

Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury

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

Pastoral Parish Council Meeting

10 September 2015

7:00pm

The Medway

Minutes

1. Present: M. Besford, P. Hewitt, P. Wynn, W. Scott, V. Corcoran, C. Welch, A. Caswell, S. Galloway, M. Maddren, C. Swainston & J. Murray, S. Weatherhall, C. Kelly
2. Apologies: Rev. Deacon. D. McKie, B Devine, Rev J Butters
3. V. Corcoran give the council a brief financial report. Rev J Butters put a financial report for April on the back of each notice board.
4. M Besford reported that there was a new Youth Group and looking to expand and grow over the next year with events such as John Paul II Award and the participation at the monthly event 'The Source'. With the addition of a Youth Group Pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year of Mercy in 2016.
5. It was noted that within the Educational sector the new government guidelines 'Prevent Duty' was massive within our schools.
6. It was noted that the Forward together in Hope team were compiling the data to put into Question A of the booklet to be sent off to the Diocese.
7. M Maddren commented that a new social group (friendship group) for the parish was formed and looking to organise social events for the parish. The first meeting was held on the 9th September 2015 and 27 people came. All welcome.
8. C Welch gave an overview of the event at Durham Cathedral the theme was 'Living the Joy of the Gospel', were the Archbishop of York and Liverpool debated current issues and those attended were commissioned to go out and spread the 'Good News'. 7 of the parish attended.
9. M Besford noted that the new parish website is up and running – www.sites.google.com/site/billinghamparish
10. The next meeting will be 3 December 2015, 7pm, The Medway. – This will be the AGM, All Welcome.