

**Minutes of Meeting of St John the Evangelist, Islington, Parish Council, at 7.00 p.m on
Tuesday 8 July 2014**

1. Present	Mike Fletcher (Chairman), Guido Waldman (Secretary), Mgr Séamus, Amos Curtis, Samantha Kelly, Justin Portess, Louie Salvoni, Sister Kathleen and Tosin Akinboboye Apologies from Ilaria Nisoli and Fr Martin
2. Matters arising from 3 June Meeting	Para. 2: A member of the Finance/Fundraising Committee still needs to be co-opted onto the Parish Council, at the next suitable opportunity for Fr Séamus. Para.2: It was agreed that any question of funding music for the liturgies at St John's, and the hire of professional choristers, should be left to the Finance Committee. Para. 2: Amending mistakes in the parish census records, including wrong phone numbers and missing names of planned givers, needs to be entrusted to a suitable volunteer.
3. Diocesan “Growing in Faith” project	In the parish the project is running late and likely to continue into mid-September; the delay is due partly to inaccuracies in the parish census and partly to the parish clergy having too much to do over the summer even without this diocesan project. One-to-one meetings with selected parishioners are supposed to be completed before group meetings are arranged. Ideally a parish administrator for the project would be a great help. Both Sister Kathleen and Louie have offered to help.
4. Parish Social	The Parish “bring and share” Picnic is to be held in the school playground (or the crypt if it rains) on Sunday July 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. Helping hands needed to set up tables and generally supervise. Drinks will be on sale, profits going to parish funds. A raffle is also expected to help with fundraising. Entry to be through the crypt rather than through the school gates. Neither Louie nor Amos will be on hand, but Liz has agreed to co-ordinate.
5. Parish Outreach Developments	Development of the current parish outreach projects, whether to the young, the elderly and housebound, or the homeless, must depend on the conclusion of the “Growing in Faith” project for the parish, and on closer consideration of what the parish may usefully do that has a positive and healthy impact in the local community. Starting from first principles may be useful. Meanwhile it was noted that one negative aspect of the parish youth club is that club members' behaviour in the street outside the church could not realistically be governed by the youth team working in the crypt and in the playground. Guido to liaise with the Youth Leader over this. Health and Safety, including fire prevention, in the Fr George Haines Centre needs to be tackled more closely in order to comply with public regulations, as the space is not yet fully suitable for large gatherings.
6. Any other business	Justin raised the question of music funding, but this has been considered under Paragraph 2 above. Michael emphasised the Council's role of offering our clergy practical and moral support as needed.
7. Date of next Council Meeting	Monday September 15th 2014, at 7.00 in the Presbytery. <u>Please note Monday this time.</u>