St Peter's and Our Lady's Collaborative Pastoral Council (CPC) Minutes 19 March 2025

Present: Fr Stephen Day (Fr S), Martin Foley (MF), Anne Elson (AE), Paul Milton (PM), Gill Ayers-Hunt (GAH), Simon Tibke (ST), Ira Winter (IW)

All council members were present.
The meeting opened with a prayer.

Buildings and Finance

1.The only business for discussion was the "Vision of our parish" that Eric Kirwan (EK) had asked us all to put into writing by the end of March.
Fr S said EHB (an estate agency) had looked at the Presbytery and felt that it was not a marketable property as a house but had great potential to be divided into flats. He suggested that it had a value in excess of £1,000,000. This was quite a difference to the estimate from Savill's.
EHB is coming on Monday 24 March for a more in depth look.
PM said that he felt the time schedule was too short for us to create our "Vision". Others concurred.
GAH suggested that EHB should look at the Presbytery at Our Lady's, with a view to maximising the potential of the house and/or land. Considering the work needed to make the hall at OL meet fire regulations etc, could it be totally moved, change its orientation and utilise the land on the far side of the church.

2. GAH reminded members that EK had asked each parish to demonstrate the following in their vision statement:

- That they are joyful, active and vibrant.
- That they changed post-covid, and are growing, with an emphasis on Youth.
- That there are assets, particularly in the shape of buildings, as sources of income to enable Mission both now and for 20/30/40 years hence.

3.The CPC recognised that, once the future of both parishes is clearer, we will need to invite parishioners to join action groups for each parish, focused on areas like buildings and fundraising.

4.ST and GAH to work together to draft a Vision for OL, and MF and IW to work together drafting a vision for SP. Our vision needs to be aligned with that of the Diocese.

5. The CPC agreed that our Vision could be a "Best practice" model for the Deanery, showing how both parishes have learnt to work effectively together.

6. Both Visions to be circulated via email to CPC by Wednesday 26th March, Vision to be finalised with an introduction and conclusion and be ready for Fr S to email to the Diocese w/c 31/3/25.

8. Fr S to get another estate Agent to give an assessment and valuation for SP.

9.Feedback from the minutes of the previous meeting 11th March to be emailed to AE by 21st March.

10. We need to prepare our presentation for the open meeting on 1 June. We'll do this when we meet in May.

11.Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 13th May at 7pm in the Presbytery.