



Worship Committee

Notes from a meeting on Tuesday 3rd July 2007

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies: Joyce Green.

Present: Fr Stephen, Jennifer Newton, Leah Lutley, Lewis Njoku, Pauline Flowers, Lara Dose.

Business:

Green Book: a trial version has been used a few times and works well. Full version to be re-printed now – same as trial version but with extra green card cover.

Change of Pews: too late this year to make a decision so make sure this is on the agenda early enough next year

Alternative Worship: a long discussion in the format and style of the new proposed alternative worship for Saturday evenings took place.

- It would be good for the congregation (or at least members of worship committee) to visit other churches where this style of worship already takes place – to get ideas etc. These churches might then be invited to help us in our initial attempts
- We need a 'catchy' name! Suggestions/examples given were: Fire, Bread for the Journey, Footprints, Feasting on God's Word
- Two books (Feasting on God's Word and The Prodigal Project) may help us in finding out more
- The service should be lifting, inspiring, probably non-eucharistic and involving different, praise worship
- A questionnaire could be produced to find out from the congregation some ideas about examples of music/songs, praise songs, what they have seen or done in other churches that they have liked and want to see more of

Scripture Readings at Mass: the number and length of the readings is fine – no need to reduce them. It is important not to lose the OT reading or the Psalm. Suggestion to ask PCC if we could try reading the Psalm verses alternately as a congregation rather than just using the responsorial form.

Kneeling: a suggestion was made that we use the kneeling step (where the altar was originally in the sanctuary) for distributing communion. It was felt that many would find it difficult to kneel without a rail and the steps might cause difficulty also. The chapel – and the step – are used more during the week and especially for healing services.

Open Prayer: time is often given during intercessions for people to add their own prayers out loud. We need to encourage this more and make sure time is given for this in Sunday and weekday services.

Other Business There was no other business.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th September at 8pm in the Rectory.

The meeting closed with a period of silence and prayer.