



PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Parish Priest : Fr. Graham Smith
 MASS: Sat. 17:30 Sun. 08:30

MASS: Sun. 10:00

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CONFESSION, BAPTISM & MARRIAGE BY APPOINTMENT

13th/14th June 2015

Mass Books: 43 old new 38

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (b)

What can mustard seeds teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit. The Lord of the Universe is ever ready to transform us by the power of his Spirit. The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Cor. 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?



Mass intentions this week:-

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| Sat | 13th June | 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5.30 pm | Holy Souls |
| Sun | 14th June | 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30 am 10.00 am | Jean Wright RIP (Helen Nyman) People of the Parish |
| Mon | 15th June | Feria | 9.00 am | Holy Souls |
| Tues | 16th June | NO MASS | | |
| Wed | 17th June | NO MASS | | |
| Thurs | 18th June | NO MASS | | |
| Fri | 19th June | NO MASS | | |
| Sat | 20th June | 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5.30 pm | Holy Souls |
| Sun | 21st June | 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30 am 10.00 am | William Bohaman RIP (Douglas & Dympna Hill) Eddie Fagan RIP (Trudi Burrows) |



WE HAVE CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN AGED 3 & ABOVE—
 AT THE 5.30 P.M. MASS, ST. HELEN'S, AND 10.00 A.M. MASS, ST. MARGARET'S.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :

AGM : 24th June at 7.30 pm in the presbytery

DEANERY MASS : 3rd July 7.30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford

STRAWBERRY FAYRE : 18th July

FEAST OF ST. HELEN : 18th August Mass at 8.00pm at St. Helen's Church, Ongar

FEAST OF ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND : 16th November Mass at 8.00pm at St. Helen's, Ongar

HALLOWEEN THEMED JAZZ NIGHT : 31st October at St. Margaret's Church Hall, Dodinghurst

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR : 5th December, Budworth Hall, Ongar

CHRISTMAS CONCERT : 12th December at St. Margaret's Church Hall, Dodinghurst

(if you have any events that you want advertised in the newsletter, or any that are missing from this list, please contact the presbytery and it will be included in this section each week).

Mass Intentions for Ongar and Dodinghurst : Please inform Fr. Graham of any Mass intentions, or alternatively there are brown Mass offering envelopes available for use in the lobby at St. Helen's, and at St. Margaret's, in the vicinity of the hymn and Mass books.

Mass Books : There are some Year A Mass books missing from St. Margaret's, if you have any could you please return them. Thank you.

Chair and kneeler rota at St. Margaret's : Volunteers are needed for setting out the chairs and kneelers before the 10:00 mass at Dodinghurst. Please speak to Graham Bateson if you are able to help, or telephone 01277 374344. We would be grateful for any help that you are able to give.

Bell Ringers : We are appealing for new bell ringers for the 5.30 Saturday evening masses. Please contact Tony Kass on 01277 823647 if you would be happy to be included in the rota.

"Let's talk about Jesus" A parishioner recently asked me to start a discussion group on 'Jesus' and 'questions on the faith' ; and so after mass on Monday morning I invite those who want to pray, discuss and have a cuppa to join me in the presbytery and hopefully together we can grow in faith and understanding. Fr. Graham.

ABC (About becoming a Catholic) A course on becoming a Catholic is starting in September. The course is open to those who are not Catholic and want to know more about the Catholic faith, or those who are already a Catholic but need questions answered. If you want to join the course then let me know. We shall begin on Monday 14th September at 7:30 p.m. in the presbytery.

The AGM will take place on Wednesday, 24th June at 7.30 pm in the presbytery. There are three vacancies and if you wish to nominate somebody please fill in the slip provided at the back of Church and hand back to Fr. Graham please as soon as possible. **Please check with the person being nominated that they are happy to stand.**

Strawberry Fayre : On 18th July. Sister Mary from Haiti will be joining us to raise funds for the people that she works with, please pray for good weather and deep pockets! For further information, please contact Ashley: 07732 413770 or Michelle : 07956 256230. Donations of Pimms would be appreciated.

Christmas Concert : At the last P.P.C. meeting, it was decided that the Parish would organise a Christmas concert on Saturday 12th December at 7.30 pm in St. Margaret's Church Hall. If you have a hidden talent that you wish to share with the community, from sword swallowing to playing the spoons, we would like to hear from you! Please contact the presbytery if you have any ideas.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

ILL/HOUSEBOUND? - TO ARRANGE COMMUNION AT HOME—Please phone Sheena Mackintosh on 01277 821524.

HALL LETTINGS & BOOKING INFORMATION—Ann Rayment (01277 824029)

NEW PARISHIONERS—If you are new to the Parish please introduce yourself to Fr. Graham.

NEWSLETTER—If you have an item for the Newsletter (**Deadline Wednesday**), or have someone you wish to be included in our Prayers section please phone the Presbytery (01277 362645).

e-mail ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org, or post hard copy to the Presbytery. Thank you.

Please also inform the Presbytery if someone no longer needs to be included in our Prayers section.

GIFT AID ORGANIZER—Bernard Adams (01277 823511)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVE—Alison Sainsbury (01992 522477) email alisainsbury@hotmail.com

Reaching out to help disabled children : A charity that helps disabled children improve their mobility through horse riding is desperately looking for more volunteers. **Reach**, based in Kelvedon Hatch, helps children with a range of disabilities through a physiotherapy course on horses, known as hippotherapy, and this involved horse riding, finger painting and petting. Children with autism, development delay, and various other disabilities all visit the centre. Louise Barret (Louise Lees) is a trained physiotherapist and took a course in horse rehabilitation. Louise set up Reach with the help of friends and local businesses. It is so good for children to be in this kind of environment. Reach will be holding an open day on Sunday July 29th; anyone interested in helping in any way can contact Reach via reach.hippotherapy@gmail.com or by calling 07791 188473.

The Stondon Singers: The local choir will sing on Tuesday 7th July 2015 8:00pm at the William Byrd Anniversary Concert. Imogen Holst—Mass in A Minor and Anthems and Graduals by William Byrd and Thomas Tallis at the Church of St. Peter and St Paul Stondon Massey. Doors open at 7:30pm. Tickets: £12, £10 (Concessions) £6 (under 16) information: 01992 522300 stondon_singers@fsmail.net Available from: James Dace and Son Allegro Music Members of the choir and on the door.

Catholic Culture Club : Pope Francis has stated that he wants 2015 - 2016 to be known as the "Year of Mercy". In preparation for this year, the club will be discussing the book : **The Forgiveness Project : Stories for a Vengeful Age by Marina Cantacuzino.** Please join us in the presbytery on Wednesday 1st July at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested. The Forgiveness Project is more than a book as it started in South Africa as a process through which people could resolve conflict and seek reconciliation and forgiveness. The book explores how people can forgive, despite experiencing trauma from family and authorities. To give us time to read the book we will meet on Wednesday 1st July at 7.30 in the presbytery. Please contact me by email if you would like to come.

Fr. Graham

Christmas Card Art Competition : I am hoping to sell our own Christmas Cards this year. If you are artistic in any way and would like to submit a design for the card then let me know. (Fr. Graham)

DIOCESAN NEWS

'Abbotswick Race Night, Brentwood - 20th June 2015 at 7pm

Please join us at Abbotswick House of Prayer at 7pm on 20th June 2015 for what promises to be an enjoyable fundraising evening. A light supper and initial £1 bet are included for all race-goers and you are welcome to bring your own drinks. Tickets cost £10 each and advanced booking before 13th June 2015 is essential. Please call 01277 373959 or email info@abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting a Charity Golf Day at The Rayleigh Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge on Monday 22nd June 2015. Tickets are priced at £50 per person and include bacon rolls & tea/coffee on arrival, 18 Hole Stableford Competition, 'nearest the pin' & 'longest drive' initiative and a Golfers' Lunch. Places are limited to 72 players so please book early in order to avoid disappointment. Please contact: Julie

Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, DODDINGHURST

CREAM TEAS
IN PRIEST HOUSE

AFTERNOON TEA WITH
CREAM TEA OR
HOME MADE CAKES

SUNDAY
21ST JUNE
19TH JULY
16TH AUGUST
20TH SEPTEMBER

2:30 TO
4:30 P.M.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH WILL BE OPEN TO VISITORS



RSCM-EEL ORGAN WORKSHOP Sat 27th June 2015. 2pm – 5.15pm (inc tea break) firstly at St Francis' church, Silver End CM8 3SF and then at St. Mary's church, Rivenhall CM8 3PH. This is a workshop is for pianists who have started playing the organ or who are considering doing so. Come and find out all about it, how it works, what the bits look like, what does what and how to get the best out of it. Cost: Adults £5.00 Schoolchildren £3.50 : more details are available on our website <http://www.rscm-eel.org.uk> with a registration form to download.

Ever Ancient, Even New : Men aged 18-40 with a passion for God and the Church are invited to consider a vocation to the men's branch of a new religious community. Join us on the weekend of **4th/5th July at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood**, for a time of prayer, sharing and reflection. It will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham's charism and how it may relate to your own faith journey. **For further information call Jim on 01277 373848 or visit www.walsinghamcommunity.org**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Charity Shindig on Friday 10th July at The Champion School, Hornchurch. Tickets cost £22 per person which will include a light supper. Guests will be treated to a display of Irish Dancing followed by dancing to a traditional ceili band and caller and a traditional sing-a-long. Tickets for this adult-only event are limited and will be sold on a strictly 'first come first served' basis. For tickets and information, contact Julie Abbott – 01268 784544 / 07912277413 - jabbott@bccs.org.uk

Catholic Grandparents Association : calling all grandparents, grandchildren and of course mums and dads. Join us on Sunday 26th July, the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, for a day of faith and fun. There will be a rosary procession and concelebrated Mass and plenty to do for all the family. For more details contact Caroline on 01328 560333.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan – July 2015. The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is filling up – book soon! Sunday 26th to Friday 31st July 2015, from £649 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £429 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. For a brochure please call Cathy O'Connor on 01206 501146, or visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org where you will also find photos and testimonies from 2014.

John Bosco Children's Summer Holiday Camp : Aldham, Essex. Each year, nationally, the SVP organise summer camps for Catholic children in the summer holiday. The camps are residential, last for one week and have a wide range of activities for children to enjoy. The boys' camp is open to children between the ages of 8 and 13 and runs between July 25th and August 8th, and the girls' camp is open to children between the ages of 9 and 12 and runs between August 8th and 15th. The cost of the camp is £145 for the week - the only additional cost is pocket money for children to spend in the Tuck shop! The camp is especially intended for young children who might not otherwise be able to have a holiday in the summer, and the SVP may be able to assist with costs and sponsor children where necessary. Much more information is available - see the poster in the church - or speak to Mike Anthony on 823802 or Peter Davenport on 899389, or any other member of the SVP if you are interested in applying, or would like more details.

RSCM-EEL Annual Choral Festival 2015. This year in the beautiful setting of Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 26th September, 10am - 5pm Festival service at 4pm **MUSIC IN THE LITURGY** An invitation to all singers to join us for an exciting and innovative day of music making culminating in a liturgical celebration of music for worship. Featuring music by Alan Bullard (including a Magnificat and Nunc dimittis especially composed for the occasion) and a dialogue sermon with the Bishop of Brentwood. *Put the date in your diaries now.* Further information will be available from our web site <http://www.rscm-eel.org.uk>, or email shirleytimmins@btinternet.com

BCCT : Basildon Catholic Collegiate Trust has a Chaplaincy vacancy. The BCCT includes the Catholic schools and parish in Basildon, providing vibrant and thriving youth ministry. We are looking for a Chaplain to work with our 7-16 year olds, and to help inspire, form and train young adult leaders. Salary is £22,937 p.a., for a September start. Full details are available at www.basildoncatholics.org.

St Alban's Catholic Primary School in Hornchurch requires a KS1 or KS2 teacher for September. Band dependent on experience and skills. For a suitable candidate, a TLR would be available to lead a core area such as English or RE. Please phone Bernadette Matthews on 01708 555644.

St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School (Leyton) is looking for an Office Manager. The role is varied and involves leading a small administrative team. The role requires a good knowledge of finance, secretarial and pupil matters. Knowledge of school finance and SIMS systems could be an advantage but is not essential for the right candidate. The main areas of responsibility include;

- ◆ Financial Management, including budget preparation and monitoring and reporting with the School Finance Manager
- ◆ Administration of HR and payroll.
- ◆ Operating, maintaining and developing the administration procedures.
- ◆ Supervise administration staff.

We are looking for a candidate with broad experience in effective financial management. Someone who is professional, confidential and a good communicator. Someone who can work under pressure and meet deadlines. Please contact rboon.320@lgfmail.org or telephone 0208 539 3000 for further details and an application pack.

St. Benedict's College, Colchester is seeking a well qualified, innovative and enthusiastic RE teacher for September 2015. Further details are available on our website : <http://www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk> or by telephoning Mrs. Angela Jones, HR administrator, on 01206 549222.

PRAYERS

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL SICK & HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS.

Gail & Family Charmaine Arnold Debbie Arnold Jonathan Arnold Rev. Jason Askew Reg Baines Barry Eileen Bendon Julie Bentley Breda Birchmore Sheila Boar Jacques Bouchard Colum Bresing Don Brockman Robert Catherine 'Charlie' (great Grand-son of



Mary & Bernard Adams) Sue Collis Holly Cooper Jennifer Curtis Charles Dabourn Maureen Dempsy Sonia Denton Francesca Diana Beryl Dodson Harry & Oliver Dowsett Sister Marie Andre (Dullaghan) Chris Easter Mark Ellis Mary Enright Peter Fabrizi Sandra Fagan Fran Francis Jean Gaughran Joan Grotzinger Alice Hadley (Fiona Parker's niece) Henry Hamilton Annette Healey Charlotte Herridge Christine Hilton Katherine Hinton Alan Hopkins Sister Kathleen (Ireland) Theresa Kavanagh Joanna Keen Kate, Julian & family, Annie Freshwater, Tara Kelly-Hassett Maria Kemp Peter King Katie Leadley (Baby) Bethany Leutchford Maura Macmahon Beatriz Manzo Margaret Maynard Val Meredew Keith Miller Pat Mortimer Alan Nyman Patrick O'Sullivan Tony Packman Pam, John & family, Carol Perkins & family René Rabbe Nick Rainsford Arthur Rhodes Bernadette Rigler Bruna

Roberts Derek Rose Ray Saunders Mary Scott Patricia Sherwin Bernard Simmons Alexa Smith Ann Smith Aaron Smith Eileen Smith Pat Spicer Elizabeth Straszynski Suzanne & baby Florence Neil Tanner Joe Toland Simon Truelove Bill Tween Jacques Visser Margaret Volkaerts Lily Walsh Welma (Verone's mother) Hope & Tracy Stringer Molly Watson Sharon Weaver Michael Weaver Michael Weston Dolly Allen Annabel Wing Sunil Menon Gail Crowe Janet Mitchell Maureen Johnston Ivy Denton Lesley Denton Ian Maxwell Sophie's unborn baby

Those at: Dudbrook Hall – Freda Godfrey Eileen Margaret Hood

Howard Lodge – Marjorie Robbins, Maureen Walsh, Kevin & Kathleen O'Donnell, Sheila Davies, Yvonne D'Cruz

May they all be touched by God's healing hand.

Please contact the Presbytery if anyone no longer needs to be on the Prayer List.

| ROTAS | | 13th/14th June | 20th/21st June |
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| Vestment Colours | | Green | Green |
| ST. HELEN'S | | | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | 5.30 pm 8.30 am Ongar | Alison/Brian Lilian (A) Jim | Pauline Amanda Amanda |
| Reader | 5.30 pm 8.30 am | Anne Robertson Bernard Hayden | Aidan Hughes` Christina Aston |
| Bell Ringer | 5.30 pm 8.30 am | - Christina Aston | - Eddie Tighe |
| Welcomer | 5.30 pm 8.30 am | - Lauren | - Gillian |
| Children's Liturgy | 5.30 pm | - | - |
| Cleaning | | Frances | Christina |
| Flowers | | Lilian | Lillian |
| ST. MARGARET'S | | | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | 10.00 am Howard Lodge Dudbrook Hall | (B) Mary C (C) Sally (D) Andy (E) Kathy | Hope/Lorraine Sheena Delores Lorraine Pauline Sheena |
| Chairs | | Bernard Adams` | Graham Bateson |
| Welcomer | | Teresa | Mary |
| Sacristan | | Julie Gilligan | Kath Bishop |
| Reader | | Brendan Dunn | Graham Bateson |
| Bidding Prayers | | Jane Gay/Emily | Brendan Dunn |
| Psalmists | | Errol | Errol |
| Children's Liturgy | | Emma & Nina | Lorraine & Helper |
| Teas | | Janet Beith | Teresa Woodburn |
| Flowers | | Sue Potter | Margaret Bates |

St. Helen's & St. Margaret's Parish Council Meeting
Presbytery, Tuesday 12th May at 7:30 pm

Present : Brian Sainsbury, Lorraine Mitchell, Jane Gay, Alison Sainsbury, Brendan Dunn, Frankie Harman, Ann Fahey, Basil Vaz, Fr. Graham, Ann Bateson, Graham Bateson, Pauline McFarlane, Teresa Woodburn, Mary Adams, Amanda Trew, Jenny Smith and Julie Gilligan.

Apologies : Ann Rayment, Les Pay, Carol Terry, Chris Beith

1. **Opening prayer** was led by Fr. Graham
2. **Apologies** were offered for the above-mentioned
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** were read and agreed.
- 3b **Matters Arising** from the last minutes

Clarification that the parish email address is still Ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org

The future car wash event has not yet been organised but hopefully it will include the Confirmation young people.

It was suggested that Clare Bailey at Ursuling High School might be able to assist with any future Palm Court Afternoon following the lack of response received by Ann Bateson from the Brentwood School.

Ann Rayment kindly purchased the Easter eggs for the children of the parish.

Alison detailed the ongoing involvement of the Holy Communion children who are encouraged to attend the Christmas Bazaar and become altar servers.

Similarly, the Confirmation Youth are involved with the Lenten Lunches and Big Breakfast events.

The delay in repainting the presbytery will be addressed now Fr. Graham can choose the colour scheme. The lounge roof continues to leak. The chair mentioned that the Church noticeboard needs updating.

4. Chairman's Report

(a) Brian thanked those involved with Easter services and in particular Bill Tillott who led the Walk of Witness in Ongar.

(b) The three plant market mornings held on 2nd, 9th and 16th May were successful and efforts of the volunteers were much appreciated, especially Ann Rayment for overseeing the three sales. Janet & Gordon worked immensely hard behind the scenes. Jane mentioned that support is also received from the wider village community.

(c) Five children from our parish made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 9th May in Ongar and thanks were given to Alison and the catechists. Gillian was praised for the lovely flowers. The lack of notice about the actual date was commented upon. Fr. Graham apologised to parishioners about this, and for Alison.

(d) SVP Party held on 10th May was another great success.

(e) Brian advertised the forthcoming VE Anniversary Day event on Saturday 16th May at St. Margaret's.

(f) A new date for the Strawberry Fayre will be Saturday 18th July in Ongar with a garden party theme and Sr. Mary is to attend. This will be complimented by a Folk night at the Green Man to raise further funds for Haiti.

(g) A Christingle Service will be held on 29th November at St. Margaret's. Louise Lees needs to be notified.

(h) The date for the Christmas Bazaar 2015 is 5th December in Budworth Hall, Ongar.

(i) Fr. Graham spoke about the success of the petition for the canonisation of Fr. Thomas Byles which he has taken to his heart. There has been a good deal of interest via the internet. He proposed a future Christmas concert for our parish on Saturday 12th December. Julie and Teresa have ideas involving the talents of the choir.

5. Financial Report

This was presented by Brendan Dunn. There has been a great deal of expenditure due to property maintenance and clergy salaries. Brendan thanked the finance committee members for their hard work. The figures were agreed.

6. Building & Maintenance

In the absence of Chris Beith, Brian delivered the report. The fire blankets must be kept at the front of the Church, visible and used if required. Basil is working to reinstall the presbytery railings which the Council insist must be in the style of the original railings. He has not been able to access any original photographs. The Ongar Historical Society or Felicity Barnes at Church Records might be able to assist.

7. CRB/DBS Co-ordination

Amanda has given out the forms to the Ongar volunteers. She assured us that we are all covered but new volunteers need to be referred to her. Also, if a volunteer's circumstances change, Amanda needs to be notified. The list of those still requiring checks is either on the computer or filed in the presbytery office, but is unclear at present. Fr. Graham spoke of the need to be vigilant when preparing for Mass, never to be alone with young altar servers.

8. Deanery Pastoral Council Report

Mary Adams announced that the Deanery Mass has been cancelled.

9. Diocesan Pastoral Council Report

Jane Gay shared with us the Plenary Day Report compiled by Carol Terry about Evangelisation. We need to follow the example of Jesus and share our joy of the Gospel with others. This can only be achieved with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The next diocesan meeting will be on 30th May with Bishop Alan.

10. The A.G.M.

This has been on hold since 2013. Mary Adams explained the composition of the Parish Council and distributed copies of the Parish Constitution whose structure can only be altered at an A.G.M. Alterations to the composition must be submitted in writing two weeks prior to the A.G.M. Nominations should take place one month before the A.G.M. Completed nominations must be in a week before the A.G.M. There exists confusion about the vacancies that may exist. Jenny and another agreed to research this. Discussion ensued about the possibility of starting afresh with all new members. It was agreed that the best option would be to retain core members rather than electing a whole new committee.

The date for the next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 24th June at 7:30 pm.

11. A.O.B.

Amanda thinks the candle box should be fixed to the wall. Jane suggested that future meetings should be advertised in the newsletter.

Ann Bateson wants Baptisms mentioned in the newsletter.

Graham Bateson requests the minutes be sent to him by email.

Pauline welcomes inclusions for the newsletter which she compiles on Thursday to be sent by email or in writing to be placed in the rotas envelope.

Teresa sought clarification about who should let the Doddinghurst Link know of future events. Ann Bateson and Sheena Mackintosh are responsible for this now. Julie requested permission to buy new Church music CDs which cost £170.00 which was agreed by Brendan.

Jenny noted that a recent edition of the Ongar News had no R.C. Events. She stressed the need to communicate the date of First Holy Communion in future. She also advertised the forthcoming V.E. Anniversary social evening on Saturday 16th May.

Alison suggested that both the Link and Ongar News should include an article about Fr. Graham's new appointment.

Alison and the First Holy Communion catechists were congratulated by Lorraine.

Mary questioned the venue for the First Holy Communion and why all sessions and liturgies were in Ongar. Alison explained that it was a matter of choice made by the parents and that this arrangement suited most parents and children.

Brian reiterated that the parish was learning to co-ordinate events and items in the newsletter, after many years of having been dependent on Lesley, who it was remarked generally by others, did far more for the parish than any of us really realised at the time, in maintaining communication.

Fr. Graham will be on holiday from 15th - 23rd June. He spoke about need for one person to take responsibility for writing Church dates in one diary. Unfortunately we can't afford a paid secretary. He suggested that the Rose Window photo by Ann Miller would make an excellent Christmas card. He would like to trial new family resources on willing audiences soon. He would like to celebrate St. Helen's feast day which is on 18th August. He would like to offer retreats for Eucharistic ministers and readers in the future.

Date of the next A.G.M. : Wednesday 24th June 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Fr. Graham closed the meeting with a prayer.