



Worship Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 14th November 2006

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies: There were no apologies for this meeting.

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

Matters Arising:

- 1) Harvest: Harvest service was successful and the Benediction Service was held at 6-30pm.
- 2) Meeting Re: Music: The meeting has not yet taken place due to Dorothy's illness but will be arranged in the future
- 3) All Saints and All Souls: Both services went well but concern was expressed regarding the number of names on the list for All Souls Day as it is getting longer. This may need to be reviewed in the future eg; ask people to renew the list of names each year or put the names in a booklet.
- 4) Reading the Gospel: Reading the Gospel from the Lectern has been tried for several Sundays. It was decided to revert back to the 'old way' on Advent Sunday.
- 5) Advent Sunday: Evening service to be held at 4pm.
- 6) Posada: It was decided to have this again during Advent this year.
- 7) Servers Training: Aaron enjoyed his trial period as a server and would like to do it again in the future but is happily settled back in Junior Church at the moment. Two adult male members of the congregation have offered to become servers in the new year.

New Business:

Advent: The Junior church children are to light the candles again this year. Advent Course to be held on Wednesday mornings after the Eucharist on 29th November, 6th, 13th and 20th December 2006. The course is entitled 'The Sending God'.

Carols by Candle Light Service on 17th December: 'Remember Bethlehem' Fr Stephen informed us about a series of posters using the words of 'O Little Town of Bethlehem and Silent Night' which draw attention to the current situation in Bethlehem. It was suggested that these could be mounted and displayed in church.

Christmas Dates:

23rd December: arranging the flowers and cleaning the church for Christmas commencing at 10am. Christmas services to be held as usual.

Lent Course U.S.P.G: Courses have been received and will be discussed in the New Year.

Green Service Books: these need renewing for ordinary time and will be reviewed in the New Year.

Pew Questionnaire: 41 responses were received in total with 39 completed.

On the whole the comments were positive and very constructive. It was suggested that we try it again next summer and publish the results in the church magazine. 'Negative Issues' are to be addressed.

Common Worship: the Common Worship Book 'Times and Seasons' supersedes the Red Lenten and Easter Book and the Green Advent Book. Over the next couple of years there will be an opportunity to look at all the services and for worship committee to be creative.

Other Business: there was no other business.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th January 2007 at 8pm in the Rectory.
The meeting closed with prayer at 9-20pm.