

Dear Parishioners

Notes from the recent Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (PPC).

The PPC is a group of people from St Mary's Marple Bridge and the Annunciation, New Mills, who are appointed by the Parish Priest and meet four times a year to discuss matters concerning the Parish. Members of the PPC include - Father Emmanuel, Denise Ead (Chair) Fionulula Boucher, Jim Howell, Matt Gourdin, David Mellor, Nick Reynolds, Anne Winders, Catherine Anderson, Joseph Harvey, and Jo Barber who attends in the role of Safeguarding.

Brief feedback of the main points from the recent PPC meeting.

- 1) We have appointed a Parish Administrator called Mrs. Jessica Brennan who will be employed part time and will be based at New Mills. A telephone number, email address and hours of work will soon be in the Parish Newsletter. (Face to face appointment will be by prior appointment). Patricia Atkinson remains the Finance Officer.
- 2) Safeguarding - Catherine Anderson is the Safeguarding Lead for Marple Bridge, Jo Barber is Safeguarding Lead for New Mills. There are posters and Pocket Guides available at the back of both churches.
- 3) We are organising another 'Songs of Praise' in the early Autumn at New Mills. More information will follow.
- 4) There has been a lot of structural work undertaken at both churches. Tree surgery carried out at New Mills and trees removed from Hollins Lane at Marple Bridge. Grass has been cut at MB. Work around the graveyard is still to be done at MB.
- 5) New Website - Progress is being made and we intend to finish this and go live with the new site in September. It will have a more modern feel and will be much easier to update. We plan to give each parish group a chance to contribute so if you have things you want to include please let us know.
- 6) We need volunteers to take the lead in social events at the churches - please put your name forward if you are interested. (There is a list of proposed events, at the back of the churches, if anyone would like to arrange one of the events, please contact PPC).
- 7) With regards to any burials/graveyard issues - Jim Howell is helping at the present time. (Once our new Parish Administrator is familiar with the Parish many of the tasks will move to Mrs. Brennan).
- 8) Missio and Mill Hill Red Boxes - if you have one could you please give to Fr. Emmanuel and if anyone would like to become the Lead Person to organise the collection of the boxes please let Fr. Emmanuel know.

If anyone in the Parish would like to raise an issue then please let me know. (0161 427 6297).
The next PPC meeting will be in September.

Regards. Denise Ead. Chair, Pastoral Parish Council.

