

St Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of meeting held on 21 March 2024

Present: Father David (Ch), Eva Gaskin, Elisabeth Hall, Rosalie Mans, Rita Ford, Roger Warren

Apologies: Roger Maughan, Deborah Minnock

1. Tuning in All participated

2. Prayer The meeting opened with prayer.

3. Minutes Minutes of the meeting of 25 January 2024 were agreed.

4. Matters arising:

Ukraine

16,000 bandages have been made to date.

The website to consult if you want to know more about how to help Ukrainian refugees:
<https://www.newforestforukraine.co.uk/>

Christians Together

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross 11am St Francis, followed by Ecumenical Service on the Village Green at 12 Noon, which is in All Saints if it is raining.

United Prayer Morning Thursday 30 May 10am, for Unity Week at the Baptist Church.

Journey of the Magi for Christmas. £300 contribution per church required. There will be workshops for children at school.

Spring Bank Holiday Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) from Africa who fly people to medical appointments etc., will be exhibiting a plane and simulator on the Village Green. Elisabeth would like another person to help her with Christians Together – message to be put in Newsletter.

Items at the back of the church – Items to be removed by van will wait until the weather is warmer.

Notes from St. Francis – Milford CofE Parish magazine – Action: Rosalie Mans.

5. Milford on Sea village news updating – Roger Maughan to update on his return from Africa.

6. Lymington Saturday Cake Fundraising –Once a month, 10-12 cakes were made by OLMSJ and sold for charity. It is now proposed to make this a Joint Parish Event with each of the three parishes taking turns to make the cakes quarterly. Still to be held at OLMSJ once a month on Saturdays for the market. Cakes sold raise £200-£300 for the nominated charity. Next event Easter Saturday.

7. An update on the NFPA Finance and PPC Meetings – 3rd meeting: Clergy and Finance Reps., using Microsoft Teams, to bring people together. Clergy and Pastoral Reps. meeting which finished Mission Plan.

8. 2025 The Year of Jubilee/ 2024 a prep year on prayer – The Lord’s Prayer in different languages.

9. Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill (AKA “Martyn’s Law”) 2024 and how it affects churches – Following Manchester bombing. Training will be provided on vigilance to terrorism/violence. Measures in place to mitigate threat. Welcomers will receive online training on how to respond to a situation including escape routes.

10. 3 Parish Mass –The November event reached maximum capacity of 200+. To be held once a year or once every two years.

11. Future Feast Days – Stations of the Cross 11am Good Friday at St Francis. Ecumenical Service 12 noon Good Friday on the Village Green. Easter Day 9am St Francis. Ascension 9 May. Pentecost 19 May when we will do the Lord’s Prayer (see above).

12. Sick List / Housebound / Any general concerns

ML – Fr David visited and provided communion.

SB – now in Belmore Lodge.

BM and KR receive communion at home.

RF – ongoing course of chemotherapy pills.

13. Any Other Business

Eva Gaskin has bought Easter cards to be handed out to Parishioners at Easter.

A memorial plaque will be created for Peter Larke.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 30 May 2024.**

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

