

PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Chair: William Scott, Vice Chair: Alex Ewing, Secretary: Marc Besford
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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
26th June 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, Rev Deacon D McKie, V. Corcoran
- II. Apologies, W. Devine.
- III. W. Scott announced the June 5th Service for the Sacrament of the Sick was a success and everyone who attended enjoyed it.
- IV. The event for all who work in the Parish Community on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker was excellent and people are glad that it is an annual event.
- V. A brief financial run down was discussed by V. Corcoran. W. Scott thanked V. Corcoran and the finance committee for their continued hard work in securing the parish's finances.
- VI. The parish website is now up and running the link is www.stthomasofcanterburybillingham.webs.com
- VII. The council was told the procedure of Bullying in our schools and a new policy will be introduced at St Michael's as part of the Multi Academy Trust.
- VIII. Baptism practise of the parish was formally approved, it will be given to parents who wish to have their child baptised under the code of Canon Law and the Catechism of the Church.
- IX. J. Murray announced that the Confirmation group was a success and all enjoyed the course. Mass will be at St John's Church on the 25th September with the Bishop and refreshments will be after Mass at St John's school.
- X. The Youth Club M. Besford suggested was approved to go ahead M. Besford will discuss with YMT to see how we can progress and get more involved.
- XI. The main point for discussion was Mass from around the town to be dropped from 4 to 3, considerations were put forward and the chair thanked all the parishioners for their thoughts and views on this sensitive subject. Canon Law states that Mass is celebrated only 3 times over the weekend. With this in mind and after a lengthy discussion the motion was carried for the following Mass times to be changed at Advent:
 - a. St John's (Saturday) – 5:30pm, Holy Rosary (Sunday) – 9:30am and St Joseph's (Sunday) – 6:30pm.
- XII. The next meeting will be Thursday 18th September 2014, The Medway.