**Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 22nd March 2023 - St Mary’s Parish Rooms**

**Present**

Peter Robinson(Chair) Gillian Finlinson (Secretary) Sean Close Ann Baxter

Father Paul Johnstone Linda Mills Barry Close Mary Carroll

**Apologies**

Helen, McCrory and John Savage

**Opening prayer.**

1. **Minutes of previous meeting.**

Minutes were approved.

1. **Matters arising.**

The session for readers is still to organised. Father Paul will inform us when this can go ahead.

1. **Chair’s report/ Families at Mass**

First Holy Communion families have been welcomed to church. Discussion still around starting the children’s liturgy again. Gillian will speak to Nicki and Rebecca to see if they would have the capacity to help. Update will be given at next meeting.

1. **SVP**

Paul Radcliffe has visited Father regarding trying to invigorate the SVP work. As a parish we already do aspects of what would be considered SVP work. Try to encourage more work and more involvement. Looking to organise a day to discuss this, look for helpers and consider our parish outreach work. Father Paul to put on the newsletter and let us know on any future arrangements/meetings.

1. **Finance Report**

To be discussed at next meeting.

1. **Heating**

A summarised heating report by John Book was circulated at the meeting with options for a new heating system. Costings and recommendations were discussed. Point was raised regarding possible grants and that Diocese may know about these options. Father Paul stated that the Trustees will make any final decision on any new system.

**Note: please forward any agenda items onto Peter before next meeting.**

**Date of next meeting.**

Wednesday 26th April 2023 - St Mary’s Church Parish Rooms, 6.00pm

**Closing prayer**

**“Christ is life; we exist to bring His life to our part of God’s creation”**