

Our 3 Parishes' Pastoral /Minutes of Meeting at Our Lady and the Apostles – 6 February 2025

1. Opening Prayer – Fr Martin

2. Present:- Fr Martin, Marge Newbrook, Kevin McKenna, Mark Kernberg, Jane Roberts, Hazel Dove, Jim Seggie, Rosy Hickman, John Maloney, Marie Byrne, Dennis Clarke, Henry Chukwumah, Sarah Slingsby, Lucy McJannett.

3. Apologies :- Cathy Kay, Margaret McCann, Maureen Chamberlain, Mary Norton, Judy Carey, Praveen Danam, Janine Murphy.

4. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising – Approved.

5. General

a. Website for all three parishes – Praveen and Barrie discussing amalgamating all three websites so that we won't be paying for 3 websites. Backup is being explored if this is not fruitful.

b. Parishioners mass books – readings are now on the back of the newsletter. For Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday – Fr Martin suggests we order them before then. CTS Daily missal is £55 or £75 including Sundays. People can also use Magnificat or Universalis App for a one-off payment of £9.99 for life, which has all the readings for every mass and many other prayers including Morning Lauds.

c. Blessed Carlo Acutis Exhibition – Hopefully, this will go ahead before the Canonisation in April.

d. Anointing mass – Easier to facilitate at St Vincent's due to access/disabled toilets, suggestion of Midweek service at 2 pm. Friday 6th June 2025.

6. OLATA

a. Heating - Parts ordered will be available on Monday and multiple heaters will be repaired on Monday. A quote for two condemned heaters will also be sought.

b. Work inside the church – Fr Martin will contact the builders to see if they can delay until after Easter if the job won't be finished before Easter as they are delayed in commencing the work.

c. Church door repairs – Steve Lavin has asked for the church doors to be repaired for security and to keep cold out. Fr Martin will ask Paul to repair the doors. Suggestion to open the left-hand door to encourage people to enter the church door from the left to see if that helps with the loss of heat from the church.

7. St Ambrose

a. St Ambrose maintenance programme – Heaters were inspected, and 2 in the sacristy area were condemned. We will get a quote, but currently, we have heaters that are warming the sacristy. The Mission Together money that the PPT would like to be used to decorate the church would require a process to change the original intention. There is no feedback yet from the bishop's council on church repairs. Central fund has money in it which is being used to help keep the church going. Plaster still falls on the side of the Sacred Heart Altar. Fr Martin will inspect on Saturday evening.

b. Children's Liturgy – Awaiting DBS Certificates.

c. Palm Sunday Service – Churches Together - singing at the Community Centre and a walk to St Ambrose – Methodist Church has offered to host it this year. Fr Martin is happy for the event to be held alternate years at St Ambrose. Fr Martin will aim to attend.

d. Light over the front steps – No light going down the steps, an elderly lady tripped on the stairs in the dark. Fr Martin will ask Paul Yates about the possibility of fitting a light.

e. Signage outside needs updating – Jim will sort out getting it changed.

8. St Vincent's

a. Handrails to the path – awaiting a response from Atkins, reminder email sent again today. We need to send the drawings and specifications to Jim Seggie who will give a price in case the diocese is unable to move this forward and approves.

b. Parishes in Partnership – Riwoto – Letter from the priest, they are trying to buy 15 plots of land, surrounded with concrete pillars, with a view to building 15 churches in the future. This would be a wider diocesan project and moving away from the original intention of supporting the school. So far, we have built dormitories and classrooms, taken on food-growing projects, provided school uniforms, and paid school wages. Discussion around what we'd like to send the money for. A reply is to be sent saying we would continue to support the school and ask for SVP presence to link with our own SVP rather than move to a larger diocesan project. For Riwoto to give a list of what the school needs, so we can choose which project to support.

c. HOPE 2025 - an initiative by CTiBW – prayer meeting every fortnight in Bramhall & Woodford. Wednesdays 12 pm – 1pm. Usually at Bramhall Baptist Church.

d. Mission Week by The Message - proposed for May in Bramhall as part of HOPE 25. Especially centring on young people, we await further information.

e. Funds for the house of St Vincent's that was sold, in Bramhall – Decided to not take this any further for now.

f. A new lock for the office at St Vincent's – Change lock to parish office door.

g. A new Missio secretary at St Vincent's – Jane will look at Parish Commitment forms to see if anyone volunteered to assist with things like this.

h. A request for some arrangement whereby Eucharistic Ministers can stand in for others in the event of illness, we need more EM. Fr Martin is compiling names of possible new ministers and will see to their training once he gets a good number. Date for Day of Recollection/Retreat for Ministers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers, **Saturday 5.4.25**. Fr Martin will arrange a speaker.

i. Watoto Children's Choir concert - 4th March - volunteers needed to host - encourage parishioners to attend and take their children and friends.

9. Any other business / Next meeting –

i. Closure of the roundabout at Greek Street – Danny Norton to feedback.

ii. Suggestion to close the front door of OLATA during mass with signage to say side door is open – see point above under OLATA 'c'.

iii. New Readers–put a message in the newsletter

iv. Could we revert to publishing for parishioners an annual statement of income and expenditure for each of our three parishes? Yes, it was published on 13.9.23 and another one will be published at the end of this financial year.

v. Summer Parish Walks aimed at families with children – Kevin will mention to Claire Montheith.

vi. Weekdays Away – Hying Priory and Ampleforth Tuesday to Thursday for older people, using shared cars - If a parishioner would like to organise these events, they can advertise in the bulletin if they want to advertise it.

vii. Lenten Stations of the cross, Church groups to put their names down to lead.

OLATA 7.3.25 - PPT,

St Ambrose 14.3.25 - SVP.

St Vincent's 21.3.25.

OL 28.3.25

St Ambrose 4.4.25

St V 11.4.25.

viii. Any celebrations planned for the Jubilee Year?

ix. Parish day out – York, Knock, Sheffield Cathedral (175 yrs old next year), Liverpool Cathedral, Walsingham, Mount St Bernards Abbey with Brewery Tour Leicestershire (Cost of tour £30, not including coach travel), Pentasaph.

Next meeting – Thursday – 10.4.25 at St Ambrose after the 7 pm Mass.

10. Closing Prayer – Fr Martin.