

## Minutes of Parish Team Meeting 15/01/20

### Members Present:

Father Stan

John Allison

Evelyn Brooks

Nancy Johnson

Jack Noronha

Bernard Osei

### Apologies for Absence:

Johanna Hipgrove

Stan Wilson

Jean-Sixte D' Hendrecourt

### Reflections on Christmas Programme

Nativity play -the play was delightful, child-led and active. The parish team expressed gratitude to all who helped to prepare and rehearse the children.

Masses: all Masses were very well attended and appreciation was expressed to Father Stan.

Several children responded to Father Stan's request for "Christmas Poems" and a "book" of the poems was printed.

### Correspondence

An e-mail had been received from an (anonymous) parishioner complaining that she had been seriously delayed from leaving 9am Mass on Sunday 12th January due to cars having been parked in the centre of the car park. The cause of the congestion would appear to be that a large group of visitors had attended baptisms at that Mass. An e-mail would be sent to the parishioner apologising and explaining. It was agreed that we should give further consideration to this issue.

Following the recent publication of her book "The History of Reading", we will invite Joan Dils to give a talk at the church, to which we will issue invitations to other parishes.

### Plans for Lent

Stan Wilson has received the materials to deliver the bible study course "Unlocking the Bible". It was agreed to ask Stan to organise this, beginning in Lent. A support team will be needed.

During Lent, an evening of Poetry and Music is planned.

Retreat: Father Linus Clovis will lead a Lent Retreat.

Lent Charity: after discussion, it was agreed that our Lent Charity should be "Friends of Bamenda". John Allinson will lead the fund-raising activities.

### **First Holy Communion:**

Bernard Osei reported that 14 children are preparing for First Holy Communion. He said that attendance at the preparation sessions had been well attended by children, and by parents meeting with Father Stan. It was agreed that a Sunday Mass was the most fitting time to hold the ceremony.

### **Marian Devotion**

The service was very moving and reflective.

### **Parish Celebration**

Thanks were expressed those people organising and taking part in the Parish celebration. It was agreed that the format will be changed next year.

### **Rotas**

The management of Rota preparation will be changed.

### **Masses:**

Attendance at all Masses continues to be very good. The team wished to thank the volunteers providing music at 11am Mass, and to urge further volunteers, including children ,to come forward to join in.

### **Parish Team e-mail**

We asked that enquiries be made by the Parish Office to ascertain the best way to set up a new e-mail address for the Parish team . This will become the vehicle for parishioners to express their views about activities etc.

### **Father Stan's leave.**

Father Stan will take a break for nine days from January 20th .

Following medical advice, and with the Bishops blessing, he will also be away from 4th February for three weeks. Father Chris will be with us during this time.

### **Date of Next Meeting.**

February 25th at 7-30pm

The meeting closed with a prayer at 10-15 .