

**OUR LADY OF PEACE AND BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 13 September 2007
in the Lady Chapel
7.30 pm to 9.00 pm**

Present:, Peter Hobbs, Fr Anthony Ikhenoba, Laurie James, Jack Noronha, Ann-Marie Paterson, Norman Preston, Mary Wells, Pat Wells (Chair), Gabrielle Williamson, John Allinson

Apologies:, Colin Forrestal, Norman Preston, Paul Fahey

Resignations: John O'Neill and Mary Wells.

John will remain as chair of the Finance Committee and will report to the PPC quarterly. Mary is moving to Birmingham from October.

The PPC expressed their thanks to both Mary and John for their valued contributions to the Council.

A1 Opening Prayer

A3 The minutes were accepted

A4 Matters arising

Angels choir accommodation is sorted out and are waiting for visas.

Car Parking There was a letter from Earley Town Council requesting us to remind parishioners to park on one side only. Norman Preston is on the Town Council and will act as our link.

A5 Vision for the future - Open meeting

An initial notice will go in the newsletter this week. The 11.00 choir will be asked to get involved in the music. Michelle Harrison is coming from St Joseph's Guildford tp speak about their experience of renewal.

Peter

A6 Life in the Spirit Seminars

Peter has started to assemble the programme. Publicity materials will be available soon (Gabrielle will help with design). Music will also be involved. It was suggested that we can offer transport for those who don't feel comfortable coming out at night. There will be a prayer session for the PPC members to kick-start the process on 8 October at 7.45.

Peter

A7 Liturgy Group - feedback

Mass times for Christmas have been agreed. Midnight, 9.00 and 11.00. There will also be a children's Christmas Service (not Mass) on Christmas Eve.

A8 CAFOD newsletter

It was agreed that the Cafod newsletter should be attached to the parish newsletter (every 2 months)

Pat

A9 Change of name for Club Lounge

The suggestion of a change of name for the Ruth Dady lounge to the Tony Hollinsworth Lounge was discussed and thought to be inappropriate.

Pat

A10 Parish hall floor

The Premises Committee will look at the repair of the floor in the area of the doorways **Norman**

A11 Bethany Society

The Hall will be made available free of charge for the fundraising meal for this charity. It was suggested that some basic fee for heating etc should be set for the future so that the parish does not lose money over such events

A12 Gardening update

The patio area is still not being included. The gardeners will be informed that the area is now safe (ie the water mains repair is complete) and they should include the patio as per their current contract **Jane**

A13 Back to Church Sunday

This was discussed at the Liturgy Group meeting and it was agreed that the Welcome Ministry at EVERY Sunday Mass was to be the focus of attention, not just one Sunday in the year.

A14 Managing and Running Community Buildings

Jane is to be invited to attend this workshop. We will also pass the information to the Premises Committee **Pat**

A15 SVP notice board

The SVP have asked for a notice board. It was agreed that the whole issue of notices in the Advent Room needs to be addressed. Jack will discuss with Ben Krause **Jack**

A16 AOB

Pastoral Area Team. There will be a meeting of all the Pastoral Councils in the Pastoral Area on January 10th at Christ the King. This will begin the discussion of how the parishes can work together with potentially fewer priests in the future **All to note**

Bethany Society. Jack's brother will make a brief (1-2 minutes) statement at Masses after the fundraising meal to thank the parish for its support **Jack**

New members. We need to put out a call for new members for the Pastoral Council. An announcement will be drafted for the newsletter **Pat**

A17 Proposed dates of next meetings – 18th October, 8th November, 13 December

A18 Closing Prayer