

**St Aidan's Parish Pastoral Council**  
Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

**Present:** Liz Clark, Craig Hewitt, Jim Cardy, Jane Keating, Andrew Kay, Julia Dixon, Roy Mason, Andy Connellan, Jane Rogers, Sheila Cruikshank and Joan Stevenson. Guest: Fr Causey

1. **Prayers** led by Jane Rogers
2. **Apologies:** Canon MacNally and Pat Boyle
3. **Adoption of agenda** – There were no additional items for the agenda
4. **Minutes of last meeting** - 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017  
Liz proposed, Julia seconded and all were in agreement that the minutes be signed by Jim as a true record.

5. <b>MATTERS ARISING</b> (not elsewhere):	<b>ACTION</b>
5.1 <b>Parish Booklet:</b> We have most of the information and so Roy needs to put the information together for Liz to proof read. It may be possible for the information to go on our website with an alphabetical link.	Liz & Roy
<b>6. Liturgy:</b> 6a. <b>Sacramental Programmes:</b> Jane R and Fr Causey hope to meet this week to discuss arrangements. 6b. <b>Advent and Christmas:</b> Arrangements should be similar to last year including the tree with symbols. The Youth Effect will lead an Advent reflection and other volunteers are needed. Ideas for readings and reflections between carols on Christmas Eve are welcome and should be passed to Jane R and Jim. Christmas Eve Carols will start at 8:00pm followed by Mass at 8:30pm with mince pies in the club afterwards. Fr Causey will talk to Canon MacNally about having a Christmas Eve children's service at 6:00pm at St Jude's. There will be no Christmas Day service at St Aidan's with just one Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am at St Jude's.	JR & FrC  Jane R & Jim  Fr Causey
<b>7. Wigan Pastoral Area changes:</b> Fr Causey explained that the parish will be known as 'Saints Aidan and Jude' and that, even though some upset is inevitable, both congregations will need to work together. He hopes that this might start by the beginning of Advent but the exact date is not known as we are dependent on building work and other changes across the Deanery. It is unclear how much parishioners know and there may be a lot of misinformation around. We cannot change the decisions and the new arrangements will go ahead but it was agreed that parishioners should be kept better informed. It was agreed that a simple entry be put in the newsletter with regular updates. We felt that, if possible, St Jude's should also do this at the same time. Roy said he would draft a statement for Canon MacNally to look at so that, with his agreement, it can be put in the next newsletter. The Deanery need to consider how parish boundary changes might impact on school admission criteria. <i>After the meeting we were informed on 3<sup>rd</sup> October that the name of our new parish will actually be 'St Jude and St Aidan'.</i>	Roy
<b>8. Church building issues:</b> 8.1 <b>Presbytery Update:</b> Building work has been delayed for various reasons. A lot of upset was caused when, the day after our last meeting, we were told that there would be no access to church for four to five weeks. This did not happen and could have been avoided if the impact of the work had been better planned and communicated. 8.2 <b>Any other building issues?</b> A notice in the porch needs to be changed as we no longer ask those wishing to receive communion to put a host on a silver plate before Mass.	Roy
<b>9. Parish Finances:</b> Fr Causey said that he thought the current building work will cost around £16,000. He thinks that there will be no financial issues when the parishes join as both parish finances are healthy.	-
<b>10. The Youth Effect:</b> Andy K said that the Faith in Action Award presentations went very well and that our young people had impressed everyone. They have three new members and will extend a welcome to the young people of St Jude's. The Youth Effect will provide elements of the Christ the King Mass on 26 <sup>th</sup> November.	Andy K
11. <b>ITEMS REQUESTED BY PARISHIONERS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
11.1 None	

12. Any Other Business:	ACTION
12a. <b>St Matthew's Christmas Tree Invite:</b> St Matthew's invite local organisations to dress a tree for display and fundraising. Both School and Parish have had letters inviting us to take part. Jane R said that school said that they would dress a tree but felt that perhaps it should be displayed in St Aidan's. We agreed that, with the changes that are happening, the parish should not take part but that it may be a good project for a class in school to provide ecumenical support. The PPC could support them financially if needed and Jane R said she would discuss this with the Headteacher.	Jane R
12b. <b>School Mission Statement:</b> School have invited the parish to contribute to the review of their school mission statement. Julia and Sheila said they would meet with school staff and offer their support.	Julia & Sheila

**13. Date of next Meeting:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 @ 7.30pm **Prayers to be led by:** Joan

Provisional agenda for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 @ 7.30pm:

1. Opening Prayer: Joan please
2. Apologies: Julia and Craig
3. Adoption of agenda – missing items, items raised by Parishioners or items for AOB
4. Minutes of last meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017
5. Matters arising – review of actions
6. Liturgy
7. Wigan Pastoral Area changes - update
8. Church upkeep – Presbytery update – any other building issues?
9. Parish Finances
10. Youth Effect
11. Items requested by Parishioners:
12. AOB
13. Confirmation of agreed actions
14. Date of next meeting, diary dates and volunteer for prayer

**Dates for the diary:**

PPC meetings Sundays at 7.30pm: 5<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> December