

St John the Baptist and St Kentigern Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 2 July 2024

Present: Fr Jeremy, Anne Simpson, Karen Birnie, Brian Murray, Rita Phillips, Martin Spears, Marlene McCallum

1. **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with a prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in making decisions.
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposed – Rita; Seconded - Karen
3. **Matters Arising from Meeting on 14 May 2024**
 - a) **Sycamore programme:** This would go ahead in September as planned with Fr Jeremy still being in the parish for the first session. A laptop and speakers would need to be procured as the ones used previously belong to Fr Jeremy. Different methods of downloading the video content for use in the sessions were discussed. Wi-Fi in St John's Hall was probably not an option, although Martin volunteered to check the Wi-Fi plug to see if it might be possible to stream in the hall. Brian to investigate if a family laptop could be donated. A Bluetooth speaker to be obtained. A trial of the technical possibilities to take place at the rearranged planning meeting for Sycamore volunteers. The date of Tuesday 13 August was agreed. Marlene to inform the volunteer team. Fr Jamie McMorrin to be invited to the meeting. Promotion of the Sycamore Enquiry Course would be mainly by parishioners inviting people to attend but Fr Jeremy would also print posters and flyers to be displayed in St John's hall and in suitable locations.
Action: Brian/Martin/Marlene/Fr Jeremy
 - b) **Parish Mission :** The feedback had been very positive. Attendance had been good. It was agreed that a new PA system for both halls was needed.
 - c) **St John the Baptist Feast Day:** Martin was thanked for his hard work with the barbecue and everyone who helped in any way was thanked for their efforts in making the day a success.
4. **Parishioners Suggestions**

In response to a parishioner's enquiry, Karen said she would be promoting Fairtrade products at St Kentigern's during Fairtrade Fortnight in September. Anne to speak to Thomas Hastie at the weekend and tell him Karen would be happy to liaise with him about celebrating the event in St John's.

Action: Anne/Karen
5. **Any Other Business**
 - To mark Fr Jeremy's move from the parish it was decided that, on his last Sunday in the parish, there would be events in both churches after the 9.30 and 11.30 Masses. St Kentigern's would hold a breakfast-type event and St John's a lunch. Parishioners would be welcome to attend either event or both. **Action: All**
 - Rita to ask Tracey Phillips if she would offer a training session at St John's on the use of the defibrillator. Arrangements for regular checking of the defibrillators and First Aid boxes in both churches needed to be put in place. **Action: Rita**
6. **Date of Next Meeting:** No further meeting was arranged due to the clergy moves in September and the rules governing Parish Pastoral Councils in these circumstances. Anne thanked Marlene for her administrative efforts and Fr Jeremy thanked all members for their support.
The meeting closed with prayer at 9.00pm.