



Minutes of the 2017 Lenten Project AGM and Charities Nomination Meeting

Sunday 26th November 2017

1. Opening Prayer.

The meeting opened with a Gospel reflection led by Canon Edward.

2. Circulation of Attendee list. Eight parishioners were present and both Fr Edward and Fr Francis

3. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Mary C Taylor

4. Minutes of 2016 Meeting were agreed and signed as correct.

There were no Matters arising which were not an Agenda Item.

5. Report from the Chairman on the 2017 Lenten Project.

The Parish has once again been very generous in supporting the Lenten Project raising £13,392 (£17,552 in 2016). There were over 20 events (24 in 2016) held involving hundreds of parishioners.

Special thanks must go to:-

- Elspeth Casey who organised and led the Sponsored Walk. They covered 76 miles in 48 hours, an incredible achievement which raised over £2000. Together with helpers she also organised the ever popular Table Top Sale raising £1146. Greenfield Estate Agents generously sponsored the Grand Draw to the tune of £500 through her efforts.
- George Hoskins for organising the Grand Draw which raised £1080. Together with Heather once again they organised the Quiz Night raising £372
- The UCM and KSC for the sum of £724 raised from their Jumble Sale and the UCM for the Cake Sale which raised £342.
- The Syro-Malabar Community for the Southern India Evening which raised the sum of £1345
- The Youth SVP washed cars and raised £225
- Sandra Batty held her Plant sale and raised £188
- Noah's Ark raised £72
- The Justice and Peace Big Breakfast raised £62
- The Krispy Kreme Sale raised £124
- Two other Cake sales, including the Cup Cakes, raised £251 and £178
- OLI School raised £273
- The Maundy Thursday Collection amounted to £286
- The Project Boxes raised £2411 + Gift Aid (£5000 in 2016)

- Gift Aid on all monies raised makes a significant contribution and we collected £366 extra at no extra cost to Tax paying parishioners.
- Jonathan Lobb for his work as the Project Treasurer
- Monica for help with the Administration
- Finally thanks must go to all parishioners who support the Project in any way at all and often work behind the scenes supporting others.

A Vote of Thanks was given to Phil Townsend for all his hard work as Chairman of the Lenten Project for several years.

6. Treasurers Report.

A Financial Statement was circulated (copy available on the Website). It was reported that all monies collected had now been distributed. Thanks had also been received from some of the Charities involved. A short discussion ensued regarding certain items which were answered by Jonathan.

7. Committee Posts and sharing of work.

- With only 8 parishioners (plus 2 priests) present there had not been any Nominations for Chairman, Treasurer or Administrator. Both Phil and Jonathan stated that they would be willing to act in those positions for another year. They were elected unanimously.
- There were no Volunteers to take on the Administration role. Monica indicated that she was not able to continue in this role as indicated at the last meeting. However she would ensure that the Minutes were completed along with the known (as of 1st December) Diary dates for 2018.
- Posters advertising events will be prepared by Marie-Helene Cook who asks that anyone holding an event contacts her in good time so that the posters can be prepared. If you intend to provide your own advertising, please let her know so that there is no duplication. An email address for this will appear in the Newsletter in due course.
- Boxes will be distributed at all Masses by
6.30pm Allan & Marie-Helene Cook / Joe and Antoinette Sebastian
9am Elspeth Casey/ George Hoskins
11am Townsend family
6pm Jonathan Lobb
- **ALL events planned should be arranged directly with Canon Edward or Antoinette in the office. (info@olionline.co.uk or 020 8399 9550).**
- To date we have information on the following
 - a) 10th March 2018 Sri Lankan Evening
 - b) 17th March 2018 St Patricks Day Event
 - c) 17th/18th March Table Top Sale
 - d) 7th April 2018 Southern Indian Evening

We have been informed that there will be a Quiz Night, Sponsored Walk,

8. Charity Nominations for 2018

There were 6 nominations and all those proposing the various Charities spoke about the projects. A vote then took place and the following 4 were adopted.

- **Human Trafficking and Slavery Project in Benin**

Pope Francis set up the Santa Marta Group as a means of addressing the very real modern day problem of trafficking and slavery. The Archbishop of Benin together with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are running a project to help change the mind sets of the local communities, especially the young people. Girls, women and very young minors are being trafficked from these endemic areas to all parts of the world for cheap labour, domestic servitude and the commercial sex trade.

- **Home of Mercy and Hope in Nigeria**

The Diocese of Uromi has recently set up a project for a Care Home for the Elderly. Many of the younger people from the area have left and gone to find work in the towns and cities often leaving the elderly alone. This is a new project and although they have a building which has been provided, it is very poorly equipped and lacks basic necessities like, beds, bedding, chairs etc. The Sisters of St Louis are handling the day to day running of the Home. Since being set up, it has enabled contact to be re-established with some of their relatives as it is in a more accessible place. Some of the residents have no relatives to care for them.

- **Hlkdec Centre Jaffna.**

This orphanage caters for children who were originally in camps after being displaced from areas involved in the unrest and wars in the area. It now caters for children between the ages of 3 and 16 years. They provide housing, clothing and education to those in areas where poverty is endemic and the need for funds to continue this work is essential.

- **Educate for India**

This project works directly with every child and family in Mandwa Panchayat, a remote rural village in Rajasthan. They aim to transform their lives through quality education and health services. Maternal services from early pregnancy to childhood; running a school from kindergarten to 14 years old; sponsoring 14-18 years old in institutions outside the area to help the development of their vocational skills.; facilitating women's groups to create and increase alternative means of income for the village.

9. A.O.B.

There were no other items tabled for discussion

10. Date of next meeting

It is not necessary at this time to arrange a meeting and all issues will be dealt with by email.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm