

# The Friends of St Aidan's

Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Present:** Liz Clark, Jane Rogers, Jim Cardy, Jane Keating, Andrew Kay, Roy Mason, Andy Connellan, Sheila Cruikshank, Julia Dixon, Joan Stevenson and Craig Hewitt. **Guest:** Tony Knowles from St Jude's

1. **Prayers** and reflection from her visit to Coventry Cathedral led by Julia
2. **Apologies:** Fr Causey, Charlie Heyes, Vicky Heyes and Pat Boyle  
**Welcome:** Everyone was delighted to welcome Tony Knowles who attends St Jude's and is a Foundation Governor at St Jude's Primary School.
3. **Adoption of agenda** – All items raised by Parishioners could be discussed within the set agenda. There were no AOB items.
4. **Minutes of last meeting** - 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017  
 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>
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<p><b>6. Parish Changes:</b></p> <p>6.1 <b>Admin:</b> Special thanks to Eileen Heyes who, after about 15 years, has typed her last newsletter for St Aidan's. We all agreed to send her a thank you letter and flowers.            This week, Liz Dodds will hopefully start her new secretarial role for the Parish of St Jude and St Aidan. There will be one newsletter for the whole parish. It is expected that Liz's role for us will be as additional hours for her existing post and so all the appropriate checks and procedures will be in place. There will be further clarification to come regarding making entries to the newsletter, website and contacts.</p> <p>6.2 <b>Council:</b> We explained to Tony the role that St Aidan's PPC has had over the past 30 years in supporting the clergy using the skills and talents of parishioners. We encouraged him to bring along others from St Jude's to our next meeting to see the type of the things we do. All agreed that a body for the whole parish would be a good idea and would need the full support of Fr Causey. Our AGM is due in April and this could be a good time to start afresh. In the meantime we should continue as the Friends of St Aidan's until such time as we can truly represent our new parish. It may be that an entry into the bulletin could make our changing role clear to others.</p>	<p>JR &amp; Monica A</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
<p><b>7. Liturgy:</b></p> <p>7.1 <b>Sacramental Programmes:</b> The first meeting for parents of children from the whole parish wishing to make their first Holy Communion this year will be held at St Aidan's Club on Tuesday evening. It will be led by Fr Causey. Application forms for those wanting to enrol have been available at mass and should now have been completed and returned. Catechists from across the parish will lead classes after each of our three Sunday masses and so there is a lot of choice for families. Attendance at mass and commitment to the programme is obviously essential. All agreed that this was a good way to encourage the right level of commitment.</p> <p>7.2 <b>Advent and Christmas Review:</b> Thank you to Peter Mather, The Youth Effect and the UCM with school for their Advent reflections which went well. As parents and other parishioners attend the UCM service the UCM should put out 'reserved seat' signs to ensure that members have an appropriate place. The children's vigil at St Jude's was very good and the Carol Service and first mass of Christmas at St Aidan's was well received and well attended. Fr Causey and others praised the music group for their part and Jane and Jim for their carol service reflections. Around 70 people stayed on for drinks and mince pies which was excellent.            The Christmas Day service went well with around 20 attending from St Aidan's. No one needed to take up the offer of lifts.            At times the Christmas Tree lights have been 'flashing' and all agreed that we should not let this happen next year.            Around 40 people attended the New Year's Eve Holy Hour and Mass in St Joseph's Chapel.            The Christmas Tree symbols are in the process of being given out and it was agreed that a compliments slip should be included. Roy said he would make a compliments slip for this.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Roy</p>

<p><b>8. Church building issues:</b> Roy suggested that an external notice board with a lockable cover could be fitted to the wall near the front of church. This could house notices, adverts and service times as, at the moment, they are put on the narrow door windows. We felt that this was a good idea but we could not make a decision to go ahead at the moment. Jim pointed out that the main doors are due to be replaced.</p> <p>It is good to have Holy Water easily accessible but the current positioning next to the Sacred Heart could be improved if a new shelf was fitted perhaps above one of the existing Holy Water fonts. Roy said that whenever we have work done to Church it should be the best we can do to enhance the beauty of our church.</p>	-
<p><b>9. Reports from Parish Groups:</b></p> <p>9.1 <b>The Youth Effect:</b> Clare and Louise went to St Jude's to talk about The Youth Effect and to say that it is open to the whole parish. The Animate service, 'Life &amp; Soul+' will be at St Aidan's on 6<sup>th</sup> February. It was felt an entry in the new parish bulletin should be made about the group and upcoming events.</p> <p>9.2 <b>Sunday Morning Coffee</b> donated £1000 to charity in 2017 – brilliant!</p> <p>9.3 <b>UCM:</b> An advert for the UCM, which meets on the second Tuesday in the month, should go in the bulletin to let St Jude's parishioners know that it is open to the whole parish.</p>	-
<p><b>10. ITEMS REQUESTED BY PARISHIONERS</b></p>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p>All matters were discussed within the above.</p>	-
<p><b>11. Any Other Business:</b></p>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p>There were no items of AOB.</p>	-

**12. Date of next Meeting:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018 @ 7.30pm **Prayers to be led by:** Jane Rogers

Provisional agenda for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February @ 7.30pm:

1. Opening Prayer: Jane R
2. Apologies: Joan
3. Adoption of agenda – items for AOB
4. Minutes of last meeting
5. Matters arising – review of actions
6. Parish changes
  - a. Admin – update
  - b. Council for whole parish – AGM – date, time & venue. Please note that the term of office of 5 members is coming to an end.
7. Liturgy
  - a. Sacramental Programme – update
  - b. Lent and Easter Preparations
8. Church building issues
9. Reports from Parish Groups
10. Items raised by parishioners
11. AOB
12. Confirmation of agreed actions
13. Date of next and future meetings, diary dates and volunteer for prayer

**Please let Roy know if you have any further items for the agenda.**

**Dates for the diary:**

PPC meetings: Sundays at 7.30pm: 4<sup>th</sup> February; 4<sup>th</sup> March  
 'Life & Soul+' service for Animate on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
 UCM Mass at St Aidan's 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018