

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

**Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 18 October 2007  
in the Lady Chapel  
7.30 pm to 9.30 pm**

**Present:** John Allinson, Paul Fahey, Peter Hobbs, Laurie James, Jack Noronha, Norman Preston, Ann-Marie Paterson, Pat Wells (Chair)

**Apologies:** Colin Forrestal, , Fr Anthony Ikhenoba, Gabrielle Williamson

**A1 Opening Prayer**

John and Pat led our opening prayer and reflection

**A3 Minutes of previous meeting**

Accepted with one correction: Norman Preston was not present.

**A4 Matters Arising**

We note that the SVP have found space on existing notice-boards (see also agenda item A9)

Norman reported on a discussion at Earley Town Council re Aldbourne Avenue. The Town Council has noted with satisfaction that OLOP congregation is responding well to the appeal to use only one side of the road for parking. We note that the road is also used by some people visiting Sol Joel Park.

**A5 Finance update from John O'Neill**

John O'Neill spoke to papers relating to the financial year and explained a number of the figures. We are pleased to note the relative increase in income and, in some areas, reductions in expenditure. We are also pleased to note the reduction in the loan account.

We envisage major expenditure on the hall floor. Norman informed us that Earley Town Council are considering the award of a grant to assist with the maintenance of the Community Centre. We will be providing information to the Town Council regarding the extent to which Earley residents use the building. We thank John for his presentation of the accounts, and we record his, and our own, thanks to Alan Pollard. We reiterate our confidence in the Premises Committee to seek the best estimates from suppliers for the work in the Hall and we look forward to seeing detailed proposals at our next meeting. The application to the Town Council has to be made at the end of the current month.

Jack suggested that we also ask the chosen contractor to quote for a suitable floor covering for the Dominic Barberi Room.

**John and  
Norman**

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and  
Premises  
Committee**

**A6 Vision for the Future – Open meeting feedback**

We thank Peter for his inspirational leadership of the meeting. WE discussed various aspects of the evening. We agree that the feedback forms, once they have been typed up, should be displayed in the Advent Room. We look forward to further developments.

We are very grateful to Michelle and her fellow parishioners from St Joseph's Guildford for the very well presented and stimulating talk.

### **A7 Life in the Spirit Seminars – planning**

Peter reported that plans are in place for the seminars. Parishioners will be asked to commit themselves to the seminars at Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, with a further opportunity on 28<sup>th</sup> October. Peter will speak at 9 am, Pat at 11. and Joan Dils or Pat at 5pm. Some people with previous experience of Life in the Spirit will be approached to speak at sessions, and other will be needed to lead small discussion groups.

### **A8 Liturgy Group**

We note that the Liturgy Group and Fr Anthony have agreed that there will be three masses at Christmas: midnight, 9.00 and 11.00. The children's service on Saturday afternoon will not be a Mass. The scouts will build the frame of the crib and the Children's Liturgy group will attend to the crib figures and other contents.

### **A9 Noticeboards and display areas in the Advent Room**

Jack reported on discussions he had had with Ben Krause. Ben will provide some sketches. In essence, the proposal is that we have boards on walls, free-standing display boards and leaflet stands. Norman agreed to liaise with the Premises Committee on this matter, and we feel it would be right to approach parishioners to see if they can help with the supply of these items, so that potential costs can be kept to a minimum. The noticeboards at the side of the church will also be taken into account.

**Normana  
and Jack**

### **A10 New Members for Pastoral Council**

So far no new names have been put forward. We agree that a personal approach may be more useful than newsletter announcements.

### **A11 Gardening group**

Jack's group has cleared the patio area, and we thank them for their work. The gardeners have now been instructed to take care of it. Jack will get into touch directly with the gardeners.

**Jack**

### **A12 Parish Pantomime**

We are happy that a Parish Pantomime will take place after Christmas. We need to warn Ann and Sian that there may be disruption owing to the work on the hall floor.

### **A13 Feedback on Readers and website**

Reports presented, and attached to these minutes.

#### **A14 AOB**

1. We are pleased to hear that we may be able to procure some copies of Mass leaflets in certain foreign languages.
2. Norman will ask the Town Council about direction signs to the church.
3. We record our immense gratitude to, and appreciation of, the Angel Choir and thank all involved in making this a successful trip.
4. Most pews have now been fixed back in position. Although it is beneficial to have the two front ones moveable we need to find a way of temporarily securing them
5. Norman has asked that we should help him identify a contact within the Catholic hierarchy who would take an interest in the Well Centre/MWEL issues.

**Norman**

**Jack? and  
Premises  
Commtee  
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#### **A15 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **A16 Pastoral Area Team meeting for all PPC members**

This meeting will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **A17 Closing Prayer**

Peter led us in our closing prayer.