

St. Thomas More Church, Hartley Wintney

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 29th April 2008

Present:

Geoff Jennings (chairman), Fr David Mahy, Fr Dominic Adeiza, Margaret Jennings, Anne Stanley, Carole Johnson, June Walsh, Claire Baldwin, Marian Sandle, John Marcotti (minutes)

Apologies:

1 *Finance*

Figures for the last tax year have been sent to Jonathan Plumtree. The total amount on which gift aid is recoverable was £6400.

It was suggested that we should have a separate Finance Committee. Yately has a Finance Committee; anything involving money is dealt with by the Finance Committee.

Our quinquennial inspection is now due. Geoff has arranged for an architect to visit on 6th June.

We expressed our gratitude to Fr Tim Jelf for celebrating Mass for us at Christmas and Easter, but noted that he has not yet cashed his cheque from Christmas. Fr David will remind him, and we will wait until the Christmas cheque has been cashed before sending him his supply fee for Easter.

2 *Clustering*

It was suggested that we need a council to take care of pastoral matters; also, we should have a framework to develop social relations within the parish and with Yately. We don't particularly want to form additional committees, but these could be functions of the Good Shepherds group.

There was discussion about joint bulletins and a joint social programme. We will wait until the 3-month trial period is over. The approach should be that closer integration should not be rushed, but will evolve with time.

3 *CRB checks*

We have a number of Eucharistic Ministers who need to be checked. Carole will follow this up.

4 *Website*

We had a brief discussion about the website. There is no intention that the website should replace the bulletin, but rather it should be viewed as an alternative and supplementary channel of communication.

A number of different types of content for the website were suggested:

- Photo gallery of social events
- Forms for download, such as baptismal forms
- Rotas (but beware of confidential information)

John will consider these and other ideas and report back in due course.

5 *Any other business*

Geoff concluded by informing Fr Dominic that the whole congregation was looking forward to the return of Sunday morning Mass and expressing our gratitude to the clergy and parishioners of St Swithun's for making it possible.