



Worship Committee

Notes from a meeting on Tuesday 4th September 2007

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies: no apologies for this meeting.

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

Alternative Worship: Fr Stephen suggested that we invite Simon Gatenby from Christ Church Brunswick and Chris Howitz from St Clements Hr Openshaw to speak to us about the structure of the service etc. It was agreed that we invite one of them to the October meeting and the other to the November meeting. (Action Fr Stephen)

More thought is to be given to a name for the service although "Bread for the Journey" is the most popular of those suggested. The book entitled "Feasting on God's Word" is to be purchased.

Music – Praise CD could be used as we have no music group and it was agreed to purchase 10 copies of the words editions to facilitate learning of new worship hymns and songs. After a short discussion, it was agreed to spend the next few months planning this service properly.

Harvest Sunday 30th September: It was decided to collect tins as usual. Theme for the service is "Sin and Forgiveness" which forms part of the current series of sermons. Harvest Curry Party is on Saturday 22nd September.

All Saints and All Souls: All saints day is on Thursday 1st November and All Souls Day is on Friday 2nd November. After discussion, it was decided to celebrate All Saints on Sunday 4th November at the Parish Eucharist and All Souls on Wednesday 7th November with an All Souls Requiem service at 7-30pm. It was suggested this could be in conjunction with the candles which are lit in memory of loved ones during the year. Jennifer suggested that the candle list could commence on that date for the next 12 months. This was agreed and Jennifer and Fr Stephen are to organise this.

Remembrance Sunday: is on 11th November this year and the Confirmation Service is to be held in the evening at St Cross Clayton church at 6pm or 6-30pm, time to be confirmed.

Saturday 17th November: Claire, who is now ordained Deacon and Alex who were married at St Agnes 10 years ago are to renew their wedding vows at St Agnes.

Advent: Advent Sunday is the 2nd December and there will be a 4pm Evening Service – Cloth for the Cradle. It was decided do the Posada again and also to have the Advent Wreath with candles being lit by children and families as last year.

Advent Group to be held on Wednesday mornings after the 11am Eucharist. It was suggested that an Advent Course could be used or instead Bible Study using 4 Advent Texts followed by discussion. Joyce is to review possible courses for next meeting, when a final decision will be made.

Christmas: Carol Service – Sunday 16th December at 6-30pm

Christmas Eve – Crib Service at 7pm and Midnight Eucharist at 11-30pm

Christmas Day – 8am Eucharist and 10-30am Parish Eucharist.

Flowers: Decorating the church will be on Christmas Eve this year and it was suggested that we just have two stands and use Poinsettia Plants instead of other flower arrangements to make things easier. It was suggested that we ask Dorothy and George Vernon re: care of the plants and also maybe contact Holy Innocents as a member of the congregation has a nursery.

Intercessors: Jennifer is to contact members of the congregation who may be interested in joining the list, stressing that they do not have to write the prayers as there are "Ready Made" ones available to use.

Readings: Fr Stephen expressed concern regarding the amount of paper that is used each week and the cost of printing the readings. We need to make cut backs and there was a discussion re: possible alternatives.

Other Business There was no other business.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd October at 8pm in the Rectory.
The meeting closed with a period of silence at 9-25pm.