



ST AGNES
LONGSIGHT

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Notes from a meeting on Tuesday 5th September 2006

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies: Apologies from Fr Stephen who due to another meeting commitment would be late for the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Jennifer Newton in his absence.

Present: Rudolphus Ricketts, Lewis Njoku, Jennifer Newton, Leah Lutley, and Joyce Green. Fr Stephen joined the meeting at 8-40pm.

Matters Arising:

1) Harvest: Harvest service preparations have been organised by the Mission and Action Group and are almost completed. Although the theme is Water Aid, there will also be a collection of tins and food for the homeless as usual. Harvest Sunday is 8th October 2006.

2) Anniversary Sunday: 'Ice Cream Sunday' did not materialise as there was only one volunteer to help. The need for a social committee was emphasised and the importance of social activities within the church was emphasised as an extension of our worship and fellowship.

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:

Forthcoming Services: All Souls' Day is Thursday 2nd November and it was agreed to have an evening service at 7-30pm. Members agreed that where possible it was preferable to celebrate All Souls on the actual day. All Saints' day will be celebrated at the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 5th November.

Advent: The following suggestions were made:

- 1) There was unanimous agreement that the Posada should be done again this year.
- 2) An early decision needs to be made regarding the Advent Wreath and also to continue the practice of involving the children and families in the lighting of the candles.
- 3) The possibility of a weekday short Evening Service/ Eucharist with meditation.
- 4) A Quiet day or half day.
- 5) Advent Group on Wednesday mornings after the Eucharist. Suitable course or materials will be required.
- 6) Evening Service on Advent Sunday.
- 7) Carol Service on 17th December.

Christmas Dates:

23rd December: arranging the flowers and cleaning the church for Christmas.

Christmas Eve 24th December: 10-30am: Eucharist, 6pm: Crib Service (to be discussed with Junior Church Leaders), 11-30pm: Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day 25th December: 8am Eucharist, 10-30am: Parish Eucharist.

(Fr Stephen was present for the following agenda items.)

Reading of the Gospel: It was suggested that for a trial period the gospel could be read from the lectern. This was agreed and Fr Stephen said he would discuss this with Reeta and Anita with a view to starting on Sunday 10th September.

15th October Evensong and Benediction: it was agreed to hold the service at 4pm due to the darker nights.

Carol Service/ Christmas Dates: it was agreed to have the Christmas tree decorated for the Carol Service. The Christmas dates were confirmed with Fr Stephen and it was agreed to collect Christmas presents for the women and children at the Women's Refuge (these should be unwrapped please.) A Quiet Half ? Day during Advent was agreed for Saturday 9th December.

Gift Day: It was agreed to discuss with the PCC a date for a Gift Day as we did not have one last year.

Alteration of placement of the pews: about 50 completed questionnaires have been returned and about two thirds are very positive about the experiment. All the responses received were very constructive. It was agreed that the questionnaires should be collated and discussed at the next meeting of the Worship Committee meeting.

Servers Training: Members commented that it was nice to see Aaron involved as a server and asked if he had had any training. After discussion, it was decided to offer some training to new servers and to encourage other adults and children to participate. Jade and Alex had expressed an interest also other Junior Church members and one adult. It was agreed that a rota could be introduced to enable children to also attend Junior Church. A rota system may also encourage more adults to be involved.

Pew Bibles: Fr Stephen agreed to preach about this topic on Sunday 10th September as it had not been covered during the August Sessions. The Sermons relating to worship had been well received and suggestions made to incorporate them into a booklet which could be sold in aid of Church Funds.

Laundering of Robes: A question had been raised regarding the responsibility of laundering the server's robes. After some discussion, Fr Stephen agreed to discuss this with the servers after the service on Sunday and to sort out the robes. It was agreed that new ones could be purchased where necessary and that each server should be encouraged to be responsible for their own laundering where this was possible.

Other Business: there was no other business.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 14th November 2006 at 8pm in the Rectory.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9-35pm.