

# PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART – ST IVES AND PAPWORTH

## Parish Steering Group

### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006 at the Presbytery

**Present:** Father Paul Maddison, John Bishop, Paul Bishop (Chairman), William Holloway, Ellen Kemp, Merlyn Lewis, Clare, Brian O'Hare, Angela Periera, Dot Wade, Veronica Boland (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Lianne

Messrs Jim Bond and Christy Varghesse have resigned from the Steering Group and the Chairman therefore welcomed two new members, Angela Periera and William Holloway to represent the Papworth community.

**1. Minutes of extraordinary meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May and matters arising:**

The vacancy for a representative at 8 am Mass has been filled by Bridget Wells.

All points of the action plan have been completed.

**2. Steering Group's recommendations and result of discussion of deanery meeting with regard to Papworth/Northstowe:**

Fr Paul reported on the deanery meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June when the provision of pastoral care in the western half of the county, ie St Ives, Huntingdon, St Neots and Buckden + new parish of Northstowe) was discussed. As the new parish will border on the Parish of St Laurence (Cambridge), as well as St Ives, Father David, St Laurence's Parish Priest, was also involved in the discussion:

It was agreed that provision must be made for Mass at Northstowe and it is proposed to start this before the end of the year (Advent). (A Sunday morning Mass was thought preferable as there are several Saturday evening Masses in the area.)

There are two churches which could be used at Longstanton, one being the existing Anglican Church and the second a redundant Anglican church. The redundant church (capacity 80-100) is in good order and a rental agreement could be entered into with the Redundant Buildings Trust. This would seem the better option as times of Masses would not clash with existing services.

**Action: Fr Paul and Julian Limentani are to look at this church**

Confirmation has been received from the insurers that they are no longer prepared to insure Papworth Church as of November of this year. The insurance value has been immediately reduced to demolition and site clearance only, although the contents and public liability insurance is unchanged.

Father Nicholas from Huntingdon will canvass his parishioners to see if there are any major objections to moving the Saturday Mass to somewhere in Papworth at 6 pm. He is aware of the urgency of the situation and is asking for a response before beginning of September.

A new venue would need to be found and Fr Paul has investigated the possibility of hiring, on a weekly basis, the school hall, which seats two hundred. There is a large annex which could be used for the children's liturgy.

Possible times and venues of Masses were discussed.

The Chairman thanked Fr Paul for his extensive efforts in this matter.

***Action: Fr Paul to liaise with Pendragon School with regard to use of school hall.***

### **3. Bishop's Visitation Report**

The Chairman tabled an 'action plan' he had prepared from the Diocesan Plan of 2004 and the Bishop's Visitation Report, listing recommendations which have been or could be implemented in this parish. Members of the Group were asked to consider if there were any recommendations which would merit being put into practice and how this may be done. Replies to be emailed if possible to Paul Bishop before the next meeting of the Group.

### **4. Any Other Business**

1. Fr Paul asked members if they would be willing to share email addresses and telephone numbers, and this was agreed.
2. Fr Paul asked Brian O'Hare for the Finance and Building Committee's approval for the parish to contribute £700 towards the visit of the children from Aboud. This was half the shortfall of the cost of the flights, bus travel, entrance fees etc. (The generosity of the parishioners had raised over £2,000 towards the cost.) Brian will seek approval from Finance Committee.
3. Ellen enquired about additional noticeboard for hall. This will be purchased and erected.

The meeting closed at 20.45  
Next meeting - Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September