



Living & Praying

St Agnes Longsight

Notes from a meeting held on Monday 11th May 2009

Present:

Beryl, Nancy, Pearl, Denzil, Phil, Leah, Stephen

1. Bereavement Service

Sunday 12th July 2009 at 6pm. Decided to do exactly the same service, meditation, format etc. This year we will make sure we give out the candles and prayer cards at the end. Things to do include:

- invitations
- tea/coffee
- biscuits and cake
- look out for bulbs rather than seeds to give out
- Pearl agreed to give out candles as people were leaving

2. Altar Linens/Sanctuary Guild

Still need to keep monitoring numbers. Only two people are washing and ironing linen.

3. Prayer Tree

Article in June magazine.

4. Prayers at Evening Prayer

Praying for those on the Electoral Roll was agreed by the PCC and will begin in July following an article in the June magazine. Suggestion also that we try to re-do the street name list so that we can pray for streets in the parish each day. Look at this in the future.

5. Parish Prayers: Thirty Minutes with God

The meditations have been printed and will be available from tomorrow's prayer time for those that want them. The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the 'Thirty Minutes' was found to be helpful.

6. Prayer Walk & Awareness Walk

Following another discussion about these two different types of walk we decided to combine the two together in the following way:

At the June 'Thirty Minutes with God' – Tuesday 9th June

- 12.45 Meet at Rectory to go for a walk around local streets – looking at the things which can inspire our prayer
- 13.00 Thirty Minutes with God – prayer based on what we have seen and what we are aware of around us. If it is fine we will sit outside and use the awareness walk leaflet to guide our prayers using our senses etc.

7. Prayer List/Sunday Intercessions etc

The PCC had asked this group to look again at the way people add names to the Sunday Intercessions list. Sometimes the list is very long and some names are on it for a long time (few months or more). After a long discussion it was felt that the system in place already can work properly but there is need to communicate it properly:

- re-explain to the congregation (sermon? magazine?) how the system works
- make sure that the two different lists are explained to people
- the prayer list to be placed in the chapel so that it can be used at Evening Prayer to ensure its use

Next meeting: Monday 13th July, 11.00am