



Worship Committee

Notes from a meeting on Tuesday 13th March 2007

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies: There were no apologies for this meeting.

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

Matters Arising:

Ash Wednesday: Attendance at both services was excellent.

Lent Groups: seem to be progressing well. When the sessions have been completed, it was suggested that the groups be asked whether they preferred a meditation format with questions or a more structured formal Lent course. This was agreed.

Stations of the Cross: are well attended again this year. There has been a mixed reaction to the new posters for the Stations of the Cross.

Mothering Sunday: Doris and Gill are doing the flowers and Doris and Fr Stephen will collect the flowers for Easter.

Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday: Jennifer offered to arrange the Easter Garden with Lilies and candles during the afternoon. Fr Stephen to check that there are sufficient candles for the Easter Services.

Good Friday Service: it was agreed to use the nails as we did last year during the service. This appears to have been appreciated by many people. Fr Stephen agreed to make two copies of the intercessions for Good Friday.

Traditional Language Services: Fr Stephen is to ask for comments from the 8am Service communicants.

New Business:

Music: during discussions at the PCC Meeting on 12th March, it was evident that the choice of hymns for our worship met with a very mixed reaction. There were some suggestions that more modern and livelier hymns or worship songs should be included in the service. This was raised by Lewis at Worship Committee as a cause for concern and further discussion. A full, frank and detailed discussion followed, although it is difficult to know how to address this fully as we haven't the resources within the church for an instrumental music group. Some of the more modern music lends itself more to this type of accompaniment and also we are not sure exactly which hymns and worship songs would be preferred. It was agreed that this matter be given further consideration and that use of CDs for some modern hymns be considered or borrowing musicians occasionally from other churches if this is possible. It was suggested that there should be an "Open" Hymn Practice in July, which any one interested could attend.

Other Business: there was no other business.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st May 2007 at 8pm in the Rectory.

The meeting closed with a period of silence and prayer at 9-35pm.