



**ST AGNES
LONGSIGHT
worship
committee**

Worship Committee Notes: Tuesday 4th October 2005

The meeting opened with prayer.

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

Matters Arising:

1) **Membership:** Fr Stephen contacted Catherine Mellis and Helen Pearce. They are unable to become members of the committee at the moment due to other commitments but would be interested in the future. Daniel Walters may be interested but would not be able to attend every meeting. Susannah has also expressed an interest. A representative from the Junior Church Leaders has still to be contacted. Letters of thanks have been sent to Richard Trouncer and Catherine Stewart.

2) **Quiet Afternoon:** Fr Stephen has contacted Jeremy about leading the Quiet Afternoon in Advent but has not received a reply yet.

3) **Junior Church:** Fr Stephen is to arrange a meeting with Junior Church Leaders.

4) **Worship:** Nanette Dele- Charley has been asked to help teach us the Sierra Leone Song.

The Reading Sheets are back on the Lectern.

Birthday List – the sheet is typed out in readiness to collate dates etc.

5) **Liturgical Year:** The plan for the Liturgical year was accepted and the alternative date for the celebration of St John - 6th May was noted.

Fr Stephen requested that the Liturgical List be brought to each meeting to facilitate planning.

New Business:

Prison's Week: 20th – 26th November: It was decided to ask PCC about celebrating Prisoner's Week as it would provide a different focus for our worship. Resource material incorporating a meditation, Biblical quote and prayer for each day of the week only costs £1 for 10 sheets.

Lent: Details of Lent Courses have been received "Easter People in a Good Friday World" from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and the Church of England's course "Balance – Work, Rest and Play". Both courses cost £3-99 per copy.

Christian Aid Appeal for Christmas: This is to be discussed by the Mission and Action Group.

All Saints Day: to be celebrated at the Eucharist on Sunday 30th October 2005.

All Souls Day: to be celebrated on Wednesday 2nd November 2005 at 7-30pm. Some concern was expressed as to whether people would be able to attend a mid-week service due to work commitments etc. Fr Stephen suggested collecting the names for All Souls Day earlier this year so that the names could be printed out. It was agreed to write to the bereaved families of those who had had funerals at St Agnes Church during the past year, inviting them to the service.

Advent: It was agreed to have the Advent Wreath this year and Fr Stephen is to look into the tradition of adding greenery each week. It was agreed that families with children should be invited to light the candles. Leah and Jennifer are reviewing two possibilities for the Advent Course and are reporting back to the next meeting. Joyce agreed to coordinate the Wednesday morning course.

There will be a Monday Evening Eucharist during Advent and Fr Stephen will be incorporating "Creative ideas for Evening Prayer" using the Advent theme prior to the Peace and then straight into the Eucharistic prayer.

Quiet Afternoon for the Parish: Suggested programme:

1pm- Soup & Bread Lunch

1-30pm – Talk

2pm – Silence

2-30pm – Talk 2

3pm – Silence / tea break

3-30pm – Evening Prayer

When arrangements are finalised, leaflets will be printed to advertise the event.

Posada: List to go out in November

Other Business:

Use of Pulpit/ additional microphone: Lewis asked whether it would be possible to use the pulpit on special days. It was decided to meet in church next month as this would enable us to look at the practicality of this suggestion. It was also agreed to look into the possibility of installing an additional microphone in church so that the children could be heard when they were presenting their work from Junior Church and singing.

Gift Day: It was agreed to ask the PCC for suggestions regarding a Gift Day.

Hymns: Leah had received a complaint about the hymns and a request for more modern ones. Fr Stephen said we need to look at the music and suggested that a special meeting be arranged for this purpose to which Dorothy Vernon would be invited.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 1st November at 8pm in Church.