

**PARISH OF ST PETER AND THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS
EVANGELISATION STRATEGY GROUP MEETING**

Notes

14th June 2022 in St Peter Room, Parish Centre

Present: Fr Mark Hogan, Mike Elks, Becky Maeso, Moira Redmond, Deacon Martin, Wojtek Rakowicz, Matthew Hill, Ania Slinn (Chair), Allegra Mutanda and Angela Osborne.

1. Coffee & Catchup

It has been a rather long time coming but it was lovely for the ESG to meet in person rather than on zoom.

2. Welcome, Prayer and Apologies / Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Ania opened the meeting and Fr Mark led us in prayer.

Apologies were received from Deacon Gerard Dailly, Marina Humphrey and Agnes Sitjar.

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th April were agreed and approved.

3. Listening Sessions – aims of the listening project as we move forward

Ania introduced the ESG Working Group's Listening Sessions paper setting out proposals on developing a continuation of the Listening Sessions across the Parish.

After everyone acknowledged that they had read the paper Wojtek summarised the conclusions of the Working Group so far and how we take forward Pope Francis' invitation for our Parish to become a 'listening church'. It was generally agreed that the Listening Sessions experience could be very useful to be developed as a 'tool' for the Parish to be rolled-out and used on a continuous basis by leadership teams across the Parish to foster a listening-led communication culture.

The meeting confirmed for the Working Group to proceed as proposed, including the following:

- a) Confirm the Purpose (as proposed in the Working Group paper)
- b) Review what came out of the original Listening Sessions report
- c) Develop a protocol on how we should respond to the Listening Sessions' outcomings
- d) Promote the opportunities identified by the Working Group
- e) Address the concerns raised by the Working Group

Action MCH/WR/AS/BM to continue with working group

Fr Mark offered the ESG the opportunity for an outside facilitator to help with this task reminding the meeting not to forget the involvement of the Holy Spirit in this.

Action Fr Mark to organise a facilitator

Deacon Martin reiterated that it was an extremely good idea for this 'tool' to be carried forward as it establishes a means by which the listening church becomes 'the norm'.

To help carry this proposal 'tool' forward it was suggested that the Working Group should liaise with the SLT and also a couple of selected outreach ministries in a structured way and use the same process framework as those that were used in the synodal process as a next step.

Action: WR/MCH/AS/BM

4. Brief update on work towards appointing Director of Worship / Music Leader

Deacon Martin informed the meeting that the necessary consultations had taken place and expects that there will be some further progress to report at the next ESG Meeting in September.

5. How should we review the Five-Year Strategy plan

Matthew reported that he has looked at a review/update of the 5 Year Plan and recommended that a Working Group is formed to do this. Much has changed since it was published at the end of 2019, including a number of the ESG members have changed and the world today is a dramatically different place (COVID, the war in Ukraine and the economic outlook). It was agreed that a Working Group is established to update the plan using the following approach:

- i) Where have we made progress
- ii) Where have we failed
- iii) What is new
- iv) What is now irrelevant

Fr Mark and Matthew to find 2 more people to be on the sub-group.

Action: Fr Mark & MCH

6. Permanent Chair(s) of the ESG

Fr Mark thanked Ania and Matthew for the work they have done so far in standing in as co-chairs. Fr Mark proposed that we appoint Ania and Matthew as co-chairs for the ESG committee. This was agreed and approved by all.

7. Recruiting new members to the ESG

After much discussion it was agreed that the ESG needed new members. Whilst it was acknowledged that any new members would need a strong faith commitment it was also recognised that some business related skills would be beneficial.

8. Any Other Business

Fr Mark informed the meeting that the intention for the Parish is to have a 'Year of the Holy Spirit' starting from September 2022.

It was agreed that ESG Meeting Minutes would be posted on the website. Once comments have come back from the members then the Minutes would be sent by Angela to Moira to post on the Parish website.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9pm.

Future dates for your diary

Dates for future ESG Meetings – [In person from 7.30– 9pm]

Tuesday 20th September 2022 in St Peter Room, Parish Centre

Tuesday 22nd November 2022