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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting, St. Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Fr. Martin Fletcher, Eddie Allen (Chair), Tony Bennett, Joanne Challis, Brenda Kivlehan, Roland Kivlehan, Jo Luxton, Trisa Mahoney, Gary Redmond, Frances Rodgers, Brian Rodgers (Secretary).
<b>PARISH REPS/OBSERVERS:</b>	John Fells, Fr Sabu Pariyadan.
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Pat Edwards, Jean Horan, Susan Squire, Jane Tatam, Teresa Young.
The meeting was held in the Presbytery Dining Room and commenced at 20:02 with a welcome and prayers.	
<b>MINUTES</b>	
The minutes of the meeting of 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 were approved and signed by the Chair.	
<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>
<b>Sacraments</b> – length of First Communion training sessions. Still to be discussed by Jane and Fr. Martin <b>52.46</b> – Parish Hall fire exits. Fire Brigade carried out an assessment. The Hall has more than enough exits to satisfy requirements. Emergency lighting is needed. St Mary's Presents is raising money for this.	<b>Jane/Fr.M</b>
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
Jane Tatam will no longer be attending Parish Council meetings but is contactable through the Parish Office.	
<b>PARISH PRIEST'S POINTS</b>	
<b>Sacraments</b> – dates have not yet been fixed for First Holy Communion and May Queen Procession. As the parish is broke and needs the income, collections will be made at these Masses. Reconciliation for the First Holy Communion groups will be on Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 10am and for the following 3 Saturdays. John Fells said he had spoken with Mr Leech who will put a reminder about reconciliation in the parents' magazine. Youth Mass on Saturday night. Now have a TV/monitor in the Van Meenen Room. Gary has ordered blinds for the room. Newspaper racks for the porch will be arriving soon. The Parish Priests plaque needs updating but Adrian Bell said the man who used to do it has retired. Fr Martin expressed thanks to all who assisted with the Bishop's visitation. As advised by the Parish Council, Fr Martin read out his letter regarding noise in church. He is also doing a leaflet, based on a Brentwood one, about bringing children to church. He wants a vision for the parish. School and parish both run events but he wants some common occasions, social and maybe spiritual. He is putting in the diary some events such as May Queen Procession, with refreshments in Hall afterwards; with the school, doing a Lenten project, perhaps CAFOD. At another parish, on Maundy Thursday, those who collected money presented it on the altar steps. Another idea is a Rich Man/Poor Man meal. Everyone buys a ticket – 10 lucky numbers are picked out and they get a 3-course meal; the rest get bread and soup. John Fells mentioned that previously they had a Youth Mass in Lent but now won't as they will have the regular Youth Mass in November. Trip to Aylesford on June 10 <sup>th</sup> 2017. Each year do a similar spiritual event. An e-mail received from Fr Philip Denton, the dean, asking if we are twinned with a South African parish and if not, would we like to be? Frances and others explained that we have links with Piet	<b>Fr. Martin</b>



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Youth Club tuck shop repainted, thanks to Gary, Martin and Co. Would like to put a statue in there. The Club contributed to the painting. Membership 60+, with average attendance of 45.		
<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>		
<b>52. General items.</b> <b>56. Parish Room and Table Store</b> – piano needs getting rid of. Perhaps ask if any parishioner would be interested in taking it. There are other items in the Store that need removing. <b>57. Parking</b> – Gary said this is bad, particularly at 9.30am Mass – people park wherever they like. A group will have to stand out there and steward it. Gary suggested handing out leaflets about parking. Start after Christmas. Jo Luxton suggested starting 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan. <b>58. Recognition for work on School and Playground over the summer</b> – John Fells wondered if the whole group could be awarded a Bene Merenti Medal. Fr. Martin felt this was not the appropriate award. Gary felt we should have a thanksgiving Mass for those who help in the parish community. Perhaps a community event around the time of the AGM (June).		
<b>DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING</b>		
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2016, 8:00pm The Presbytery.		
<b>FORTHCOMING MEETINGS – Provisional dates</b>		
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2017, 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2017, AGM 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2017, 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017, 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017, 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017. <b>[Please put these dates in your diaries]</b>		
The meeting closed with prayers at 21:18.		
Brian J. Rodgers <b>Secretary</b>	<b>Signed:</b> Eddie Allen <b>Chairperson</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	<b>Date</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2017	