



Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of
St. Mary, Mother of God, Hornchurch
Wednesday 15th June 2016

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PRESENT:	Fr. Martin Fletcher, Eddie Allen (Chair), Brian J Rodgers (Secretary) and 16 members of the parish.
APOLOGIES:	Pat Edwards, Sara O'Brien, Kathy O'Dea, Dominica Olewunne, Trisa Mahoney.
The meeting, in the Van Meenen Room, commenced at 20:08hrs with a welcome and prayers.	
	ACTIONS
MINUTES	
The minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were adopted and signed, with no matters arising. Secretary apologised for not re-issuing them since last year.	
PARISH PRIEST	
<p>A big Thank You to everyone who helps in the parish. The change to one priest means an adjustment to the running of the parish.</p> <p>May get an extra priest but only for one year, primarily to look after the hospital.</p> <p>A lot more Eucharistic Ministers are taking Communion to the Hospital and homes.</p> <p>Piety Shop is doing well.</p> <p>R.C.I.A. is good this year.</p> <p>Exposition now every Thursday afternoon. We need to be a parish of prayer.</p> <p>Closer links with the school, a wonderful Head teacher.</p> <p>Fr. Martin went with the Isle of Wight school trip; he learnt the joys of kayaking! Everywhere they went, everyone said it was the best group they had had.</p> <p>Sacramental programmes continuing. Confirmation group going to Walsingham House in a few weeks. A big Thank You to everyone involved in the sacramental programmes.</p> <p>There will be a Ghanaian priest here during the summer.</p> <p>Training session the previous Saturday for altar servers – about 28-30 youngsters.</p> <p>Need ideas for musicians for Masses – it is one area we need to concentrate on.</p> <p>Still need help with opening (and sometimes closing) the church.</p> <p>The previous Sunday, the noise level at 9.30am Mass was the worst he had experienced. Delia cautioned about being very careful what we say to people with noisy children – it may cause upset if there are reasons we are not aware of. Jane said she mentions it at baptismal courses but agreed it is a very fine line. She has obtained a copy of the paperwork they give out and Brentwood and feels we could adapt it for our parish.</p> <p>Jo Challis suggested adapting the porch to make it feel more welcoming and part of the church.</p> <p>Each Tuesday, part of the school attends the morning Mass, starting at 9.10am instead of 8.30am.</p>	
REPORTS	
Printed copies distributed before the meeting:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 100 Club Coffee Shop 2. Church Choir 3. Flower Group 	



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<p>4. Organist/Pianist 5. R.C.I.A. Journey in Faith 6. Repairs and Maintenance Committee 7. Knights of St Columba 8. St Vincent de Paul Society 9. St Mary's Youth Club</p> <p>Copies of the Reports are available on request.</p>	
<p>ELECTIONS</p>	
<p>Continuing to serve: Gary Redmond, Trisa Mahoney, Dominica Olewunne, Frances Rodgers, Jo Challis and Tony Bennett. There were six vacancies on the Parish Council, three from those standing down after 4 years, one eligible for re-election following completion of 2 years and two from resignations for personal reasons. Susan Squire agreed to nomination for re-election. Nominations were also received for Pat Edwards, Brenda Kivlehan, Jo Luxton and Teresa Young. The meeting voted to accept these five nominations, which leaves one vacancy outstanding.</p>	
<p>OTHER BUSINESS</p>	
<p>Information – discussion followed about getting reports and other information published promptly. Repairs & Maintenance – Susan raised the point that we need to get money to carry out necessary work which, if left undone, will become much bigger and more expensive problems. Jo Challis talked about the Financial Statement, the first she has done. The meeting agreed that we need to tell the parish the facts about income and expenditure, and try to persuade people to give more. Eddie suggested picking a few specific targets for fund-raising and beginning the push in September, when the holidays are over. This will be put on the agenda for the July meeting.</p>	
<p>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 20th July 2016 Parish Annual Meeting – Wednesday 21st June 2017</p>	
<p>Eddie thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed with prayers at 20:42.</p>	
<p>Brian J. Rodgers Secretary</p>	<p>Signed: Chairperson Eddie Allen.</p>
<p>17th June 2016</p>	<p>Date 22nd June 2017</p>