



# Worship Committee

Notes from a meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008

The meeting opened with prayer.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Leah Lutley.

**Present:** Fr Stephen, Jennifer Newton, Lewis Njoku, Dorothy Vernon and Joyce Green.

**Business:**

**Alternative Worship:** It was decided to visit the Chorlton Group of Churches Café Church after Easter.

**Worship Songs:** Fr Stephen informed the group that the Worship Songs from Music-Praise would be introduced at Easter as it was not appropriate to introduce them during Lent. After discussion, it was agreed that a music copy would be needed in addition to the CD's.

**Lent:** There are about 25 of the Love Life- Live Lent 2 booklets left (100 were purchased). It was queried whether this was due to the fact that adults had been asked to pay for them this year. Fr Stephen suggested that the remainder could be taken and distributed to anyone who would be interested.

**Repair of the Microphone:** Fr Stephen said he had a list of jobs in the church that he is going to discuss with Colin Best, Oswald Collins and George Vernon. The repair of the microphone is included.

**Tony Sparham's Retirement:** Two books were purchased as a gift from St Agnes and some church members went to his leaving do at Wilmslow.

**Hymn Books:** Fr Stephen informed the committee that the purchase of new hymn books is "on hold". The suggestion that a Lectionary for use on the Lectern should be purchased in memory of May Camm is to be put to the PCC at their next meeting. Fr. Stephen said it was nice to see so many people staying for the Interment of May's ashes in the Garden of Remembrance on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**HOPE 08:** Joyce Green is to attend the training meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 08 at 7-30pm at Emmanuel Church, Didsbury.

**Christmas/ New Year Services:** Fr. Stephen will preach at the Christmas services this year. He has discussed New Year services with the Methodist Minister but no services are held locally on New Years Day but we will keep the suggestion in mind.

**Gift Day:** the sum of £853 has been raised so far but this is not the final figure

**Holy Week:** On Monday evening at 6pm there will be "Prayer and Place" which will be followed at 7-30pm with a Communion service with hymns. This will be a Methodist Service incorporating the Anglican Eucharistic Prayer and "real" wine.

On the Wednesday of Holy week there will be no Lent Group as there is a Mission and Action Group meeting after the I am Eucharist.

**Easter Vigil:** The new section to Common worship for the Easter Vigil was discussed. There is a choice of Three Patterns of Worship.

**Pattern A** begins with the lighting of the fire from which the Easter Candle is lit and the resurrection is proclaimed from the outset in the service of light. The Easter Candle and the candles held by individual worshippers illuminate the church. The service reaches its climax with the Easter Proclamation. The Old Testament readings from the vigil service then follow.

**Pattern B** begins with lighting of a small fire by which the story of salvation is read. This light however is **not** the Easter light. This is a more lengthy vigil and is particularly appropriate if the Easter Vigil is an all night service. It lends itself to a more creative approach with use of Bible Study, drama, periods of silence etc.

**The third pattern** is a dawn service which is usually held in a special place eg; on a hillside or beside a river and is a more informal service.

(A more detailed explanation of these patterns was given to members at the meeting)

After discussion, it was agreed that Pattern A should be adopted this year. Other suggestions included usage of a dialogue format for the readings as appropriate, shorter readings with a psalm, response and prayer between each reading and also using the most familiar readings from the list. The ones suggested were The Creation, the fall of Adam and Eve, highlights of Noah's story, Moses and the burning bush and sprinkled with the water of life.

Fr Stephen informed us that there will be a Baptism at the Eucharist on Easter Sunday morning.

**Other Business:**

**Good Friday Prayer of Intercession:** Fr Stephen is to copy this for the intercessors.

**Rehearsal for Servers:** the possibility of new robes is to be considered.

**Agape Meal:** Lewis asked if consideration could be given having an Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday next year. To be discussed at January 2009 meeting.

**Easter Candle:** Jennifer asked why the Easter candle could not be used more often. The church ruling is that it can only be used from Easter to Pentecost and for Funerals and Baptisms.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9-30pm.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the Rectory