

St Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of meeting held on 30 May 2024

Present: Roger Maughan (Ch), Deborah Minnock, Elisabeth Hall, Rita Ford, Roger Warren

Apologies: Father David, Eva Gaskin, Rosalie Mans

1. Tuning in All participated

2. Prayer The meeting opened with prayer.

3. Minutes Minutes of the meeting of 21 March 2024 were agreed.

4. Matters arising:

Ukraine

We are happy that we have still have 12 people in Milford Bandage Brigade.

We have been meeting weekly over 2 years.

So far we have made 18,000 bandages which get sent to the front line and we have had pictures from them indicating how thankful the troops are.

We now make three standard sizes of rolled bandages, pack them in labelled waterproof bags and deliver them to New Forest for Ukraine hub in Lymington each week.

We thank the Parish for their continued invaluable support.

Judith and Anthony

The website to consult if you want to know more about how to help Ukrainian refugees:

<https://www.newforestforukraine.co.uk/>

Christians Together

United Prayer Morning Thursday 30 May 10am, for Unity Week at the Baptist Church went well, although not very well supported, probably because of half term.

Still having difficulty setting up a bank account, but will have to set one up, probably a business account with Lloyds or NatWest because of the production later in the year.

Spring Bank Holiday Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) from Africa who fly people to medical appointments etc., was very successful, despite the wet weather and raised over £1,000 including agreements for regular donations.

Linda has agreed to a trial run to help Elisabeth with Christians Together.

5. Purchase of Land Fundraising – Lusaka

As per Roger Maughan's letter. Support from Lymington Catholic School.

The PPC voted to donate £500.

Roger Maughan abstained from voting to avoid any conflict of interest.

6. Future Feast Days – The Assumption 15 August.**7. Sick List / Housebound / Any general concerns**

B – stomach cancer

SB – now back home.

BM and KR now attending Mass on Sundays again.

RF – ongoing course of chemotherapy pills and regular treatment at Lymington Hospital.

8. Any Other Business

Coffee Mornings going well.

Proposed purchase of a replacement bench to be put outside the Maryland Room.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 25 July 2024.**

Date of following meeting: **Thursday 26 September 2024**