

PARISH OF ST PETER AND THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS
EVANGELISATION STRATEGY GROUP MEETING
Notes
20th September 2022 in St Peter Room, Parish Centre

Present: Fr Mark Hogan, Mike Elks, Becky Maeso, Deacon Martin, Matthew Hill (co-Chair), Ania Slinn (co-Chair), Allegra Mutanda, Deacon Gerard Dailly and Angela Osborne.

1. Coffee & Catchup

Matthew acknowledged it was lovely to start this meeting with an informal chat over coffee.

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

Matthew opened the meeting and led us in prayer. Matthew welcomed Andrea Hoyland to the meeting in relation to giving the ESG an overview of the Welcoming Ministry [see item 6].

Apologies were received from Wojtek Rakowicz, Moira Redmond, Marina Humphrey and Agnes Sitjar.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th June were agreed and approved.

Thanks were given to Marina Humphrey, who due to work commitments can no longer sit on the ESG, and we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for her commitment and hard work in supporting this group. Thanks was also given to Angela Osborne who will also be stepping away from minute taking, for all her hard work and support of the ESG.

3. Parish Update

Fr Mark updated the meeting on the current situation regarding clergy in the Parish. Fr Anthony has now taken up his post in Southampton. His replacement, Fr Benedict Ndikum, who is from our twin diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon, has been delayed due to awaiting his visa, unfortunately this may take several weeks. Deacon Gerard will be joining Fr Anthony at the beginning of November in Southampton.

We are extremely lucky to be able to call on the services of Bishop Peter, Fr Tom and Fr Jean-Patrice during this time.

4. Brief update on work towards appointing a Music Team Leader

Deacon Martin presented the proposal for appointing a Music Team Leader, and asked the ESG for approval.

Deacon Martin had held numerous consultations during the summer with team leaders of parish ministries involved in worship, across all 4 churches.

Although there is an agreed longer term need for an "overarching" role to support all ministries, it has been decided, given limited resources, to focus on music in the short term, because there is a need to re-establish a broad-based music team within the parish. A Music Team Leader would work with, and build on, the efforts of those who are already involved in music, and who have worked hard to maintain musical provision at Masses across the lockdown

period, and in the months since we have emerged from lockdown. The role's initial focus will be at St Peter's and on cross-parish major liturgical celebrations.

After some questions, and valuable input from ESG members, it was agreed that this post is needed to help rebuild, support and nurture the musical forces in the parish. Therefore, the ESG's approval was given to move forward.

Next actions are for Fr Mark to ensure funding for the role, and Deacon Martin to initiate work on the job specification.

Action: Fr Mark/Deacon Martin

5. **5 Year Strategy Review Plan**

Matthew reiterated 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

Matthew reported that a working group comprising Fr Mark, Ania, Matthew and a parishioner from Alresford, Andrew Brill (who has kindly agreed to assist) will be meeting to organise their review and will report back to the ESG in November. In addition to this, Fr Mark suggested that Fiona O'Reilly, Director of Global Development for Divine Renovation would be available for the ESG Away Day in February/March, to further assist in reviewing the Plan.

Action: Matthew to report back in November

Action: Fr Mark to contact Fiona O'Reilly

6. **Welcoming Ministry – Report by Andrea Hoyland**

Matthew welcomed Andrea to the meeting. Andrea reported to the meeting on her role as the lead for the Welcoming Ministry.

Andrea gave a compelling resume of her role. Andrea has a small team of helpers, mostly at the 10.30am Mass in St Peter's. She initiated the Super Welcome Sunday which has been lovely but extremely hard work with so few helpers. Welcoming has also been an opportunity to get to know people by name which enhances both welcomer and parishioner. After much discussion it was felt that Andrea should have support from Ministry Leaders and also ESG members to mentor and also help to raise the profile of welcoming, as this was an extremely important part of our Parish.

The ESG acknowledged and thanked Andrea for all her hard work and commitment.

Action: M Elks/B Maeso to liaise with A Hoyland

7. Listening Project

Matthew reported that Wojtek was absent from today's ESG meeting because he was attending a seminar on synodality at the Heythrop Association and is proposing to draft a framework for future Listening Sessions for the working group to review and report back at the November ESG meeting.

Action Wojtek, Matthew, Ania, Becky

8. Any Other Business

Recruiting new members to the ESG

It was reiterated 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.

Diocesan 10-year mission plan

Fr Mark drew attention to the Diocesan draft 10 year plan and Bishop Philip's request for feedback from the Parish (See the summary version attached).

Action: Matthew & Ania to lead: feedback by ALL (please!)

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

Future dates for your diary

Dates for future ESG Meetings – [In person from 7.00– 9pm]

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 in St Peter Room, Parish Centre

ESG Away Day – to be confirmed – sometime in Feb/March with Fiona O'Reilly in attendance

