

St Margaret's Parish Pastoral Council .

Minutes of meeting held on 15th November 2017.

The Opening Prayer was lead by Colin

In Attendance:- Fr Heenan, Carol, Colin, Tom, Iain, Bernadette, George,
Martin, Kathleen and Joanna

Apologies :- Mike sent his apology.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and proposed by Iain and seconded by Martin.

Matters arising from minutes:-

The date for the St Margaret Pilgrimage has been revised and will now take place on 3rd June 2018.

The suggestion made at our last meeting, for recognising the service and commitment given by some of our young people, was again discussed . Carol, Kathleen and Martin have not yet met together to explore any suggestions but still have plans to do so.

A long discussion followed when varying opinions were expressed. It was agreed that Carol, Kathleen and Martin will report back to the next meeting.

Fabric Update:-

Fr Heenan informed the meeting that grant applications are ongoing. Our application to the National Churches Trust has been rejected.

The Heritage Lottery application will be considered again in December.

Work has still to be carried out in the church porch area.

Disabled access via our main door is being planned as our existing access is not compatible with current requirements.

A toilet is also being planned for ground floor level . The only toilet at the moment is located in the crypt at the bottom of our rather steep stair.

Deanery Pastoral Council :-

Martin informed the meeting that the last meeting was over a year ago . However, the next meeting is arranged for 23rd November and hopefully an update on the Parish Clusters will be included.

Group Reports :-

Men's Group :-

Martin provided a report including details of the following:-

Spiritual Programme - weekly Advent meetings commencing on 28th November for four weeks.

Recent successful social events - Gin Distillery Tour, Steak Night at Gratzl, Meal at Khushi's , Meal out with partners in Pitbauchlie Hotel.

Planned Events - Parish Olympics, Hogmanay in Crypt, African Vigil Mass followed by Multicultural Burns Evening.

An Operetta Tour to Austria is also planned for July / August 2018.

Ladies Group :-

Kathleen provided a report including details of the following :-

Current activities - the Book Group and Pilates are continuing and are well attended .

Recent successful events - Bowling night followed by a meal in Sweet Chestnut in August.

Planned Events -

Meal out is being arranged by Veronica for late November.

Breathe Easy and Red Cross are happy to give talks to the Group.

Advent singing / Christmas Party was very enjoyable last year and is planned again for 14th December.

Weekly Advent Reflections will be commencing shortly .

200 Club :- Colin reported that the account balance to date is £3,895.48.

A.O.B.

Web site :- Iain informed us that the Blog section of our Web site was last used in July and requires updating .

Advent Children's Gifts :-

Carol offered to organise the collection and distribution of the Advent children's gifts for this year again . She suggested that children's clothing could also be included in this collection.

The gifts will, again , be distributed through Social Work Services.

Heritage Group :-

We have been invited to join the Dunfermline Heritage Tourism Partnership. It was thought to be a good idea as it could increase the profile of our St.Margaret Pilgrimage.

As there was no other business our meeting ended with our closing prayer at 8.45 pm.

Next Meeting :- Wednesday 7th February 2018.

