

Rectorial Benefice of Canton

Action Teams Report to PCC - Feb/March 2015

Youth Team:

Present were: Linsay J, Dave J, Jane H, Sarah B, Louise J, Alan D, Rob W, Fr Phelim, Fr Mark

Apologies from: Paul J, Sarah P.

1. Quick Review of what we did well regarding our work and care of young people in the Benefice
 1. Schools work, Brownies and Guides, Sunday Schools and Club, Messy Church, welcoming people, hospitable to young families, explore and confirmation, children's areas etc.
2. What kind of provision would we like to see?
 1. Homework clubs, sports, better provision for teenagers and young adults, youth worker, wifi in our buildings, youth clubs, discos for teens and years 5 and 6, trips and pilgrimages e.g. to soul survivor, Taize, Walsingham
 2. Re-start cubs or scouts for boys, waiting lists for brownies, holiday clubs and affordable child programmes during school holidays, supporting single parents in the benefice
 3. Football and other 'Benefice' teams, 18+ programme e.g. youth alpha, trips and activities; battle of the bands etc
3. What obstacles might there be to realising our desires and hopes for youth provision and ministry
 1. money and time, volunteers, anxiety and concern from other members and groups in the benefice, opposition to youth friendly approach, DBS checks, young people may not be interested in anything we do, young people don't get involved
4. What next?
 1. Another meeting (after response from the PCC), look at what we can do while also moving on with the longer term, create a sub group of young people to join the team, volunteers and putting things or events into the diary, investigate funding for a youth worker

Buildings Team:

Present were: Alan D, Ian M, David M, Fr Phelim, Fr Mark

Apologies from: Nic R, Colin R,

1. **Context, responsibilities of the team and terms of reference**
 1. Review of draft document by Fr Mark on a remit for this team looking at details to do with Mission and Maintenance (not one or the other)
 2. Review of what is needed on a regular basis by those entrusted with maintenance
 3. Responsibility for M and M lies with the PCC
2. **Who are we and why are we interested**
 1. Each person introduced themselves and a brief outline of why they would like to get involved
 2. Desire to create a common purpose across the benefice and move beyond loyalty to a particular church or congregation
 3. The great potential of our buildings was acknowledged
3. **Reactions and views on our buildings as they currently stand**
 1. Difficult to do this with not every church represented. Needs to be looked at again.
 2. Some buildings need more work than others
 3. Sharing of expertise e.g. in accessibility, quinquennials, terriers and other reports to diocese and C in W could be hugely beneficial
 4. All the desired improvements go beyond our current finances - priorities need to be agreed in the future. Need to demonstrate costs (money, time, energy) are matched by hoped for benefits

4. Towards a way forward

1. Audit or checklist for each building
2. Consult and canvas what people want regarding buildings e.g. PCC as a start
3. Find out on what realistic options are open to us - present these factually and professionally
4. First year - fact finding to see what we are dealing with (resist speculation and our desires for the future in the absence of all the facts). Starting point could be the QI (quinquennial inspection)
5. Beginning with maintenance of our buildings should inspire our review of mission (how fit for purpose the buildings are with supporting our mission)

Pastoral Care Team:

Present were: Hilary W, Martin B, Andrew S, Aidan W, Kate M, Fr Phelim, Fr Mark

Apologies from: Diana M, Lyn R, Ruth H,

1. Setting the Context - Conversation Days

1. Shared concern that some individuals and groups were not receiving the kind of care they should from us
2. Need to be more focused, organised and collaborative in our care of different groups
3. Context of Christian mission - love and compassion for those in need

2. Who are we and what we hope to offer this team

1. Each person introduced themselves and their hopes
2. Following hopes were expressed: pooling knowledge and variety of skills at our disposal already; informal at the minute but no strategy; focus on visiting and accompanying people who need and want some help; connections within our community but willing to go beyond it; clarify what we mean by pastoral care; enabling and supporting the ministry of everyone in the benefice regarding aspects of Christian care;

3. What do we want for this team? The following suggestions were put forward:

1. Work is needed on a code of practice e.g. confidentiality, training and inclusion
2. Support and encouragement for those who want to get involved, e.g. perhaps some training might be welcome
3. Celebrate what is currently going on
4. Perhaps an audit or survey of the kind of care offered by Churches in Canton
5. Look to the expertise of different groups within the diocese and in our local ecumenical partners
6. Link or publish what we do or promote under the seven sacred spaces e.g. chapter, cloister, refectory

4. How to move forward

1. Prayer Cards (as in Tongwynlais parish)
2. Ensure the care we offer is rooted in good and right relationships
3. Build up the core group and engage people from there on
4. Care Corner in each church - community mappings of activities beneficial to our wellbeing
5. Make more links with care homes, charities e.g. Age Cymru etc
6. Invite other Churches to help us and share good practice
7. Brief questionnaire on pastoral care for giving out and completion during a sermon slot