

St Margaret Clitherow . Haxby

Second Meeting Way Forward Development Group Date :Tuesday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2022  
7pm

Present Fr Kevin Trehy, Kate Buy, Sue Black, Sue Ellis, Sue Hudson, Pat Keenan, Bob Parr, Kath Campbell, Marie Harrison, Kath Spence, Ros Mc Mullen, Bill Bamford, Shirley Bamford, Brian Rockcliffe, Freda Rockcliffe, Mike Parish, Shona Paterson, Liz Farnsworth, David Farnsworth

Apologies: Carolyn Rowan, Kathleen O'Kelly.

Proposed Agenda

1. Welcome and opening prayer
2. Chairing and minuting this meeting (decision required) All
3. Reports:
  - Synodal Group Brian and Freda
  - Conversations with Father Kevin Ros and Marie / Kath and Mike
  - Information (HR) from Diocesan Sue
  - Compilation and coordination of information Kath and Mike
  - Financial considerations Sue
  - Training at St Aelred's Sue
  - Coordination of ministries David
- Anything else?
4. Feedback received from parishioners All
5. Activities / planning up to Easter (immediate) All
6. Goals / Targets for 2022 All
7. Development and structure of this group All
8. Date of next meeting All

Minutes

1. Fr Kevin opened the meeting with a welcome and prayer.
2. David Farnsworth agreed to chair this meeting. He read out a brief report of the first meeting. Freda Rockcliffe agreed to take minutes.

**3. Reports:**

**Synodal group:** Freda and Brian: There are 5 members of the group who are organizing a series of spiritual reflective meetings which are planned for this week . Reports will be written for the parish and diocese. The deadline for submission to the Diocese is March 1<sup>st</sup>

Sue Ellis reported on the response and progress at St Paulinus.

**Conversations with Fr . Kevin-** Ros and Marie

Following on from discussions with Fr Kevin and discussion in the meetings. The decision was taken to:

Reintroduce kneelers at Mass, gradually reopen roped off benches, stop the requirement to book for Mass, reintroduce coffee after 9am Mass, introduce an acknowledgement for Sign of Peace.

Shona was thanked for her diligence and patience over the last 2 years for booking us all in.

There has been positive feedback from the parishioners about returning to our seats to pray after communion. Also, positive feedback to the greeters' team which should be retained.

## For now we will retain use of mask and social distancing.

### **Information from Diocese** Sue Ellis.

The Bishop has appointed Deacon David Cross to support us in the transition. Kath has asked him for help with the Job and person spec for a parish administrator. We need more information and guidance from the Diocese.

### **Compilation and coordination of information** Kath and Mike

The SWOT analysis {Strengths, weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats} has been distributed by email. Mike highlighted the different expectations of the Parish and Diocese. We need more information from the Diocese about our position as a Parish, e.g. legal liabilities and responsibilities such as safeguarding and issues relating to managing the running of the two parishes.

Kath introduced the 17 page document about active parish groups : A scheme of Delegation

#### **ACTION**

- Fr Kevin to look at the document and feedback.
- St Paulinus to populate the document with their Parish groups
- We need to form an official group that can operate when there is no Parish Priest. We need to distinguish between secular leadership and sacramental provision.
- General sense that a letter to the Diocese will be needed articulating what support we need to function as a Parish without a resident Priest. This to include a scheme of delegation.

**Financial considerations** John Dowling had previously circulated an email explaining that the use of *tap and go* devices for donations might not be worth it or cost effective

**Training at St Aelred's** Sue Ellis reported that approx 50 people attended . A guidance document was circulated explaining what Ministers of the Word and Eucharist could and could not do during Eucharistic services. It is unclear if the Bishop approves of these services or if we are encouraged to attend Mass elsewhere when there is no Priest at St Margaret Clitherow .

#### **ACTION**

We are facing a challenge and could consider developing other forms of prayer meetings, especially aimed at young people. These could possibly be linked to the Synodal process. It was noted that we will need training and development and possibly opportunities for adult formation.

**Coordination of ministries** David reported that groups are self-contained and self-governing. Perhaps it is worth considering if some groups could be merged such as Ministers of Word and Eucharist.

The meeting was adjourned due to a power cut! Items 4-7 will be picked up at the next meeting: **Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7pm.**