



Living & Praying

St Agnes Longsight

Notes from a meeting held on Monday 13th July 2009

Present:

Beryl, Pearl, Lara, Stephen

1. Bereavement Service

Went well but due to a busy workload beforehand there had not been as much preparation as last year. However it went very well and was appreciated by those present. Suggestions for next year:

- invitations to be given out at all funeral services in church during the next year in the form of a prayer card and details of the service, church details etc
- Services will be on Sunday 6th June 2010 at 6pm
- Pearl will look out for bulbs rather than seeds to give out
- remember to give out candles and prayer cards as people are leaving

2. Prayer Tree

Stephen to mention this on Sunday in the notices – we need to encourage congregation members to use the tree and ask for prayers. Lara asked to join the tree. Still need to add an article to the magazine.

3. Prayer Walk & Awareness Walk

The last prayer walk went very well – we will repeat this on Tuesday 11th August at 12.45pm. An awareness walk using our senses to aid prayer could work well in the Spring and possibly combine with environmental project soon to be looked at by the Community & Action group and the Community Garden project.

4. Welcome for Baptism families and Wedding couples

To encourage those who have been connected with the church through baptism and weddings to come back for a service we plan to hold services and parties for these groups. Inviting those who have been either baptised or married at St Agnes in the last 4 – 5 years.

Baptism: a Sunday afternoon short service (centred on children and allowing safe space for parents to let their children be noisy etc!) followed by a children's party

Weddings: a Saturday afternoon/teatime service followed by wine, drinks etc

Stephen and Lara to suggest dates for these after consultation with the Worship & Faith group's plan for services in 2010.

5. Swine Flu & Hygiene

The Bishop and Diocese have issued guidance on how to prepare for the swine flu outbreak. We have already started using anti-bacterial gel at the eucharist and encourage all those who visit hospitals or the sick at home to use gel before and after their visits. Further advice with regard to the method of administering communion or exchanging the peace will be given if the outbreak develops further.

6. Eucharistic Ministers

New guidelines for the appointment and licensing of Eucharistic assistants have been made available by the Diocese. This will be looked at the PCC but as those visiting homes to administer Communion will now require CRB checks there will now be two lists of ministers – those licensed to administer the sacrament in church during worship and those who also visit the sick.

Next meeting: Monday 14th September, 11.00am