

Minutes for Cafod Group Meeting on 4 November 2020 at 2.30  
This meeting took place on Zoom

1. Apologies received: Jim Wetherill
2. Matters from minutes of last meeting which are not on this agenda:
  - a. Children's clothing: Angela reported that sewing clothing has begun but garments are not yet complete; Liz and Carol queried an aspect of the template, that sorted they were happy to proceed.
  - b. Cafod's MP correspondents' scheme: Angela, Chris and Andrea reported that they had signed up but had received no formal confirmation as yet. Bernard undertook to forward materials should they arrive before confirmation received.
  - c. Cafod Coronavirus Appeal: query made about whether to publish amount raised i.e. £4,285 in the parish newsletter: this given universal approval; and it was suggested that the number of contributors should also be included to give parishioners clear idea of what has already and can be achieved. The Just Giving page is still up and running and it was agreed that this should also be mentioned in the newsletter as it would allow anyone who had forgotten to contribute an opportunity to do so.
3. Prayer Pilgrimage: brief outline of thinking was offered by Andrea and she agreed to make concrete instructions so that the group would know what they were trying to convey to the parish as an endeavour. Key questions were how it was going to be rolled out; how it was going to have a practical impact on the community's life; when it might be rolled out: immediately or during Advent or after Christmas. Also, can we raise funds via this activity? Agreed that extra donations to the local food banks would be a practical outcome that would improve lives.
4. Planting trees at St Joseph's:
  - a. Our plans, where have we reached: Bernard reported that he had not, ultimately, met with the expert from the council as he updated Bernard to explain that there was no need for planning permission for the proposed/planned trees on the site. Simon Goldsack at East Holme may be able to help the choosing and sourcing of trees that we need, when we need them.
  - b. Andrew's email and proposed reply to Andrew: Bernard reported that he had not replied to Andrew's email as yet but was planning to shortly and fielded responses to the email from the group; the Grade I listed building status of the church and the need to promote the presence and mission of the church in Wool; also, we need to avoid notice boards and drain covers. Agreed that there is scope for planting on the site even with the responsibility to observe issues specific to the site.
  - c. Contact with Trees for Dorset: Bernard has become a member of this group and met with the Senior Tree Partner, who can provide saplings and more mature trees (we pay for them), and spades and lots of help to make sure they are planted properly in the ground. He also shared some ideas about the best trees to plant on the site given that we would like to plant six to seven trees in total. 8 Acre Wood and smaller plantations were done by Trees for Dorset.
  - d. Agreed that it was likely to be autumn 2021 before the trees would be planted on site. While waiting, agreed we could ask individual households in parish if they wanted a tree to plant at home in gardens. Also, that this initiative supports our Live Simply Award continuing action. Agreed we need to explain the vision of the

church, the rationale for the trees within the context of the Pope's encyclical and other teaching.

- e. Ideas for the types of trees we would plant came from Liz, including: Rowan, Field Maple, Liquid Amber (already on site), and Silver Birches. We need to protect saplings when planted; do we get bare root saplings or a certain sized pot sapling or buy slightly larger/further grown trees initially or buy 3 older and 3 younger trees; suggested we might get the trees sponsored by individual parishioners or families or larger groups if the larger ones purchased in order to ameliorate cost: this would mean the trees were 'up and running' more quickly, ie. trees would be clear and apparent on the site;

#### 5. Messages to the Brave

- a. Update to plan in light of Covid 19: BW email to Fr Tim 23 October-reply to this 24<sup>th</sup> October established that a note would go into newsletter to invite parishioners to join in the campaign via the CAFOD website, there will be a newsletter link for everyone to do their own messages.
- b. CAFOD group: Liz and Bernard have cards ready to go, they will add our names on to these, they are written in English, Spanish, Spanish or Portugese depending upon the activists' preferred language; could this be integrated into PP?

#### 6. Pope's encyclical "Fratelli Tutti" - update on parish discussion group:

- a. BW email to Fr Tim 19 October and subsequent newsletter item; Bernard is organising and liaising between those who have signed up and Fr Tim: additional invite to be in newsletter. Fr Tim has agreed to lead the discussion group.
- b. When to start: subsequent to meeting the date of 1<sup>st</sup> December at 12.30 via Zoom has been agreed.
- c. How to organise: Fr Tim will lead discussions; meetings to be conducted on Zoom as lockdown runs into start of Advent; these Zoom meetings to be recorded and link shared with parish so all can join in at their convenience – some people may not want to 'see' others on Zoom platform; there are 8 chapters and so each session will cover one chapter and will run over into new year.
- d. Liz, Chris, Colin, Angela, Andrea and Bernard to do discussion group. Bernard is going to collate queries and questions for Fr Tim and then propose discussion on how group will apply learning to immediate situation in parish in terms of action.

#### 7. Christmas wreath making with raffles for hampers:

- a. Lockdown means that wreath making must now be entirely in people's own homes;
- b. Names of those wanting to take part to be collected immediately and phone number and emails requested for contact; money (£15) needs to be collected: all monies will go to World Gift via CAFOD.
- c. Packs of materials will be collated by CAFOD group; they will be delivered to those who need that provision, otherwise collection point at St Joe's on 5 December for packs to be collected by participants. Idea is to keep carbon footprint as low as possible.
- d. Leaflets with instructions will accompany the pack of materials.
- e. Participants will be encouraged to take a photo of the completed wreath at the end of the end of the day and post that to Colin Clare for the newsletter. Raffle for hampers is no longer viable so it will not take place and we might encourage fellow

parishioners to donate any money they would have spent on raffle tickets to CAFOD.

8. Campaigns Update, October 2020
9. Cafod climate campaign in 2021, run up to COP 26
  - a. Ideas needed for lobbying MPs
  - b. Ways of persuading government to get into the reduction of emissions: increasing their awareness and resolve on issues to do with climate change
  - c. Would it be possible to persuade people to write to PM Johnson
  - d. Would George Eustace – Environment Secretary – be another letter addressee?
  - e. Would we plan some activism as a parish or try to join Plymouth Diocese actions?
  - f. Angela suggested a link from Dorset County Council website – a survey to see if manifesto is **enough** provision to prevent climate change; topics or issues that affect environment via DCC
  - g. Carol suggested that we could publish hints and guidance on how to save the planet in the newsletter
  - h. Asking ourselves as a parish: ‘What would it take for you to take action?’
  - i. Chris suggested that at macro-level it is not so simple but if there was something to ‘get behind’ it might be easier
  - j. Education might be required first: “save your rainwater”, “use your washing line”, “nuclear/wind power is better”: also keeping emissions low - a how to guide; retro-fitting homes with insulation and other climate friendly fittings;
  - k. MP Drax is only dealing with Covid related matters at the present time:
  - l. Lobbying may need an action plan; but it also requires numbers to be effective
  - m. Paris Climate Accord demands net zero emissions by 2050 but the UN advises we must get to 50% reduction by 2030 and 75% by 2040 in order to achieve the 2050 imperative; how do we get parishioners interested in this issue?
10. AOB:
  - a. We need something in the newsletter about World Gifts as an alternative to shopping - via the CAFOD website: ask Fr Tim
  - b. Diocesan CAFOD team – Simon Giarchi – liked minutes from parish CAFOD groups to see what is going on (potentially support but also disseminate good ideas)
  - c. Wednesday am coffee after Mass to be resumed on Zoom during lockdown but cannot be done on Wednesday due to Fr Tim’s unavailability because of online Mass requirements – suggestion it resumes but at the adjusted time of Thursday at 11.15 am: Bernard and Liz to add this message to newsletter inviting anyone who would like to link online: no quiz for the time being...
11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm