



Worship Committee

Notes from a meeting on Tuesday 1st May 2007

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies: There were no apologies for this meeting.

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

Matters Arising:

Stations of the Cross: Most people liked the new posters for the Stations of the Cross but some could not see them very well.

Holy Week: There was a very good attendance at the services as usual. The unaccompanied hymns on Good Friday worked well and this worked very well musically. In the "new" service format there are slight changes in the Easter services and these will be incorporated next year. More booklets are required.

Traditional Language Services: Only 4 people attended the 8am service this year and they are not interested in any additional services. We need to keep awareness that some people like the traditional language. The Traditional Lord's Prayer will be used at Evening Services.

Ascension Day, 17th May: 7pm at Wilmslow, service followed by refreshments

New Business:

Pentecost, 27th May: The possibility of using different languages during the service was discussed. Fr Stephen is to ask members of the congregation if they would like to participate.

Trinity Sunday: Healing Service at 6-30pm.

Corpus Christi, 7th June: Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers during the service to be incorporated as last year. Wilmslow Eucharistic ministers to be invited to make their own commitment at the same time. Refreshments to be served after the service.

Mission Shaped Church: the questionnaires discussed by the PCC are being independently reviewed by the Deanery Development Officer and the findings will be discussed at a future PCC meeting.

Saturday Evening Worship: Fr. Stephen presented an outline format for Saturday Evening worship for discussion. It was agreed that this needed to be well planned in advance and a group of 2 / 3 people should be involved. The service is aimed at teenagers and adults and a name for the service is needed. The committee were all in favour of giving this a try. To be referred to the PCC.

Green Books: Parish Eucharist during Ordinary Time: In the current booklet there are too many options which can be confusing. This was discussed and amendments made accordingly. Peruvian Gloria- it was decided to practice this at Choir practice as a "Refresher". It was also suggested that perhaps we could sing a hymn occasionally instead of the psalm, maybe during the summer months. This was agreed. It was agreed to omit the sung Gloria from the service booklet and put it on the weekly sheet when needed. Draft copy of the booklet to be available for discussion at the next meeting of Worship committee and to actually use this draft version at the Eucharist before PCC meeting next month so we can see how the new order works in practice.

Other Business: It was noted that it was nice to see more people involved on the reading rota and taking an active part in the service. More intercessors are needed on the rota. A request for more participants is urgently required.

Rudolphus will be leaving to live in Spain and his last service will be 27th May 2007. He will be returning to England on a regular basis to visit family and friends. Fr. Stephen thanked Rudolphus on behalf of the committee for all his devoted service to the church. There are two adult members of the congregation who are interested in becoming servers. Fr. Stephen to ask Jade and Alex and Pauline Flowers' nieces if they are still interested too.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th June at 8pm in the Rectory.

The meeting closed with a period of silence and prayer at 9-45pm.