

St. Aidan's Joint Parish Council and Finance Committee Meeting
November 2nd 2022 7pm
St. Aidan's Church Hall
Minutes

Present: Fr Sean; Bernie L; Gosia C; Alison R; Sheila C; Pat A: Pat S; Frank G; Joanne T; Julia F.

Neither Charmaine F nor Lucy M. were able to attend the meeting

- Opening Prayer The prayer was led by Fr Sean
- **Parish Finances update** Joanne reported that she is currently undergoing Diocesan training for new systems involving such matters as inputting Data
Gosia reported that Gift Aid envelopes would be ordered as in previous years.
- **Update on Presbytery** Although several snags have delayed the completion of repairs to the house, the group agreed that, when appropriate, it should be let by Sarah Mains, Estate Agent
- **Building issues** (Men's toilets; Hall kitchen oven) Several difficulties have arisen that, so far, despite much effort, no progress has been made.
- **Items identified by Fr. Sean not on the agenda** - There were no such items
- **Minutes of meeting held on September 6th and Matters arising not covered on tonight's agenda :**
 1. No information about the visit of Bishop Robert on 4 December is yet available
 2. New figures for the Christmas Crib have been bought. During Advent & over Christmas a crib and figures will be on both the main altar and in front of the window between the main and hall doors, to be visible from outside.
 3. Tins or packets of food may be left on or near the counter outside the hall for collection for the Refugee Project.
- **Justice and Peace Group Update** - As there is no longer any *FAIRTRADE* Project business at St Aidan's, the Justice & Peace Bank Account is to be cleared and closed. Any further J&P transactions will be made through St Aidan's parish account.
£649 will be shared among local & overseas charities.

- **Jesmond St. Mary Partnership** Minutes of the October meeting were sent out recently Amongst other matters it was reported that :
 1. The Partnership Chair R. Blackburn is a member of the Lay Pastoral Forum. This group is a way to take any queries or concerns to the bishop.
 2. The Diocese is now entering into Phase 2 of the Synod. Areas being looked at in this phase are (1) Developing as a co-responsible church (Next year is the Year of Vatican II), (2) Welcome and Inclusion (3) Formation and Worship/Liturgy (4) Growing in Synodality and listening. For other matters see the attached minutes.
- **Sunday Coffee Mornings** It was agreed that money raised from the Sunday morning coffee mornings will be donated to charities, a decision about which charities will be made at a later date.
- **AOB** None
- **Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 18 January at 7 00 p.m.
- **Closing Prayer**



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