflection first 1/4 hour.	

<p>Advent Christmas Quiz to raise funds for Jude Orphanage in Zambia. Maria Hall to organise and Geoff to provide food – Fri 7<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>The Parish Administrator will arrange the rotas for Readers and Eucharistic ministers for the Christmas Masses but Geoff will arrange cover for the Christmas Vigil.</p> <p>St Wilfrid’s Youth Group will hold a Bake Sale on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November and collect gifts on the Sundays 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> December to take to patients at the Royal Preston Hospital.</p> <p>Gift Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> January – the Epiphany.</p>	
<p>➤ <b>Live Simply</b></p>	
<p>Single Use Plastics – Geoff asked if going forward we could change the hire agreement of the Parish Centre that single use plastics cannot be used as part of the terms and conditions. The Parish Administrator would change the wording in the information booklet to reflect this request.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Water Usage signs that Fr Joe Duggan introduced would be re-worded and erected in the Parish Centre.</p> <p>It was suggested that Live Simply be a regular agenda item.</p>	
<p>➤ <b>Parish Census.</b></p>	
<p>Geoff asked that a further more informative Parish Census be carried out in order to identify exactly who we would include as our Parish and Community.</p> <p>A number of previous type censi and questionnaires have been carried out over the years including the one from last year in July which resulted in 246 questionnaires being returned.</p> <p>St Stephen’s in Preston in collaboration with UCLAN is conducting a project referred to as the “Listening Campaign” – there is meeting arranged on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 5pm at St Stephen’s in Broadgate.</p> <p>It was thought prudent that the previous formats of questionnaires already conducted and the results be re-visited before moving forward with this item.</p>	
<p>➤ <b>Planning for a Day of Reflection, Prayer &amp; Discernment</b></p>	
<p>Better planning is required for such a future event. Maria offered the use of Arrowsmith House for a venue. The book “Tomorrow’s Parish” was suggested as point of</p>	

discussion for such an event and to put forward this a item for the January agenda.	
➤ <b>Reflection on the Introduction and Chapter 1 of Tomorrow's Parish</b>	
This item will be regular agenda item. The first 1/4 of the next meeting will be dedicated to this,	
➤ <b>New Ambo/ Lectern - New lectern for the priest? What style? 3-4 options for discussion</b>	
Fr Peter circulated 3 different options in wood and Perspex from the Irish Seating Company and Nicholas Hobbs in Cumbria. The Parish is looking at replacing the current lecterns in favour of something more fitting with the aesthetics of the Church and more functional. The use of the current pulpit was discussed for use of reading the Word and preaching.	
➤ <b>What are we learning re collaboration with Tabor? What's gone well &amp; not so well?</b>	
<p>The first thing to remember is that the venue/centre should be referred to as the Xaverian Missionaries Spirituality Centre and not Tabor. The best contact for bookings and arranging events has been suggested as John Rogerson, one of the centre's volunteers and webmaster.</p> <p>Fr Peter will contact Frs Bob Horn and Ted Gannon, and Canons Adrian Towers and Peter Draper to see if they will attend, or send a delegate, to the talk by John Battle on 10th December. Also, to see if they would like a 1-1 conversation with him about Preston Citizens.</p> <p>Next event is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm. The Parish Administrator and Shirley Russo are working with John Rogerson regarding the arrangements.</p> <p>Shirley to ask David Cape to add the Eventbrite Link to the John Battle event – "Love need to be Organised" to St Wilfrid's website.</p>	
➤ <b>Update on the Loop System</b>	
Despite an improvement recently thanks to the sound engineer's (Chris Harfield) interim efforts, there seems to be a certain level of white noise, and some people recollect this as ongoing since the renovation of the lighting system.	
➤ <b>Review of the 12th Nov Remembrance liturgy. Connection with UCLan / working with the lights</b>	

<b>and sound system. What worked / did not work well.</b>	
<p>Congratulations and thanks to Chris Murray and her team of volunteers who organised a wonderful and moving event marking 100 years since Armistice Day. Approximately 65 people attended.</p> <p>It was suggested that for similar events it might be useful to invite the sound engineer for his input. The lighting for future events might also need considering if Fr Paul is asked to assist as it is impracticable to lipread in the dark.</p>	
➤ <b>Remembering Fr Frank Hull - memories from parishioners.</b>	
<p>It was suggested that memories of Fr Frank might be collected and printed maybe in an edition of the Parish Magazine as a way of marking his passing and remembering his life.</p>	
➤ <b>Ascent Group and the Parish Council</b>	
<p>Joan Campbell is now leading the Group supported by Frs Gornall and Hackett. Meetings take place on a Thursday in the Parish Centre after midday mass. The group were recently presented with a certificate signed by Bishop Paul commemorating the Group's devotion to pilgrimage to the shrine at Ladyewell, Fernyhalgh.</p>	
➤ <b>Looking forward to future meetings re agendas</b>	
<p>Future agendas will be reviewed as the Council begins to form. Various formats will need to be consider eg formal or informal.</p>	
➤ <b>AOB</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Next Finance Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.15pm in the Parish Library.</li> <li>➤ A page of the Advent edition of the Parish Centre will be dedicated to the formation of the fledgling Parish Council.</li> <li>➤ <b>Citizens UK Update</b> – UCLAN have pulled out and the remaining groups, the Methodists, the Anglicans and Unison are continuing to support the venture financially in order to pay the salary for a permanent position of a Preston based Community Organiser . Fr Peter asked what the Council thought of financing from the Parish £10,000-20,000. Fr Peter would need to discuss this with Finance Group and Stephen Powers the Province Treasurer. The members of the Parish Council gave their approval to go ahead.</li> <li>➤ <b>Restoration of the Statue of Mother and Child</b> on Friargate Preston from the demolished St Mary's – estimate of £2500.00 received from Bruno Ormsby.</li> </ul>	

<p>General offers of donation have been made, to cover the costs of renovation, but a more informative and purposeful fundraising effort needs to be formed.</p> <p>➤ <b>Sanctuary Bookshop</b> - is re-opened on Fridays – there are 4 new volunteers.</p>	
<p>➤ <b>The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7pm in the Parish Library.</b></p>	