

**PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS CORE GROUP
MINUTES
20th September 2011**

Present: Fr. Andrew Moss, Alex Hunter, Claire Franklin, Liz Braines (minutes).

Apologies: David Carter

Matters arising from previous minutes

A parishioner suggested a prayer group (non charismatic version) to be run from Merstham – yes if anyone wants to organise.

A request was received for training for Eucharistic ministers in each church – deemed unnecessary.

Integration for ethnic minorities in church. Fr. Andrew had performed a number of house blessings for those from Ethnic minorities. International mass also brought a lot in. Although work still to be done in this area, opportunities are offered.

Music – Fr. Andrew is assisting one parishioner with learning the piano with a view to contributing at Mass in the future

Notice boards: Core group members to manage PPC and core group notice board. Space could be made for DABCEC notices. Claire Franklin to take to PPC that a link to DABCEC go on the website. Notices on windows and pillars are to be discouraged. Icona to manage outside notice board although there is a key in priests house. (*Maybe this could be clearly labelled for use as necessary*).

Welcomers: A request was received for help in welcoming on Saturday evenings or a rota put in place for welcomers. Whilst Ken Longley enjoys welcoming and would still like to be involved, in view of his health he would like more help with putting books away and handing them out, or just to welcome 1 Saturday in 4. At the moment there are problems with the parish database. It cannot call up into on what people have volunteered for.

Action: Fr Andrew will investigate as to there are persons who did the last welcomers' course who might be available.

Bouncing Saturday Mass: Seems well received on whole. A lift rota has been suggested for those that don't drive so they can attend Redhill on a Saturday.

Action - Fr Andrew will place note in newsletter seeking names of those able to offer lift.

Readers training: No action on this from last minutes. A course not necessarily needed. It was suggested that 1:1 sessions could be arranged for those who felt in need of it.

Alex Hunter volunteered for altar service training.

From PPC:

Next meeting at Holy Family on 23rd September at 7.45. Fr. Chris Spain arrives to take over form Fr. Charles as moderator next week. The plans to prioritise the most important issues in

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order for him before his arrival. Structure and purpose of PPC and core group also to be reviewed over coming months.

Other Agenda items:

Harvest Mass, family day and picnic on 25th September and picnic has been planned involving the children's liturgy group, This has been brought forward from 20th November.

A special service is in progress of organisation involving older children, teenagers and young adults on NYS Sunday on 20th November (Christ the King). Plans in progress.

Youth Group in Merstham? Been tried and didn't go down well. We have no candidates of confirmation age at present, but we do have about 2 or 3 coming up to that age. Claire Franklin offered to be a catechist for them for Merstham.

Action: Claire to contact Jane Crouch for more information.

Traidcraft – Fr. Andrew asked why there wasn't a stall at St Teresa. We have tried but met with no success for volunteers to run the stall and a lack of keenness on buyers to buy items.

New Translation. Request for further training at St. Teresa as not many from Merstham had attended Fr. Daryl's talks. Clergy have no capacity to run further courses. New books to be issued eventually and in meantime we have cards to use. A suggestion was made that responses be post on the website.

Singing group. St Teresa has a small singing group who practice sung responses and sung Latin texts at mass. They are not a formal choir as such but sit amongst the congregation and sing. Pat to be approached to ask people he thinks may be interested and an invite can go in newsletter in due course.

Prayer group/Advent group . A parishioner has supplied some texts with an idea for an advent meditation for us to study, either prayerfully in home groups or at church in the weeks running up to Christmas.

Taize style service: In planning for All Souls to take place on Friday 28th October at 7.45 pm at St Teresa. Invited and notices to go to other Anglican and Baptist churches in Merstham. All welcome from all over the parish. Musicians welcome.

Christmas – When he arrives, Fr. Chris to confirm if mass times will remain at 9 pm Christmas Eve and 11 am Christmas morning at St. Teresa. Early warning needed so times can go into Merstham Churches together leaflet for house to house delivery in early December. A suggestion was also made for a children's nativity and carol service to take place in the week/Sunday before Christmas. *Claire to ask David if children's liturgists could arrange one.*

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Thank you to Clare Briffa and Pamela Schwenk for their hard work and support during their time on core group.

Suggestion for core group e-mail if core group continues.

Alex Hunter has also requested to stand down from core group. With sadness his resignation was accepted. And thank you Alex for all your hard work.

Next core group meeting – Wednesday 7th December at 8 pm in St. Joseph's priests house.