



# Living & Praying

St Agnes Longsight

## Notes from a meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009

### **Present:**

Beryl, Leah, Stephen

### **Apologies:**

Pearl, Denzil

### **1. Review & Rename**

This group has not met since last July so we recapped on what we had done previously and noted the change of name to reflect our area of discussion.

### **2. Bereavement Service**

Next service is planned for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Noting comments after last year's service we will make more preparations at our next meeting.

### **3. Altar Linens/Sanctuary Guild**

Although we could do with a few extra helpers, this is ok for the moment. We will keep monitoring numbers.

### **5. Prayer Tree**

We need to advertise this more and encourage congregation members to use it.

### **6. Prayers at Evening Prayer**

A suggestion to pray for specific streets in the parish each evening at Evening Prayer was agreed on. We also thought it would be a good idea to pray for individuals by name from the Electoral Roll list, praying for two names each night. This might encourage more people to join the Electoral Roll as well if they know they are being prayed for.

### **7. Parish Prayers**

Stephen mentioned that a few people appreciated praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament so perhaps on some occasions the '30 minutes with God' prayer time could also involve the exposition of the Sacrament. Margaret Taylor had brought a meditation back from her holiday in Barbados. We read this and agreed it should be made available for use in church especially at the parish prayer times.

### **8. Prayer Walk & Awareness Walk**

Stephen shared some information about an awareness walk which involves walking through the community or a park or garden and being aware of what we see, smell, touch etc and using this awareness as an invitation to reflect and praise God about creation. Other walks involve praying together as a group as you walk by and pass houses or places of interest or concern. We will look into this at another meeting.

**Next meeting:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 11.00am