

6. Reports from Meetings attended:

(a) Finance Committee:

The next meeting due to be held on 20th July.

The cloister roof is on hold as builder is otherwise engaged at present. Will now be done later in the year.

Welsh Churches Act Fund:

The application has been submitted for £5,000 for two projects - rendering of walls in St. Joseph's and the interior decoration in St. Mary's. Canon had been to Armed Forces day in Barry as stand-in chaplain to the mayor and was introduced to some of the Council members. Just a case of waiting for decision.

St. Mary's Loose blocks/benches: ongoing. Difficult to get the builder to come and do this. We really need a person in the parish we could call on for smaller jobs; an electrician and a carpenter. MC suggested putting a notice in the newsletter.

MP suggested this topic should be discussed at the Finance Meeting.

(b) Cytun (Penarth):

CC/JH had attended the meeting on 17th June.

It had been agreed that the Lenten groups would continue in Lent as the 'Pentecost' timing had not been as successful.

People had complained about the Good Friday March of Witness in that they felt the service at the end in West House was getting longer and longer. It was agreed that a short reading and one unaccompanied hymn were sufficient to end the march.

Finances: Bank balance £238

Food bank: there had been a shortage of food at some point but there had been collections at Tesco and Sainsbury. The food bank will move into the new building in Plassey Street.

The new Chair, Anne Niblett, will be inducted at a service in Tabernacle on 27th September 2015 at 6.00pm

(c) Council of Churches (Dinas Powys): - discussed previously

(d) Other Meetings: Home Access AGM

MP had attended this meeting. He felt the service was very well run. They had issued 102 bonds last year amounting to £30,000. Their funding from the Welsh Government and The Vale Council is granted on a year on year basis. They cover the whole of the Vale. They will also be moving into an office behind the food bank in the house in Plassey Street.

<p>Because of the early start to Lent next year Canon has decided to take the collection for Home Access in August. St. Joseph's and St. Mary's parish does make a significant donation to this cause.</p>	
<p>7. Health and Safety: The new on line system is being introduced soon by the diocese. Each parish has to have a Health and Safety Officer. We already have ours in place with Mike Bamber and Val Kacal. The software for this is going to cost approximately £200. It feeds into Archbishop's House property office. There will be colour coding relating to H&S matters and risks will be identified more easily and more quickly. There is a Clergy Day at the Hilton Hotel, Langstone on 13th October to introduce this system. VK will be away; it was agreed that this be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting to decide who should go in his stead.</p>	
<p>8. Environmental Health Issues: nothing to report</p>	
<p>9. Safeguarding: Canon had received a message from Anne Chilcott to say that 2 out of 3 of the new people driving the bus on Sundays had now been processed.</p>	
<p>10. Social and Fundraising Activities: -already discussed</p>	
<p>11. Youth: SVP: The Youth SVP had held a very successful afternoon at St. Joseph's School on the previous Saturday. Money raised had been divided between CAFOD and the SVP.</p>	
<p>12. Website: DC said things were running smoothly although not many people were sending in items to appear on the website. Following discussions it was agreed that a notice appear in the newsletter inviting parishioners to send in items of interest or photographs of any occasions such as weddings, christenings etc. It would help to give the impression of a lively parish and make the website more interesting.</p>	Canon
<p>13. St. Joseph's School: JD said school finishes on 17th July. A statue of the Holy Family had been given to the school by Mary Taylor (on behalf of the Herlihy family) who had attended the school over the previous 29 years.</p>	
<p>14. Parish matters: JB said the hospital had become very busy with 20 communions on Sunday. This number is difficult to fit in. It was necessary sometimes to do some on a Tuesday. 20 was the absolute maximum that can be accommodated. CC said there were no present problems in Holme Tower. Canon mentioned that something has changed at Holme Tower and that he was getting calls from parish priests because the nurses do not call the priest on call. Canon is unsure as to reason for this which may be a financial one. He is happy to visit on their behalf because some of the parishes are on the other side of Cardiff.</p>	
<p>15. Canon Joe: Mass for the Sick already discussed. Eucharistic Ministers:</p>	

<p>Sr Joseph Mary is on sick leave. The EMs have now had to undertake covering the extra communions, for a longer period than initially anticipated. There was a need for more EMs and Canon felt any approach should come from him. In the first instance he felt that the EMs who only administer at Masses should be approached to see if they would be willing to take H/Comm out to the housebound on occasions as they are already CRB checked etc. JB felt that EM's were now having to do too much.</p>	
<p>16. Any Other Business: Parish Census 500 forms were issued, 323 have been returned so far. More will probably come in over the next few weeks. A reminder will be put in the newsletter in August. There had been a very good response and lots of people had indicated their interest in parish ministries. Information is being put on a spreadsheet which DC updates as forms are returned. Canon thanked MP and DC for their work in relation to setting up the new database.</p>	Canon
<p>17. Date of next meeting: THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2015 at 7.30pm IN ST. MARY'S HALL</p>	
<p>18. Closing Prayer: Canon Prayers were said for Richard Guest, the gentleman from North Wales who had lost his life saving two girls from the sea at Towyn recently.</p>	