



Worship Committee

Notes from a meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2007

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies: There were no apologies for this meeting.

Present: Fr Stephen, Rudolphus Ricketts, Jennifer Newton, Leah Lutley, Lewis Njoku and Joyce Green.

Matters Arising:

- 1) Meeting re Music: The meeting with Dorothy Vernon has been arranged for Thursday 11th January 2007.
- 2) Reading the Gospel from the Lectern: Gospel trial has worked well and may be tried again in the future.
- 3) Advent 2006: Lighting of the Advent candles went better than the previous year. The children had done very well reading the prayers but Fr Stephen felt the prayers of penitence should be more solemn. It was suggested that a Junior Church Leader could read the prayers and the children light the candle this year.
- 4) Advent Sunday: The 4pm service Clothing the Cradle was not well attended but enjoyed by those who did attend. Perhaps 3-30pm would be a better time for the service in future.
- 5) Carol Service: This was well attended and very good. It was suggested that candles be lit prior to singing the first carol.
- 6) Christmas Services: Attendance at Midnight Mass increased this year although the numbers at the Christmas Day Eucharist were poor about 30.
- 7) Green Service Books: Worship Committee members to read books and comment on changes/ revisions needed at the next meeting.
- 8) Pew Questionnaires: The P.C.C. have received the report.

New Business:

Lent

Ash Wednesday: two services as usual 11am and 7-30pm with Imposition of Ashes. New Rite of service includes a 'Mini Gospel' as part of the dismissal.

Lent Groups: after much discussion about attendance at Lent groups and questions about their usefulness/popularity etc, it was decided this year to try an alternative format for Lent by incorporating a short period of meditation and reflection into the 11am Wednesday Eucharist and also during a service on Monday Evenings at 6-30pm. The Wednesday morning service to be followed by Tea or coffee for those wishing to stay for a short period of further discussion on the theme of the Meditation. The Bible Study due to be held on Monday 22nd January may be repeated during Lent (if successful) thus providing further opportunity for those who want to be involved in discussion type groups.

Stations of the Cross will be held at 6-30pm each Sunday during Lent.

God Friday is a diocesan initiative to be used on Good Friday. It suggests ways in which the message of the cross can be presented in a contemporary way. After discussion, it was decided not to take part this year but to utilise some of the suggestions eg; to send out invitations for the Good Friday Service and invite friends and neighbours who would not normally come to church on Good Friday.

Leaflet Distribution: It was agreed to distribute the leaflets again for the Easter Services and to emphasise the importance of Holy Week with notices on the notice boards etc. The Christmas leaflet drop had resulted in some people attending the Christmas Services who wouldn't normally have done so.

It was also agreed that the importance of making St Agnes Church noticed as an active Christian Presence in Longsight is something to be worked on this year.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th February 2007 at 8pm in the Rectory.

The meeting closed with a period of silence and prayer at 9-15pm.