

Social Committee Meeting Notes 4/11/24

Present

Sharon Boylett

Marilyn Wong

Jan Cottrell

Yvette Macleod

Valerie Cooper

Ron Cooper

Ian Ledgerwood

Fina Ledgerwood

Brilla Pearce

Michelle Friend

Elizabeth Rose

Apologies

Angela Norman

James Fitzpatrick- Ellis

Fiona Bathe

Margaret Swallow

Vicky Evans

Anne Diaz

The meeting opened with a short prayer.

Changes to Social Ministry

Sharon explained how events that were historically organised by her and others, now fall into specific ministries. For example, the children's Christmas party is now under Family Ministry. The children's Christmas mass will go to the Children's Ministry next year. It will take us all time to adapt to the changes.

The hall is becoming busy, so we need to plan events in advance to book the hall.

Christmas Events

- The Carol Concert
is on 15/12/24 at 5pm (TBC). Refreshments are mince pies and biscuits. Warm mulled wine tea and coffee. Yvette offered her slow cookers. Prep will be from 4.30pm then help serving and clearing afterwards. I would expect we will be cleared away by 9pm. I will request some home-made mince pies from the congregation, and supplement with shop bought ones.
- Altar Servers Party
This year we are going to invite the older children to join the Altar Servers Party (year 4 and above). Formation for Altar Servers will take place before the party. The planned Reconciliation Service will take place after the party. Food is simple Pizza and nibbles.
- Children's Party
Planned for 22/12/24, 12.30 to 2pm. Entertainer booked; Liz is short of help. Sharon offered to help. Liz thinks parents will stay to help. Need to clear coffee after Mass by 12.30pm. Elf is

bringing Santa presents this year. Evening will be planned to wrap presents once they have been obtained.

- Children's Christmas Mass

Next year will be under Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry. Form already on Website for parents to sign children up who want to participate.

- Epiphany Meal

The meal is on 5/1/25. Limited to 50. For people living alone and Seniors.

Open to the community. We cannot arrange transport. Meal at 1pm; 2 courses Christmas dinner and pudding. After Christmas seems to be a good idea, to give people something to look forward to. Will need to be published before Christmas. Form to be on website in a couple of weeks. Sharon to cost meal and it will be by donation or sponsor a plate. Cameron (a professional chef) will be present to ensure good standards.

I will request help when I know what the vegetable situation is after Christmas.

- Cake Stall and Raffle

The Seniors are planning a cake stall in the Spring. Discussed whether to have a cake stall and raffle before Christmas.

Discussed use of money raised by raffle. It was felt that the raffle should support the Epiphany meal or a local homeless charity. To be discussed with Fr Anthony. There seems to be a question about the Salesian university still being active. After further discussion it was felt that money raised could be used to support further social events if Fr Anthony wants to keep as many events free of charge as possible.

Liz Rose will sell tickets after 5.30pm Mass. Valerie and Ron will sell after the 9am Mass.

Yvette happy to sell raffle tickets after the 10.30am Mass.

Tickets will be sold over 2 weekends December 6th/7th and December 14th/15th. The group felt we should sell tickets at £1 each rather than £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn at the Carol Concert.

Six Areas of Leadership

Each ministry should have 6 identified people to help take the lead in the ministries' work.

Currently I have James, Marilyn and Brilla. Sue Nichols was suggested, and I may appeal for others.

Events in 2025

Fr Anthony keen to keep events by donation so no one is excluded.

Going forward events proposed for next year:

- Disco – 80's 20's or Motown
- Bollywood night
- Karaoke with Philippine food
- Pentecost sharing meal (8th June)
- Games night with Pie and Mash or Sausage and Mash
- Black tie gaming night with canapé
- July BBQ with some stalls. Card Bingo can be cash but only if adult only
- Alcohol license will allow us to sell alcohol

- Soup and roll on the Fridays in lent (March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th and 11th), small charge to raise money for charity. Invite churches together
- Party of light on 31/10/25
- Skittles night

All of the above needs to be costed

Any Other Business

- It was suggested the cupboard with the accident book needs to be labelled.
- The Seniors would like a blanket for dignity should anyone fall (I have spares)
- Notice on fridge door to state undated food will be disposed of.
- A crucifix or similar to demonstrate it is a church hall.
- Oven in kitchen, company now under the Hover Brand. Sharon has emailed requesting details of an engineer. As oven is over 20 years old, I doubt they will repair it further. Separate ovens suggested. Sharon will need to investigate when a reply is received from current oven manufacturers.
- Infant toilets to have toilets cubicles and sinks removed. Then it will be used as a store room