

**St Mary's Leyland
Parish Council**

Thursday 9th January 2013

PRESENT: Fr Jonathan, Lesley Raven, Christine Lemmon, Walter Courtney, Edward Almond, Tim Sullivan, Sue Mills, Ann Ward, Gaye Beirne, Fr John, Liz McGrath, Alex Anthony, Peter Barron, Sr Veronica, Judy Gammans.

APOLOGIES: Fr Stephen, Fr Paul

PRAYER: Led by Gaye

MINUTES: Accepted as a true record of our last meeting.

MATTERS ARISING:

*The meeting with the African Church went well but it was too short notice to arrange a joint service. Their aim is to contribute to our culture with a view to learning and sharing. Terry Gammans agreed at the meeting to attend a service at their place of worship and to report back.

PARISH EVENTS:

- The Primary and High Schools Carol services took place in December
- Scouts Carol concert took place
- The Leyland Band Christmas spectacular took place
- AGM was held in the Library and was deemed a success
- The Deanery Reconciliation service was held in December
- All our Christmas Masses
- The Parish ramble took place between Christmas and New Year

MASS ATTENDANCE:

With regard to the Christmas services a discussion ensued regarding the number of young families no longer attending Mass. It was agreed that a group should be set up to tackle this problem linking in with help from the little church and our primary schools. Fr Jonathan and Lesley will further this initiative.

CARBON HEATING REPORT:

Fr Jonathan read the statement regarding the carbon heating. Steve and Frank Mills along with Jim Blackledge are dealing with the engineers. It is hoped the new boiler will be in place by September thanks to the generosity of the 500 club and monies donated individually.

The total project for cost effective continual heating will necessitate the purchase of a heat exchange unit and underwater pipe work. More fundraising needs to be undertaken to complete the works but we are

now also hoping to be eligible for smaller grants with fewer conditions to move the project forward.

NEWMAN FUND:

Christine gave an update on the Newman Fund financial situation for the meeting. Only £200 was raised in the Christmas raffle probably due to the amount of collections and sales around the same time. She informed the meeting that the Easter raffle would not include specially printed raffle books as this is not cost effective.

The collection raised about £1,700 and for this she thanked the parishioners for their generosity.

GOLDEN JUBILEE PLANNING:

Following the recent celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation stone, plans for the Golden Jubilee in April 2014 should begin now. Edward asked for volunteers and an initial meeting is planned for Thursday 31st January. Lesley took down a number of names put forward by the meeting, of potentially interested parties who should be involved.

AOB:

*Tim informed the meeting that Cath would like to organise the Easter Sunday Parish get together again. It was agreed that this was an excellent idea and that once again if the weather is bad this can be held inside the church.

*Edward asked that the light illuminating the Hymn board should be turned on as a parishioner had been unable to read the hymn numbers. It is normally switched on but had simply been missed at that particular Mass.

*Walter asked if the Crib could be dismantled at the weekend. Fr Jonathan agreed.

DATE OF NEXT PPC MEETING - Wednesday 6th February 2013

CHAIRPERSON – Pete Barron