

**St. Aidan's Joint Parish Council and Finance Committee Meeting
September 6th 2022 at 7pm in St. Aidan's Church Hall
Minutes**

- **Present:** Fr Sean, Bernie L, Joanne T, Claire C, Pat A, Alison R, Frank G. Charmaine F, Sheila C, Pat S.
- **Apologies for Absence:** Julia F.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Parish Finances Update:**

Please find a comparison at the end of this document of Year to Date figures for the current tax year (2022/23) against the previous four years.

Fr Sean advised that while his salary was shared between St. Mary's and St. Aidan's, living costs currently were not. St. Aidan's will begin to contribute from end Sept/Oct.
- **Items identified by Fr. Sean not on the agenda**
 - **Energy Bills**

Discussed ways in which we can minimise heating bills, by turning down the thermostat, switching off alternate radiators in the hall, switching off the heating before people leave and not having it come on during days when the building is not in use (including for some exercise classes). Agreed it is not unreasonable to expect people to wear coats during mass in winter.

ACTION: Fr Sean to speak to Andy Farmer for advice
 - **Use of Hall**

Children's Liturgy was due to return. Agreed to restart coffee mornings on 25th Sept to coincide with the plant sale.

ACTION: A note is to be placed in the newsletter appealing for more volunteers with coffee mornings and in general.
 - **Parish Secretary**

Warm welcome to Joanne Thompson in her new role as parish secretary. Joanne already produces the newsletter and runs the website with Andrew and has now taken over St. Aidan's finances. Thanks were given to Claire for doing this previously. Joanne can be contacted on parishsecretary@mail.com.
 - **Update on Presbytery**

Units are in, but not yet decorated. Turning on the water off in the presbytery had also stopped the water to the sacristy. This needs to be investigated further. The new fence has blocked off access to the gardener's shed.
- **Minutes from Meeting on 8.6.2022 and Matters Arising**
 1. The minutes were agreed.
 2. COVID precautions. May need to return to masks in winter.
 3. The new projector has been fitted, but would still like to have music. John MacDonald had hymns on media card, just need to work out how to use it!

4. Work on men's toilets still ongoing following problems with initial contractor. Also work to move tabernacle.
5. The bishop will visit in Dec and will say mass on 4th Dec.
6. Justice & Peace plant sale taking place on 25th Sept, organised by Julia.
7. Jesmond St.Mary partnership. Canon Bill Agley and Fr Jonathon Bowes are leaving our Partnership and are moving to South Shields.
8. Julia has shared the next step in the Synodal process from the Bishops of England and Wales (attached below for reference).
9. Arrangements for Christmas cribs. Could we get a new set of figures?
ACTION: Fr Sean to speak to the person who bought the figures for St Marys
10. Mission red boxes. Bernie found a bag with paying in slips, cheques and a folder from Margaret.

ACTION: Charmaine to pick this up. Advised St Mary's in Sunderland will know who to contact (Mill Hill Missioners/Pontifical Mission Society?)

- **A.O.B.** Fr Sean gave the good news that Alison will be ordained as a deacon next June/July. Thought to be given to what the parish can do to promote his ordination.
- A special collection is to be taken for the Pakistan flood appeal. Agreed to delay the Mission Sunday collection to accommodate it.
- The meeting closed with a prayer.
- **Date of Next Meeting :** Wednesday, 2 Nov 2022



Appendix

Financial comparison

		2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19
Loose plate collection	April	1,433.00	550.00	0.00	1,064.80	809.00
	May	1,075.50	1055.50	0.00	781.00	654.30
	June	802.50	1257.50	0.00	910.00	706.50
	July	871.50	961.00	0.00	779.50	906.50
	August	730.00	715.00	0.00	941.00	466.00
Envelopes and standing orders	April	1,502.00	961.00	663.00	1,082.20	1,711.00
	May	896.00	927.00	653.00	952.00	1,070.00
	June	844.00	868.50	683.00	1,016.00	1,084.50
	July	818.00	1,459.00	633.00	941.50	1,173.50
	August	261.00	876.00	683.00	936.00	852.00
Rents	April	255.00	0.00	0.00	801.00	1,071.00
	May	240.00	240.00	0.00	383.00	1,692.20
	June	678.00	0.00	0.00	1,223.00	815.00
	July	613.00	0.00	0.00	853.00	1,230.00
	August	132.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	761.00
Total Income	April	4,354.00	2010.00	663.00	5,020.00	4,932.00
	May	2,556.00	2671.00	653.00	2,968.00	3,669.00
	June	3,123.00	2136.00	683.00	4,059.00	2,871.00
	July	2,481.00	2486.00	633.00	3,134.00	5,537.00
	August	1,391.00	1591.00	683.00	2,314.00	2,173.00
Heat & Light	April	0.00	2,579.06*	117.05	0.00	280.34
	May	434.74	111.69	324.08	286.13	93.80
	June	117.31	64.02	393.75	501.19	93.80
	July	173.97	619.47	307.63	0.00	933.55
	August	0.00	0.00	97.23	616.69	93.80
Total for period		726.02	3,374.24	1,239.74	1,404.01	1,495.29
Total Costs	April	908.49	3,514.24	844.38	2,550.76	4,059.38
	May	6,018.26	1,111.48	710.58	6,476.62	2,075.64
	June	832.24	906.31	695.90	1,826.88	2,702.24
	July	673.97	1,618.05	667.63	3,323.11	4,373.50
	August	225.00	570.00	199.18	7,415.34	1,583.83
Total Income - Total Costs	April	3,445.51	1,504.24	181.38	2,469.24	872.62
	May	3,462.26	1,559.52	57.58	3,508.62	1,593.36
	June	2,290.76	1,229.69	12.90	2,232.12	168.76
	July	1,807.03	867.95	34.63	189.11	1,163.50
	August	1,166.00	1,021.00	483.82	5,101.34	589.17

*The April 2021/22 heating figure includes the cost of running the large dryers in the presbytery following the water leak