



Christ the King

with St. Augustine's

& Our Lady
of Lourdes



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Finance Meeting Minutes

Thursday 7th December 2023 @ 6.30pm

ATTENDEES:

Fr Tom, Con McHugh Will Carr, Geraldine Reidy, Julie-Anne Morton, Martin McLintock.

APOLOGIES: Pat Sheehan, David Parnell, Danny O'Flanagan.

1 Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer at 6.30pm.

2 Minutes of the last meeting.

Will suggested the minutes of the last meeting are agreed by email before being made available online, this was agreed moving forward. The minutes of the last meeting were formally agreed.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes.

Fr Tom gave an update on the electrical testing. The testing carried out separately on the house and church. The house passed but there is some work required in the church. See 5 below.

The Car Park entrance was discussed post finance meeting. When leaving the car park and turning left you have to turn into the oncoming traffic. This is dangerous. Discussions are ongoing with the council to get the splays onto the road widened.

4 Signing of the Minutes

Fr Tom agreed to sign a set of the minutes for the Parish Records.

5 Building work required for 2024 (Boiler, Rewiring).

Fr Tom explained the Church boiler has a fault. The fault occurred when there was a power cut to the Church. Due to the age of the boiler (30 years) support is proving costly. The fault may be internal pcbs (*printed circuit boards*) - approx £2k to try and fix, or the boiler may need replacing (£30k). Fr Tom has contacted the energy provider to seek compensation for the cost of the repair.

(latest update post meeting: Two pcbs were replaced and the boiler now starts. A full service is still required to complete the work.)

The electrical wiring in the church needs to have its distribution combined into one unit. A survey will be undertaken in the new year to agree the work required.

In addition, leaks on the flat roof were discussed. These are due to some of stain glass windows not being properly installed almost 30 years ago.

(latest update post meeting: the window guttering has been repaired.)

A flat roof survey will be undertaken in spring.

6 Bank Account Balance and Cashflow

Bank Balance	
6/12/23	5/9/23
Approx £200k	Approx £190K

Possible expenditure: electrical work in the church and replacement of boiler in the church.

7 Investment Scheme

Investment Scheme to 31/12/22	
Number of units	32,087
Total Value	£746,931.81
Income to parish	£7,626.48

Based on above possible commitments no further investment is planned at this time. Changes to the investment scheme can only be made in January and June.

8 Parish Forum Fr Tom explained the rationale for setting this up at Parish and Deanery level based on Pope Francis’ wish to create a more “listening” church and the Diocesan Vision. Parishioners can/need to be more involved in the future of the church.

9 Work with other parishes (St Elizabeth’s, St Osburg’s)

St Elizabeth’s (photo below). Fr Tom gave an update on the Lady Chapel work being done including a meeting room, kitchen, toilet and heating system. Also grants have been applied for the new parish hall.



St Osburg’s. Following completion of the electrical work in the hall the facility is now back in use. The next planned work is the refurbishment of the toilets, replacing firedoors, and painting the hall.

10 Working together with other parishes in the Deanery (Deanery Clusters)

Following the Coventry and Nuneaton Deanery Visitations the following four clusters have been identified to work more closely:

1. Our Lady of the Angels (Nuneaton), St Anne's (Nuneaton), St Joseph's (New Arley) Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Bulkington), St Francis of Assisi (Bedworth), St Benedict (Atherstone).
2. St John Vianney, Our Lady of the Assumption, St Thomas More, St Joseph the Worker, All Souls.
3. St Patrick's, St John Fisher, Sacred Heart, Corpus Christi, St Anne's, St Mary's.
4. Holy Family, St Elizabeth's, St Osburg's, Christ the King, St Augustine's.

In addition there are currently 20 Priests in the Coventry Deanery. In 10 years', this will be 10 Priests based on age and not including any other factors. The role of a Deanery Administrator was also discussed. This is all being discussed at the Deanery level.

11 Parish Loans (Sacred Heart, St John, Alton)

No change. The following were agreed at the previous finance meeting: Sacred Heart £20k, St John (Alton) £10k. These loans can help getting grants as they often match what has been raised. Parishes in Coventry contributing to pay off St Osburgs' outstanding loan (£500k) has not progressed since the last meeting.

12 Parish Report

This year's report focus will be on the Future of the Parish, the Parish Form and working with other parishes in the Deanery. This year's report will be printed and presented to the parish.

13 Parish Centre and St Augustine's Sports Centre

Both being well managed. At St Augustine's Sports Centre, Alan Kerr is no longer involved.

14 AOB

None.

The next meeting is on Thursday 14th March 2024 at 6.30pm in the Presbytery.

The meeting concluded at 8.00pm.