

MINUTES OF PARISHIONERS' MEETING ON TUESDAY 14th. MAY 2019.

Colin opened the meeting with a prayer to Our Blessed Lady.

PRESENT. Lesley Jackson, Jim Cleary, Paul Birch, Moira Hodgson, Eric Parker, Ann Parker, Colin Yates and Anne Yates.

APOLOGIES. Margaret Worden, Jean Goodall and Neil Goodall.

SPONSORED WALK. The proposed date for The Parish Sponsored Walk was 23rd. June 2019 with proceeds to St. Charles Church and not the Third World Group as in previous years. Jean and Neil will organise refreshments at a point mid way along the walk, Paul will organise maps, routes, cards etc. and will see the walkers off at the start point. Colin will contact Jo Hird re the date for the school barbecue if one is planned. Colin has designed a poster for Paul's approval. An informal meeting after Mass this coming Sunday to discuss details further. The schoolchildren and their families to be encouraged to take part and other parishes to be notified.

REMOVAL OF PULPIT. Those attending were asked how they would feel about removing the pulpit and replacing it with a lectern. Eric has established that the pulpit can be removed with very little problem. Nobody was against this so it was agreed to go ahead. It is proposed to purchase an oak lectern which will fit with the background at the back of the sanctuary.

CHURCH LIGHTING. We are still awaiting a response from Coopers who have been to assess what is needed to replace the faulty lighting and Eric said he would chase this up. It is intended to replace the existing system with LED lights which will save money in time and last longer.

SOUND SYSTEM. Colin is still waiting for Romers to get back to him re improving the sound system. Paul suggested a meeting of all readers to try and standardise things. A meeting of readers will be arranged.

QUIZ. It was proposed to hold a quiz in September, in school to maximise profits. Paul will oblige as quiz master unless anyone else volunteers for this role. Refreshments as previously. Colin will ask Jo if this would clash with anything planned by the school, once a date has been decided upon and also check with Neil Yates regarding access.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE. To date, the parish has NOT received any donation from the proceeds of The Christmas Fayre 2018.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. To date, the parish has NOT received a share of the proceeds of ticket sales for the Christmas Raffle 2018. It was suggested that, in future, the parish should hold a Christmas Raffle independently of the school.

CHURCH and PRESBYTERY BUILDINGS. Colin has contacted John Corrigan from the Diocese Buildings Department and asked for a meeting to assess both buildings for the future. We need to investigate further the dampness on the East wall to enable us to decorate the sanctuary.

The presbytery has been empty for a long time and is costing the parish money to keep it so we need some guidance for the future.