



**Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul
Pastoral Council**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18 OCTOBER 2016
held in Cathedral House at 1900**

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed members, in particular Deacon James, Ruth Mather and Stuart Henry who were attending their first meeting.

2 Attended by Canon Bosco McDonald, Peter Bush, (Chair), Chris Brennan (Vice Chair) Carlotta Kramskoy, Becky Nicholls, Deacon James, Cath McCarthy, Stephen Stansfield, Ruth Mather, Stuart Henry, Mary Manners, Kate Long and Hetty Wiles.

Apology was received from Deacon Kevin.

3 Opening Reflection

From Peter Bush. PB centered his reflection upon Bishop Declan's pastoral letter (3/4 September 2016) and from that he built on the topics of "good works" and "end of time".

4 Chair and Vice Chair appointments

Canon Bosco proposed that PB continues as Chair and all agreed. Canon Bosco also proposed that CB continues with the role of Vice Chair and the meeting agreed.

5 CPC Constitutions

Canon Bosco will look into this and seek to amend some of the sections. Canon Bosco informed the meeting that the current version is rather ambiguous in some of the sections and he will, with the help of the Steering Committee, simplify it.

6 Bishop Declan's pastoral letter (3/4 September 2016)

PB asked the meeting if there are any general thoughts on how this letter can be put into practice, i.e. mission of the parish. SS expressed his observation and suggested if the parishioners could be encouraged in some way to put down their thoughts on year of mercy. Once these thoughts have been collated, they will be displayed. BN also suggested that a summary of the year be displayed in poster form. BR, SS and RM agreed to put together the way forward of presenting this idea to the parishioners and see it through to the end.

ACTION: BR, SS, RM to discuss progress with PB in early November

The question was asked of how the year of mercy will be celebrated at the end (November 2016). BM informed the meeting that there will be some liturgy. There are 13 Deaneries in the Diocese and all are being tasked to contribute something of their experience of the year of mercy.

The meeting was informed that the Mercy Group was launched during the year of mercy. This group was set up to assist those isolated / experiencing difficulty. This group meets once a week on Mondays at St Mary on the Quay and the group is thriving, a majority of its attendees being cathedral parishioners.

7 Parish Forum

PB asked for feedback on the recently held Parish forum, which members reported as being successful, a view offered by a number of parishioners who attended.

8 Autumn talks

PB asked for volunteers to assist with refreshments and clearing up afterwards.

- 20 October – Kate (key), Barbara and Hetty
- 3 November – Cath(key), Barbara, Becky and Hetty
- 24 November – Becky, Stuart and Hetty

9 Somme 100 – 18 November

CM is the main contact for this event and she informed the meeting of progress and the activities that have been put in place. CM requested support for the coming concert to be held at the Cathedral; Somme100 Film. This is a joint venture between the Bristol Symphony Orchestra and Clifton Cathedral to commemorate the end of the Battle of the Somme. The Cathedral parish has held a full programme of events to commemorate the centenary of WW1 and we have also been very fortunate to receive two substantial grants from the WW1 Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund. The first grant has contributed to the repairs to the roof and the second grant will be used towards repairs and refurbishment of the electrics, heating and lighting.

10 Comments were received from parishioners over the weekends of 24/25 September and 15/16 October. Among the matters discussed were music at the 9.30 and 11 Masses, the possibility of new robes for the Choir, recruitment of altar servers and extension of the number of weeks the Newsletter is retained on the website.

11 Any Other Business

Treat Day at Whitchurch on Saturday, 15 October. PB gave a brief feedback of the day. He will make a summary and share with the meeting in December.

The Parish Retreat at Ammerdown has been scheduled for weekend of 24/25 November 2017. The Speaker will be Fr Richard Ounsworth OP, and the fee will be £190 per person.

Canon Bosco reiterated the fact that the CLOW has not been forgotten. This group will be installed when scaffolding is down.

Update on the roof works – Canon Bosco informed the meeting that agreements have been reached with scaffolders. Architects will re-write the current agreement due to the main contractor going into administration. A general update will also be put in the newsletter.

12 Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 6 December 2016, 7 for 7.30pm

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