

Present: Simon Knowles, PPC Chairperson Frank Gilchrist, Secretary
Eileen Agar, Faith and Light Charlotte Burrell, Children's Liturgy & Youth Representative
Phil Bothamley, Fairtrade Phil Geeney, Church's Together;
Bob Archibald, Area Rep

- 1 **OPENING PRAYER:** led by Simon Knowles at 7.35 pm
- 2 **APOLOGIES:** Fr George Corrie, Parish Priest Jeff McGillan, Justice & Peace
Christine Wray, Head of St. Mary's School; Chris Clissitt, Communications
- 3 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (of 13 January 2011) were approved.
- 4 **MATTERS ARISING & ACTIONS** Taken under relevant sections

5 MEMBERS REPORTS

Parish Groups: Faith & Light; Fairtrade; St. Mary's School; Family Life Ministry; Shrine Group; Youth; Justice & Peace; Churches Together; Christian Aid; Pastoral Group; Area Representatives.

Members Reports appear in the Parish Annual Report for April 2010 – April 2011

Faith & Light (Eileen Agar)

Eileen reported on declining numbers (some 6 Handicapped & 6 helpers). Small numbers and ecumenical nature of the group, had led to Fr. George being asked not to say a Mass. Fr. did however, lead prayers. There would be a meeting on 17 April. A small Easter garden was planned to be left in Church. Simon would appeal for funds at three masses over a weekend. (Eileen has photos which could be used over the appeal weekend)

ACTION: Simon Knowles

Fairtrade (Phil Bothamley)

Phil reported sales up 28% over the year. M&S were about to sign up to an exclusive Fairtrade deal to sell only Fairtrade honey. The Fairtrade fortnight had been a success. Over £100 was raised. The raffle for the hamper was well received. Thanks to Jeff McGillan

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School (Christine Way)

The PPC was grateful for the interesting reports from the school. The Annual report showed some of the exceptional activities undertaken during the year.

Our Lady of the Crag – Shrine Group (Peter Thornes)

This is a small, very active group, who look after the shrine and arrange services. Viv Thornes who has been Chair of the group has just resigned after many years service. The PPC expressed their thanks for all her hard work and her contribution to the success in making the Crag Shrine what it is today..

Children's Liturgy/ Youth representative St. Mary's Youth (Charlotte Burrell)

Children's liturgy is going from strength to strength. Very young ones have their liturgy in the office. More helpers would enable parents to not feel the need to accompany their children to each liturgy. Children had their own special stations of the cross after Mass. Marian events were being planned for May. Youth Club (about 30 children Yrs 6,7,8) meet each month. Prayer & Pizza has made a good start. Next one after Easter.

Justice & Peace (Jeff McGillan & Bob Archibald)

Jeff and Bob reported that some 25-30 people were contributing via the envelope scheme. There was some discussion about potential overlap with the missions (APF) scheme. A letter had been received from a Fr. Abbe Nazaire, but we felt unable to extend help beyond the 3 existing commitments. They had written to Fr. Francis in Tanzania. Money had been used for medicines. A new centre is being constructed.

Phil Geeney knew of an organisation involved with distribution of medicines, and would try to find out more.

ACTION: Phil Geeney

Churches Together Phil Geeney,

There is a new chairman, a vicar from a Knaresborough parish. The chamber of Commerce is organising a "lavish" Easter event. Churches Together will take part with an "Easter message" tableau.

6 PARISH INITIATIVES

Church Shop

This was proving successful, both selling Christian literature and Fairtrade goods (especially chocolate!). It was felt that perhaps two people should "manage" the shop, one "back office" to look after order goods etc. and one "front office" i.e. the selling.

Links with Mostar and Jablanica Six parishioners are visiting this year.

Communications - newsletter / parish guide / contact database/Atrium (Chris Clissitt)

It was felt that more use could be made of the contact database.

Perhaps we should consider sending emails from the church

We could send new parishioners an "information pack" including details of parish groups and activities, our web address etc

The PPC agreed to post their photographs up on the noticeboard.

ACTION:Chris Clissitt, Simon Knowles

Perhaps we could include more "Social" events on the notice boards – with photos. Weddings, baptisms etc.

ACTION:Chris Clissitt, Simon Knowles

Church Car Park Simon was seeking quotes to re-tarmac the car park.

7 CHURCH CLEANING/MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS Church hall roof repair now complete.

8 FUTURE MEETINGS 7:30 pm Thurs 14 July 2011 & 7:30 pm Thurs 13 October 2011

9 AOB Simon thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting with a prayer at 9.00 pm.

FUTURE MEETINGS & EVENTS 2011

	21 May	First Holy Communion
4:00 pm	5 June	Annual shrine mass of the York & Leeds Carmelite spirituality group