

Warwick Deanery Evangelisation Team

Minutes of meeting 7.30pm Monday 8th May 2017 St Peter's Parish Centre

Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

1 Welcome and apologies

Present: Peter Dimambro and Paul Northam.

Apologies: Gareth Astell, Paul Jarvis, Natalie Orefice, Deacon David Palmer, June Palmer and Jenny Warr.

2 Matters arising from last meeting

a) Our Lady's Lillington

i) New Visiting Group

Peter said that he and Paul Northam were awaiting a meeting with Fr. John.

ii) Alpha Sessions

Deacon David had spoken to Peter and said that the Alpha course had gone well with around 12 attending each week. They had the weekend away at St Peter's Parish Centre and finished with a Passover meal in Holy Week. There was no specific follow-on although many were spurred on to get more involved in the parish. A number had joined the Big Picture course which started last week.

b) Evangelisation in the Warwick deanery

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3 A *Quick* journey through the Bible DVD

In view of other courses happening up to the summer, Gareth and Peter had decided to delay the 2017 repeat series for the Warwick Deanery until the autumn.

4 "The Big Picture" book and DVD

Five local groups were/had been taking part:-

a) Our Lady and St Wulstan Southam, sessions with nine participants and ended in April.

It was a very good course and they are continuing to meet to study the Ephesians,

b) St Peter's Leamington, with six and due to finish in May,

c) St Francis Kenilworth, with five and over half way,

d) Warwick/Hampton on the Hill with four and recently started,

e) Our Lady's Lillington. Maureen Chatfield said that the sessions were held when the Alpha course ended. It started very well last week with 12.

5 Fatima Centenary celebrations event 13th May 2017 St Peter's Leamington

Peter said that he had another meeting with some of the crew of the film 'The 13th Day'

Leo Hughes, Executive Producer and Romek Kracewicz, Marketing. The venue and main outline of the day was agreed and Peter is to meet with Fr. John this week. Peter had a most useful meeting with Jane McSharry head teacher of St Anthony's school. The day was advertised in the parishes of bishop Kenny's deaneries, on the Birmingham archdiocese and the World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales websites, the local Leamington paper and in Catholic Today. There is a 'Fatima News' noticeboard opposite the piety shop at St Peter's which will be in place for the centenary year. Paul said that it had been tweeted onto the Birmingham archdiocese website. St Peter's is a designated pilgrimage church for the Birmingham archdiocese for the centenary year.

6) Beloved Disciples DVD Course

Peter said that he had now received the DVD for the over 55's, It is to be viewed by St Peter's Visiting Team to see how best to promote it. Hopefully they will be able to have sessions at the new Queensway Court, Queensway, Leamington and then more widely around the Warwick Deanery. Paul said that Natalie Orefice had just finished a session at her church and could be contacted for ideas on running it.

7 AOB

a) Sharing my faith journey (Personal Testimony)

Peter said that he and Paul Northam were awaiting a meeting with Fr. John.

b) Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love

As Peter Shiels was not present there was no information available.

c) REBOOT

Paul said that this was an event for the over 15's at St Catherine of Siena church, Bristol Street, Birmingham on 17th July. This is a lively presentation of the Catholic faith with Chris Stefanick from the USA. Posters were given for publicity and Peter is to arrange for advertising locally.

Parish of Leamington only items

8 Linked Groups - reports

a) RCIA

Margaret had told Peter that four had been received into the church: one at Ft Francis Kenilworth just before lent, two at St Peter's and one at Our Lady's Lillington. All were most joyful events. They are continuing to meet each week up to Pentecost and then monthly afterwards to next Easter. There will be the annual Pentecost party for them and parishioners. She said that she already had six enquirers for the next September series and is meeting up with them in the coming weeks.

b) Parish Visiting Team - St Peter's

Peter said that notified visiting of families who have had their children baptised at St Peter's in 2015 was nearing completion.

Home to home visiting had now started in Monarch Gardens, a new build area off Kingsway in Leamington.

c) Parish Welcoming Group – St Peter's

One new parishioner family had registered over the last two months and is to be visited.

9 AOB

a) Praise in the Park 4th June - Churches Together

Paul Hayden had been approached by Churches Together in Leamington to ask if St Peter's would participate in a display/exhibition area of the Praise in the Park event. It was felt that there should be an overall parish presentation of various groups.

After discussion it was agreed that some of the evangelisation leaflets should be made available for the public. Other Team members will be contacted to see if they are able to help man the stall.

Next meeting:- Davenport Room 7.30pm 3rd July

Other dates for your diary 4th Sept, 6th Nov.