

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA **PARISH LEADERSHIP GROUP**

Minutes of meeting: 7.00pm Wednesday 20 October 2021

Present: Fr Peter, Wendy Smith, Louise Baron, Ange Hooper, Peter Newsham

Apologies: Ian Mulholland, Denise King, Maureen Hefferan

Opening prayer: led by Wendy

Minutes of the last meeting: 7 July 2021 – accepted.

1 Synod Process Although the Bishop had announced the Synod Process with a Pastoral Letter at the weekend, the promised resources had not yet been received. Other dioceses are actively consulting and participating, and given the short timeframe, this lack of progress is disappointing.

2 Advent & Christmas links with school Given the continuing/worsening Covid situation it was decided not to mount the Jesse Tree display this year. A children's Advent Calendar is available from Alive Publishing at 25p per copy (bulk rate). Peter N to contact Rachel Ballard to see if school is interested.

3 Church shop and Fairtrade stall Wendy hopes to reopen the shop early in November on Saturdays, and will order new stock. She will check if Maureen is available to run the shop on Sunday mornings. It was agreed that a responsible, older teenager could help. While Covid restrictions are in place, the permanent shop display may be limited. Coordination between shop and Fairtrade stall to be agreed.

4 Display screens or similar in church Deferred, until the current Covid situation ends.

5 Parish charities £430 from the 2020 Christmas raffle was split between Aid to the Church in Need and The Salvation Army. £320 from the collection buckets, plus £40 from a PLG member's office collection will be split between Aid to the Church in Need and Parkinsons UK, and these two charities will also benefit from the 2021 Christmas Raffle. These donations are in addition to over £2800 donated to CAFOD during 2021.

It was agreed to offer some suggestions to the parish during Advent, and to invite any further proposals, in order to decide the two Parish charities for 2022.

6 PLG purpose Deferred

7 Replacement church organ Agreed to ask Paddy and/or Angie to re-establish contact with Frank Baron's family re their offer of an organ, and select a suitable model.

8 Finance Fr Peter presented a three year comparison (2019, 2020, 2021) of parish finances for April-September in each case. Offertory donations dipped in 2020 (Covid and church closure) but have recovered significantly. Income from investments is lower in 2021 due to poor stock market performance. Expenses have been tightly controlled and 2021 is on a par with 2019.

9 AOB None

10 Date of next meeting WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2022, at 7.00pm

11 Closing prayer – led by Wendy. Meeting closed 8.45pm