

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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W. Devine, S. Galloway, P. Hewitt, C. Kelly, M. Maddren, J. Murray, C. Swainston, S. Weatherhall, P. Wynn,
Rev. J. Butters, Rev. Deacon, D. McKie & V. Corcoran.

Parish Council Meeting
10th April 2014
7:00pm
The Medway

Minutes

- I. Present M. Besford, A. Ewing, S. Galloway, P. Hewitt, C. Kelly, M. Maddren, J. Murray, C. Swainston, S. Weatherhall, P. Wynn, Rev. J. Butters, W. Scott.
- II. Apologies, Rev. Deacon, D. McKie, W. Devine & V. Corcoran.
- III. The Parish Census received 500+ replies, M. Besford working on collating it into a database. A few asked to take on ministries including: Eucharistic Minister, Cleaners, Counters, Flowers & Children's Liturgy from round the town.
- IV. On the feast of St Joseph the Worker, Special Mass followed by refreshments for those who work within our Parish Community. 1st May 2014. This will be an annual event.
- V. A brief financial run down was discussed.
- VI. Property:
 - i. Annual financial report was discussed to send to the Diocese.
 - ii. Fr Butters put on record his thanks for the hard work Vince has done for the Parish in financial affairs.
 - iii. Every 5 years the electrical appliances are inspected and then given a test certificate for Parish and Diocese.
- VII. The Medway was refurbished with a new carpet, looking at new tables.
- VIII. We were told the Bishop has deferred talks for Diocesan vision the Board of Directors for the Diocese thought discussions were premature and the question now is 'What is a viable Parish?'
- IX. Youth: a youth council is to be looked at by M. Besford to see what we can do and how the youth can be involved within our Parish, a thought was to start with the Confirmation group. Mini Vinnies were discussed and other possible visions for youth involvement. Fr Butters proposed to the council that we take some youth to 'Flame Congress' all agreed.
- X. The new confirmation programme was issued by J. Murray meeting dates and the Mass with the Bishop (25th September 2014, Holy Rosary Church)
- XI. Annual Mass of the Sick was discussed; St John's 20 minutes anointing of the sick. W. Scott to come back with a date.
- XII. Date of next Meeting: Thursday 26th June, 7:00pm, The Medway.