

St. Aidan's Joint Parish Council and Finance Committee
Meeting 18th January 2023 at 7pm
St. Aidan's Church Hall
Minutes

Present: Fr Sean; Frank G; Alison R; Bernie L; Charmaine F; Gosia C; Joanne T

1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Received from Pat A; Pat S; Sheila C and Julia F	ACTION
2.	<u>Opening Prayer</u> Led by Fr Sean	
3.	<u>Parish Finance Update from Joanne T</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current account remains steady with a little over £20K in coffers. • Dec outgoings did surpass income, but this was due to extraordinary expenses including new oven for church hall; repairs to toilet; work on audio equipment in church and new nativity crib. • Annual music licence has been purchased. This covers actual masses & online streaming. • Parish committed giving – in excess of £500 p/m • Hall hire rental – in excess of £400 p/m • Three months of gas bills have been received to be paid in January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - October - £255.97 - November - £510.55 - December - £1126.57 <p>Fr Sean recalled the issue with the boiler in December which saw it over-ride timer and max temperature settings. This was addressed by engineer and Dec bill should be seen as an anomaly.</p> <p>Bernie L noted that Jan outgoings will be high but we have funds to manage this.</p>	
4.	<u>Items identified by Fr. Sean not on the agenda</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presbytery House – Fr Sean and Bernie L viewed house before Christmas. Work now complete and to a good standard. The house is available to rent through Sarah Mains (www.onthemarket.com/details/12676054/) • Rental income, after agent fee, will be St Aidan's parish income. • To date, there have been no enquiries. 	
5.	<u>Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd November 2022</u> Minutes agreed. Minutes to be added to www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com	JT

6.	<p><u>Lent</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison R will lead Stations of the Cross on a Friday evening during Lent at 630pm There will be no service on Friday 17th March as Alison is unavailable – this will be advertised in advance in the bulletin Repost links to online Stations of the Cross previously recorded by Fr Sean Date for Service of Reconciliation during Holy Week to be confirmed. 	<p>AR</p> <p>JT</p> <p>JT</p> <p>SH</p>
7.	<p><u>Dismantling Crib & Storage of new Nativity Figures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note in bulletin re boxes, free to a good home or please help dismantle and recycle Charmaine volunteered to clear some space in cupboard under the stairs Alison will then store small window crib at the back w/c 23rd Jan Large altar figures then wrapped in bubble wrap and placed in cupboard after mass on Sun 29th Jan Request for volunteer to assist in bulletin. Charmaine F noted she was happy to help put bins out / bring back in when Bernie L is unavailable. 	<p>JT</p> <p>CF</p> <p>AR</p> <p>JT</p> <p>CF / BL</p>
8.	<p><u>Recruitment to Parish Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bernie L suggested advertising next meeting as an open meeting with all parishioners invited to come along. It is hoped this will engage more people and garner more support. <u>Parish Census Form (w/c 22 Jan 2023)</u> To coincide with this weekend's Gospel – The Call of the First Disciples, Parish Registration forms will be distributed on Sunday morning, with people asked to complete and return during Mass. Joanne T handed out a draft. It was requested that Parish Council / Music / PowerPoint Support be added to the tick boxes of interest. <u>The form has been approved by the Diocese in terms of GDPR</u> Fr Sean will bring forms with him on Sunday. IMPORTANT – completed forms <u>must be stored safely</u> as they contain personal details. Additional forms will be available for those not at Mass this weekend Database will be collated with willing volunteers highlighted. 	<p>JT</p> <p>JT</p> <p>SH</p> <p>BL</p> <p>JT</p> <p>JT</p>
9.	<p><u>Jesmond St Mary Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fr Sean noted that Partnership work may be restricted while the Diocese has no Bishop and that as a Council the main objective is to support our Parish at this moment in time. 	

10.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diocese has booked the Church Hall to host their course for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Tues 31st Jan, 7pm – 9pm Tues 7th Feb, 7pm – 9pm Sat 11th Feb 1030am – 330pm (with commissioning mass at 3pm) Bernie L will meet Fr Adrian Dixon before the first session to give him a key and explain alarm code. Frank G kindly volunteered to open and prepare Church for the Mass on Saturday 11th Feb for 3pm. Bernie kindly volunteered to email Frank to remind him! Alison will give Eucharistic Adoration service on the first Monday of the month at 6pm. This will begin on Monday 6th February to be noted in bulletin. Alison will train and support new Altar Servers as two will be leaving at the end of the academic year. Three children have shown an interest in taking part. Audio Engineered identified that the Digital Hymn Player is an American version which may explain why tunes and speed are often different to what is expected! More modern / British versions are available and perhaps replacing would be an opportunity to strip back some of the excess equipment that is in the church. Charmaine F asked if it is possible to have a free trial period – Fr Sean to make enquiries. Gosia C confirmed she was aware that collection envelopes for next year had arrived. 	<p>BL</p> <p>FG</p> <p>BL</p> <p>AR</p> <p>JT</p> <p>AR</p> <p>SH</p>
11.	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm Note in bulletin that all are welcome 	<p>JT</p>

The meeting closed at 8pm