

SEATON DELAVAL PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Parishes of

Our Lady and St. Joseph Sacred Heart St. Cuthbert
St. John the Baptist St. Paul St. Wilfrid

Minutes of the meeting held on 30.01.19 at Our Lady and St. Joseph, New Hartley

Present : K.Little J.Shepherd D.Brown K.Maggs P.Battersby Fr. J.Dunne
Deacon J.Hawthorne Fr. P.Quinn Deacon R.Wareing Fr. L.Barrett

1. Opening prayer

2. Apologies for absence

A.Hardy P.Marley T.Turner

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Proposed by J.Hawthorne. Seconded by D.Brown

4. Communications

i. Bulletin

This will be published on the weekend of 2/3 March. Deadline for submissions is 16 February. The bulletin will continue to publish Parish profiles (P.Battersby will submit St. Paul's, K.Maggs and R. Wareing will submit St. John's.) Details of Lenten and Easter services/activities should also be submitted.

ii. IT/Communication developments

No further information available at present.

iii. Social Media

The Partnership's Facebook page is established. If parishes would like to upload their own information, contact should be made with Fr. Lee.

K. Maggs has worked on a possible logo for the Partnership. She will forward it to Fr. Lee.

iv. Diocesan issues

a. Council of the Laity

Unfortunately P.Battersby was unable to attend this meeting. Minutes/information from the Diocese have yet to be sent to the Partnership.

b. Partnership Development Groups

Fr. Ian Hoskins has sent information to Partnership Chairs and Deans. The main points for consideration are:

- With two churches recently closed and the current number of priests, are the parishes in the appropriate partnerships?
- The current structure of the PDG and its sub groups, e.g. membership
- The Partnership Development Plan. This is due in May. Seaton Delaval's is unlikely to be completed by then. K. Little has spoken to Fr. Ian on this issue.

The Diocese will be sending out guidelines on how to move forward on these and other related issues.

5. Spiritual activities/Formation/Outreach

i. Alpha Courses

The course in Blyth went well – parishioners enjoyed it. This was also the case at Sacred Heart. It was felt that the whole experience has enhanced relationships between the parishes.

ii. Awayday at Bedlington

The theme of the day is 'I have sent you to bring the good news to the poor'. The day will include input from Fr. Michael Hickey and K.Little with opportunities for prayer, reflection and discussion.

J.Hawthorne has sent information to parishes for inclusion in bulletins. It is hoped that a cross section of members of the Partnership will attend.

iii. Diocesan Spirituality Group

The original group has been disbanded. Seaton Delaval Partnership will be represented on the new group by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Spirituality group (at present J.Hawthorne and S.Hartass).

J.Hawthorne pointed out that Diocesan resources for Lent are now available on the Diocesan website.

iv. Called and Gifted Programme

This is a structured programme. Attendance is by invitation with a selection process to ensure suitability for the task. The aim is to train people to develop gifts and charisms.

6. Social activities

The next Partnership Mass and social will take place at St. John's at 7.00pm on March 22.

7. Finance report

The current balance is £1013.57. The cost of the Advent bulletin and a contribution to the costs of Flame (£180.00) are still to be deducted.

The group will continue to meet as and when necessary.

K. Maggs proposed that the PDG should help to finance the cost of transport to the Emmaus Youth Village where it is hoped that the Faith in Action Group (based at St. Peter and St Paul's and St.

Oswald's) will complete their final module. It was also pointed out that presentations at the conclusion of the course should be carried out at a Partnership level. Kathryn will report on the number of pupils involved from each school and the potential transport costs.

8. Property and facilities

The Partnership awaits the results of the Diocesan pilots.

The church at Cowpen has dry rot in the floor and will be closed for the next three weeks.

9. Planning

See above 4 iv b

10. Matters arising (not covered above)

None

11. Any other business

None

12. Date of next meeting

1 May at 7.30pm at Our Lady and St. Joseph, New Hartley

13. Closing prayer

Led by Fr. Lee