

Bede Partnership Meeting

6th June 2018- Sacred Heart at 7pm

Present: Fr John Gibbons, Dean, Terry Fitzpatrick, St Oswald's, Fr Saji Thottathil, St Matthews & St Mary's, Angela Boyle, St Matthews, Judith Bell, St Mary's, Catherine Elliott, St Bede's South Shields, Fr Robert Kinlen, St Peter & St Paul, Moira Smith, St Joseph's, Fr David Nixon, St Aloysius & St James, John Hardy, Sacred Heart (Chair), Patricia Alexander, (minute taker), Michael Wiblin, St Bede's (Jarrow), Sister Mary, St Bede's (Jarrow), Tricia Fenwick, St Gregory's

Apologies:- Fr Michael Weymes, St Bede's South Shields, Paul Cuskin, St Aloysius & St James, Moya Rooney, Primary Schools, Mark Price, Secondary Schools

The meeting was then opened with a Gospel passage read by Michael Wiblin.

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Diocesan Festival

St Bede's, Jarrow is co-ordinating however there has not been a great take up for the transport.

PDG member introductions

Some profiles outstanding, once received an A5 booklet will be printed and provided to all PDG members and deputies

Action: Each PDG member and Deputy to prepare a short statement about themselves- All PDG members & deputies to send statement to Patricia for consolidation if not already provided

Events information from Parishes

Waiting for some Parishes to provide information

Action: Each parish to provide a short statement about one event with contact details in a format that can be used to consolidate - PDG members to Patricia if not already provided

The minutes were approved.

Chairs Update

This was circulated at the meeting and a copy is attached with the minutes

Questions posed by the Diocese were discussed in groups and feedback collated to be sent to the Diocese.

Action: John Hardy to collate responses and submit to Diocese

Deans and Chairs Meeting

It was clear that partnerships are all at different stages. Some were very advanced even developing business plans whilst others were not even sharing masses.

It is expected that partnerships will all move at their own pace and there cannot be consistency as there are too many variations in terms of size and locations.

The event was not really beneficial due to the agenda the Diocese had prepared with not enough time for sharing.

There is concern that the Diocese is out of touch with what is happening in the partnerships and what their needs are.

There appears to be a lack focus on formation which should have been the priority.

Property and Community Review

John Hardy was in this discussion group.

The toolkit is not finished and the Diocese were seeking views as to what it should involve.

There was a real sense of concern amongst participants that the future of property should not be decided by parishioners who could then be "blamed". It feels as if the Diocese is passing responsibility for making the decision and then there is also the danger it will be overturned as experienced in the past.

There was only discussion about buildings and not about the community review.

There was no conclusion reached so no action required at this time until more work has been done on the requirements by the Diocese.

We need to inform the volunteer within St Joseph's, Jarrow, Michael Bass that we still would like him to be involved but we have no information on what the requirements are at the moment.

Action: Moira Smith to feedback to volunteer

Youth

Fr John had been in this discussion group. It was difficult to get a sense of what is happening across the Partnerships as due to the time restriction there were only a small number of contributors.

It was apparent that some parishes however have many activities with regular youth groups and young people involved in parish work.

There is a need to engage youth in activities and not just think about engagement as being at Mass on Sunday. There are so many demands on their time at weekends.

Data Protection Lead

Each Parish in the Partnership has to provide a Data Protection Lead. So far St Bede, Jarrow, St Mary, Jarrow, St Aloysius and St James and St Oswalds have identified a representative

There is a requirement to carry out a data mapping exercise by 15th June.

Email with contact details of Data Protection Lead needs to be sent to paula.henley@rcdhn.org.uk

Action: PDG members to identify a Data Protection Lead for Parish

Elevator Speech

There was no time to discuss so this will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: To be discussed at the next meeting

Formation for Discipleship and Mission

The PDG must prioritise a Day of Formation for its members and their deputies. It was suggested Fr. Adrian would be a good support for this event.

It is proposed to hold this on the first Saturday in October, which would be 6th October, to launch the 2nd year of the PDG.

A sub committee was formed to plan this consisting of John Hardy, Michael Wiblin, Angela Boyle and Fr Dixon

Action: Sub Group to work on Formation Event

Sister Michael has developed an event for formation of partnerships to help people become people of God. It has been poorly attended. She might be able to support the event in October and it was agreed to invite her to a PDG meeting to discuss

Action: John Hardy to invite Sr Michael to PDG meeting

There is a formation event taking place at St Hilda's in Sunderland run by Durham University entitled "Transforming our lives with the bible". Posters have been provided to parishes. It is on Thursday 28th June 7pm to 9pm.

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/communications/2018/jun/transforming%20our%20lives%20with%20the%20bible%20poster.pdf>

Logo

The three variations of the logo were discussed and it was agreed that the one where all the words are inside the fish would be adopted.

Partnership Social Event

Summer Fair 29th June 1.30pm St Peter and Paul's

Family picnic at St Joseph's 15th July 12.30 following Mass

Action: Extend invitation to all Parishes- PDG members

South Tyneside Orchestra have been in contact to organise a Proms in the Park. Too late for this year but agreed to plan for this next year possibly at St Joseph's

Action: Tricia Fenwick to co-ordinate

Patronal Feasts

Next Feasts are as follows:-

Friday 8th June- Sacred Heart 6.30pm followed by a cream tea in the hall

Thursday 21st June St Aloysius 7.15pm

Saturday 30th June St Peter and Paul 11am

Any other business

There was a discussion around the Finance Partnership Group (FPG) and how it should be reported back to the PDG. There was a request for there to be a standing item on the agenda.

Date and time of next meeting

To follow