



ST AGNES
LONGSIGHT

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Notes from a meeting on Tuesday 4th July 2006

The meeting opened with prayer.

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

Matters Arising:

1) Corpus Christi 15th June 2006: It was a nice evening enjoyed by our visitors although numbers of people attending was not great. The commissioning of Eucharistic ministers during the service was appreciated and will be repeated next year. Consideration will be given to inviting Eucharistic ministers from Wilmslow to make their own silent reaffirmation whilst St Agnes lay assistants are being commissioned.

2) Sunday 2nd July 4pm: the combined act of worship was interesting and it was good to meet with Pastor Francis and members of his church. It was disappointing that there was not a bigger attendance of members from St Agnes.

3) Harvest: Harvest service preparations are well under way and the Mission and Action Group are planning the theme of Water Aid. This will include personal stories about water from St Agnes members and a sharing of their experiences.

4) Readers/ Intercessors Meeting: to be combined into one meeting with sidespersons and servers on Sunday 23rd July after the Parish Eucharist. Fr Stephen to apologise for having to change the date and format of the meeting but as there are so many areas of common ground to be discussed it seems sensible to have just one meeting. A note regarding this will be put on the Weekly News Sheet.

5) Bishop Stephen: Bishop Stephen has not yet confirmed a suitable date with Fr Stephen.

6) Meeting Re: Music: there have been two unsuccessful attempts to hold a meeting which have had to be cancelled. This matter is still on going and another meeting will be arranged.

New Business:

Anniversary Sunday: Sunday 16th July: the usual service will be held but the possibility of another "Ice Cream Sunday", although not on as big a scale as last year, is to be discussed with PCC. Volunteers are needed to help and it would be useful to have a social committee to coordinate such events.

Alteration of placement of the pews: the pews have been repositioned and will be in place for about 5 weeks. Members went into church to "get them feel" of the new arrangement and to discuss the logistics. Points discussed included: the placement of the Processional Cross and the Lectern. It was decided to have

ribbons over the lectern to ensure prominence. The Gospel will be read from the lectern and servers will process with the candles to the lectern. It was decided to have stations for the administration of the sacraments. At the end of the experimental period, the position of the pews will be changed back and a short tick box questionnaire (which will be anonymous), given to the congregation to get their opinion of the changes.

Other Business: there was no other business.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 5th September 2006 at 8pm in the Rectory.

The meeting closed at 9-10pm.