

St Richard Gwyn Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC)

Annual General Meeting held by zoom.

(serving the communities of Chirk, Llangollen and Ruabon)

AGM MINUTES 11.11.2020

Welcome and prayer –Rev. Fr. Anthony Nnamah MSP.

Present: Fr. Anthony Nnamah MSP, Maurice Growney, Barbara Wilcock, Sue Barnett, Margaret Williams, Anne Lloyd, Kay Jones, Geraldine Gilbert, Maria Pizzoni, Halina Burgess Christine Jones, Alice Zulu, Sally and Jo Hillyard

Minutes of the last AGM were read by Sue Barnett and accepted by those who attended.

Matters arising from the minutes.

Margaret Williams stated that Dial-in evening Prayers are ongoing every Wednesday evening at 7pm and well received by those who participated.

100 Club – Due to Covid19 no further progress to date – When it is safe to do so, Fr. Anthony will approach both Fr Anthony Jones (as the only living signatory) and the bank to confirm any necessary requirements to progress.

Advent Programme –

Fr Anthony to send out an Advent Christmas calendar via email and to display in churches – This will be provisional - providing there are no further lock downs.

Fr Anthony proposed simple one-hour masses to celebrate Christmas: - 24th and 25th December 2020.

8pm for Ruabon / 9am in Chirk and 11am Llangollen

Saturday 26th December to celebrate the Feast of St Stephen at 6pm in Llangollen

Sunday 27th December to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family 9am Chirk and 11am Ruabon.

Penitential service, Fr Anthony will get back to us.

Epiphany Lunch will be postponed until further notice.

Christmas raffle. There will be no Christmas Raffle this year due to the pandemic – Parishioners are encouraged to make Christmas gifts/offering in lieu of the cancelled raffle. This can be done via online banking and to state that it is a “Christmas gift”. We are encouraged to mention this with individual parishioners directly but not via Facebook or WhatsApp.

Christmas Party for Children is cancelled for this year.

Risk Assessments – suspended due to covid 19

CAFOD Live Simply Initiative. Maria Pizzoni presented the actions; -

Maria shared that Live Simply meetings had been held via zoom during the lockdown and Pope Francis’s encyclical letter “Laudato Si”, on care for our common home, had been read and discussed over 6 weeks.

Season of Creation with reference to St Francis of Assis was highlighted by a special Mass, bidding prayers and a calendar with reflections for each day, these were all very well received. Also, parishioners participated as individuals with gardening and litter picking during this time.

All parishioners are invited to attend the next planned meeting where discussions will be held regarding David Attenborough’s - witness statement on biodiversity, next meeting 23.11.20.

The God who Speaks: Sally mentioned that the “God who speaks” will be holding a zoom meeting through artwork. Fr. Charles Ramsey will participate on the discussion on 06.12.20 at 14.30. Posters to be finalised regarding the zoom meeting and added to Facebook and WhatsApp.

The Presbytery in Llangollen belongs to the parish. Discussions are ongoing about the best way to use it for the benefit of the Parish.

Denbighshire council could use it for a monthly rent. Another option could be Air B&B to run for 1 year. The last option is to have a family within the parish to use it as a short-term accommodation. The proximity to the church may be a problem.

Holy Cross Church, Llangollen needs painting. The estimate is £1,685. The Finance committee may ask the Parishioners to donate something towards the project.

Same Sex Union: Fr Anthony sent out a clarification from the Pope Francis on the issue of same sex unions.

The Funeral of Maureen Jones will be on Friday. All those who wish to attend the funeral should register with Fr Anthony.

GPDR: All information meant for the consumption of the Parishioners must be sent through the Parish Office.

AOB – none

Closing Prayer – Fr Anthony

Date of next meeting to be decided.