

'STRIVING TO BE CHRIST IN THE WORLD'



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
ST GEORGE AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
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Parish Pastoral Council
Annual General Meeting – Sunday 19th November 2017
6pm

Council Report

Membership of PPC

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| Father Brett Adams | - Parish Priest |
| Graham Alcock | - Parish Treasurer |
| Charlotte Alexander | - Elected |
| Dianne Alexander | - Elected |
| David Andrew | - PP appointed |
| Sharon Chambers | - Co-opted |
| Annabelle Delgado | - HT St George's School |
| Malcolm Duncan | - Elected |
| Brian Fitzgerald | - PP appointed |
| Paul Gwilliam | - Steward of the Gospel |
| Suzanne Halvey | - Co-opted |
| Catherine Harrold | - Elected |
| Brian Lish | - Elected |
| Frank McEvoy | - PP appointed |
| Chris McPhillips | - Elected |
| Kelvin Ncube | - PP appointed |
| Paul Schofield | - Chair of Finance Committee |
| Val McEvoy | - Secretary |

There have been 4 PPC meetings since November 2016.

Changes to the membership of the Council since the last AGM: Our sincere thanks to Charlotte who is stepping down, we thank her for her support during her time in office. Fr Brett has appointed Brian Fitzgerald and has also co-opted Sharon Chambers (as the Parish Administrator).

We also take this opportunity to thank Fr Brett for his service as our Parish Priest. This is now his third AGM! We hope he will continue to feel both supported and appreciated by us all.

A variety of topics, events and discussions have taken place since the AGM last year. A brief summary is listed below:

Various topics were raised and included in discussions at PPC meetings:

- Reviewing the internal sound and lighting of St George's church

- Installing a projector system in St Georges
- Tracking the development of the befriending group
- The installation of defibrillators in both churches and the hall. Organising training and identifying parishioners who are already trained.
- Organising the Centenary 'celebration Mass' trip to Walsingham
- Tracking the progress of the 'Stewards of the Gospel' initiative
- Various items were raised regarding the repair and refurbishment of the parish buildings and grounds, especially the hall
- The remodelling of the entrance area to St George's to include a repository area
- The installation of a toilet for congregation use at St George's

Parish Website

- Our parish website is an important part of how we share and communicate news and information in the parish. It continues to grow and extend and is updated regularly. I would ask anyone who takes part in or organises activities in the parish to check the website to see if the information displayed is up-to-date and accurate. Please email Frank McEvoy on mcevoy@ymail.com if there are any changes to be made.
 - **www.saintgeorgeschurch.co.uk**
 - Some 90 pages of information on a wide variety of topics
 - A 'live' parish diary
 - Receive a copy of the newsletter by email each week
 - Daily readings for the Mass available

Social Events

- Our social calendar continues and has included this year:
 - Joint Annual Christmas Fayre
 - Weekly Coffee Mornings
 - 'Thank you party' for parish volunteers (11 Feb 2017)
 - Annual Summer Fair (10 June 2017)
 - Various charity fund raising meals (Eg. Italian Night)
 - Walsingham Coach Pilgrimage (22 July 2017)
 - 'Allo Allo' French Night (9 Sept 2017)
 - Youth Justice & Peace 'Concert' (23 Sept 2017)
 - Murder Mystery Evening – postponed until Mar/Apr 2018

The 669 parish fundraising group will continue to raise funds for the parish but on a smaller scale. In the new year Shawn Clarke will be calling a meeting to discuss arrangements for the parish summer fayre in the future.

Parish Safeguarding

Sharon Chambers is our Safeguarding Officer, (as well as the Parish Administrator), any concerns or questions should be raised directly with her. Sharon continues to update the DBS checks for those members of the parish directly involved with caring for young people and vulnerable adults.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and Mass Attendance (during the past year).

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| Mass Attendance | 381 (weekly October average) |
| Baptisms | 13 |
| Marriages | 3 |

Deaths **12 + 8** (out of parish conducted by Fr Brett)

Also:

Confirmations **14**

RCIA (receptions) **3**

First Holy Communion **31**

Thank you

May I take this opportunity to thank sincerely our Parish Priest Fr Brett for his guidance and support and secondly your representatives on the Parish Council both past and present, for their ideas and hard work over the last year and the years to come.

Finally may I also thank the large band of dedicated parishioners who organise and run many activities and events and those who support the running of the parish and maintenance of the parish building and grounds through their voluntary work. Our continuing development lies in us all continuing to give generously of our time and talents to help build our community.

Please note that all of the minutes of the meetings and finance reports are available for download on the parish website and paper copies are displayed for a short period of time at the back of both the churches (following approval at the following PPC meeting).

Frank McEvoy
Chairman

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2017 – 6.00pm in the Parish Hall

1. Opening Prayer – Father Brett
2. Apologies for absence
3. Welcome and Report by Chair of Parish Council
4. Parish Treasurer – report attached
5. ‘Steward of the Gospel’ – report attached
6. Report by Father Brett
7. Open Forum