

**St. Osmund's and Holy Redeemer Parish Council Meeting  
Minutes**

**Date** 31-May-22

**Venue** St Osmunds Church Parish Hall

**Attendees:**

Fr Anthony, Fr Johnathan, Dave Blake (Chair), John Proctor, Helen Burnell, Kevin Lynn, Mike Watson, Obiajulu Okosun, Marilise Smurthwaite, Margaret Godwin, John Lester, Sajine Scaria, Alex John , Raiiti Lee

**Apologies:**

Andrew Tucker, Ariana Albrecht & Gerard, Caroline Williams, Nick Cusack, Mike Presley, Jane Ranaboldo, Vivienne Green.

**Prayer:** The meeting started with 15 minutes prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

**Agenda:** Four main working points & Parish barbecue

- 1 Young People    3 Supporting Refugees  
2 Mental Health    4 Outreach to lonely and Bereaved

Discussion and reports	Actions	Who
<b>Resignation</b> Pauline Oliver Anita Pheby		
We need more people to help in the four main workstream.	Spread the word to the community & recruit members	All members
<b>1.Young people</b>		
The Bridge Project, supporting working with school part time and with Parish/diocese.	In progress and will need to be ready by Sept 2022	Diocese/Parish
Job description for a youth officer is being drawn and will need to be ready by Sept. This will be a 2 year fixed term appointment.	Job offer in progress	Diocese/Parish
Working on developing the parish property to make it more suitable to run youth clubs - to be available next year.	In progress, looking into existing properties	Community and parish
More existing properties may be available.	In progress, to take some of them back	Parish
There has been some conversations with Mr Sanderson at St Os Primary School, who is happy to work with the parish, and support the development of the youth.	In progress, liaison to be maintained and ideas to be developed	Volunteers and parish
The youth group is particularly keen to work with St Joseph school.	Parish to organise discussions and planning.	Parish and volunteers

The group targetted for the sports events is the top juniors group 10-11 years old, which could be extended to 12 years group.	To make it as spiritual as it is sportive, team sports, with some sort of quiz to take home	Alex John and group of volunteers
Some planning is needed with timings.	Organise within the group, a effective channel of communication	Group volunteers
Communication for groups	Create a WhatsApp group for each specific group	Group volunteers
Ideas, to get some activities planned and structured with timings	Plan activities	Group volunteers
Youth volunteers must all be DBS checked.	DBS process for all youth volunteers.	Deacon John Proctor
City council, able to fund some coaching courses	To enquire, see the need and as it fits	Group volunteers and Parish
St Joseph School could be used to provide venues and some resources	To enquire and plan	Group volunteers and Parish
Chafyn Grove as a venue	To enquire for availability	Group volunteers and Parish
Godolphin as a venue - tip from a teacher part of our church community	To enquire for availability	Group volunteers and Parish
Planning games as age appropriate	Prepare and plan games, age appropriate	Group volunteers and Parish
<b>BBQ</b>		
<b>Date 17/07/2022</b>	Inform the wider community and families, especially those not receiving the newsletter	Group members
<b>Venue St Osmund's Primary School</b>	Email and phone call to families from the First Holy Communion, weddings etc...	Caroline Williams
<b>Timings 12pm to 16.30</b>		
Games for younger children and older children	Prepare activities and games for younger children	Youth group volunteers
<b><u>2.Supporting the refugees</u></b>		
In Salisbury, the Methodist church has already welcomed some refugees.		

They are having issues accessing medical care & prescriptions of medicines, visa applications, accomodations. Some people have offered to take them, in their home. There are welcome information packs at the hub.	We need to get support for these families. We need to pass on information to people who may be able to offer some support. (Welcome packs)	Group volunteers
Who has offered to help?	Maintain a record of offers of help	Kevin Lynn
At Holy redeemer church, some refugees have come to attend the mass. They asked for support understanding English and the mass.	Our volunteers and the hub can provide some support in understanding English. Look into Universalis to find out if theres is the Ukrainian language.	Group volunteers
<b><u>3. Mental health support</u></b>		
From Andrew: There has been conversations with a mental health supporter, indicating that courses were available to train our volunteers. This includes a 20mns awareness training followed by mental health first aid course (half a day). In our parish, a catholic trainer was identified with the abilities to conduct some of these trainings. In this way, we will be able to have those tailored to meet our faith and community needs. These trainings aim at identifying mental issues and how to signpost to individuals to professionals.	To contact trainer and have those trainings put in place for the group volunteers.	Group volunteers
Outreach from church to mental health, same as for autism -	Consider changes to make it easier for other groups and be more inclusive. For priests or ministers to get to those people. We need to train our supporters to reach out in this specific way.	
Hospital chaplains are available to reach out - although with COVID, things have not gone back to how it was and care homes are even more restrictive now.	Get informed on how to reach out.	Group volunteers, priests.
Eucharistic ministers are also available to reach out to the lonely and people not able to come to church.	Already in action but need more.	Parish community
<b><u>4. Lonely and bereaved</u></b>		

Website and newsletter updated with information		
Identify Eucharistic ministers to lighten the load from priests and deacons, more handovers to be done.	Newsletter	Parish
Having a group of people to talk about how it feels to be lonely and bereaved - handover	Griefshare group	All members
Encourage people to connect with the bereaved and lonely or even others	Offered via parish	Already done
Encourage people in church to say hi to others around us, to open and welcome others and ask about their days week and job etc	Gently ask in church only if comfortable to do so	Parishners
Make a plan to contact people who were going through bereavement - after 6 months, asking them how they are doing. (Same for those who have just done their Holy communion - wait for 6 months and check back with them, how they are doing)	Plan	Group volunteers, parishners
Look for people to help plan funerals or just give support during these hard times, where possible.	Ask Liverpool Diocese course in funeral preparation	Group volunteers, parishners
Have some groups at the end of mass to meet with people and to invite them to stay for while and have a friendly chat, with sweets. Share concerns.	Attract children with sweets, offer parents or others a sweet, to break the ice.	Group volunteers, parishners
<b>Other ways to support the community and church</b>		
Cultural and language barriers.	Use Google translate on phones.	Group volunteers, parishners
Have sweets to welcome people to socialise and open up. Use the garden for coffee morning. Allow children to play in the garden maybe so drag parents to come. Competition, quizz for children. Start to make a video to welcome people and children into a friendly competition.	Plan to use the garden. Plan games in relation to faith.	Group volunteers, parishners
Have the children to join in the liturgy.	In progress	Group volunteers

BBQ event with the help of the catenians. Julia parker and Tina are getting a bouncy castle. Chris is in charge of the barbecue (he is a retired chef). We need the Elizabeth Hall in case of Wet weather.	Supporting BBQ. To book Elizabeth Hall in case of bad weather. Plan with Caroline and DB, personalised invitations for those who had their First Holy Communion, Baptisms, Funeral.	Catenians, Group volunteers, Julia parker, Tina, Chris (Chef), Youth Group (Games).
Word from the catenians		
Christ the King has appointed a few key staff. Waiting to appoint a business manager.	In progress.	Parish
Fr Jonathan says that things are not fully back to how it used to be. For St Joseph, chaplaincy volunteers are needed and to be DBS cleared. It is still in progress.	Support DBS check for volunteers	Parish
Update from nicodemus group. This is their fifth meeting and then there will be a break until september, discussing retreats. RCIA group has met for the second time, sucessful sessions and growth, Fordingbridge (different diocese) has an Alpha course running. Two new people joining.	Supporting	Parish and volunteers
<b>Next meeting</b>		
When needed		