

Notes from a meeting held on Monday 14th September 2009

Present: Beryl, Pearl, Denzil, Lara, Stephen

1. Bereavement Service

Pearl has found some bulbs which are suitable and will get them. If there are any spare bulbs we can always plant them in the church gardens.

2. Prayer Tree

Stephen will produce the new Prayer Tree list with Lara's mobile number added to it.

3. Prayer Walk

This was another successful walk so we will repeat this on Tuesday 10th November at 12.45. This gives us a few weeks to talk about it (and also Thirty Minutes with God) during a sermon and in the parish magazine.

4. Swine Flu

We are now at amber level – which means a state of caution. The hand gel needs to be replaced at the back of church as somebody had removed it. There was some concern that the use of towels in the toilets is not very hygienic and perhaps paper towels or an electric hand dryer should be considered? Suggest to PCC/Hall Management group.

5. Parish Baptism Programme

Following a number of difficulties recently at Sunday baptisms a new programme for Baptism at St Agnes is to be presented to the PCC. The group looked at the proposals and made some suggestions. (See sheet: *Proposals for Parish Baptism Programme*).

6. Party for the Recently Baptised

As mentioned at the last meeting we propose to hold a party for all those who have been baptised in the last few months. The purpose of the party is to continue the theme of helping people to feel 'at home in God's house'. After a short (5 minutes?) act of worship (user-friendly/adapted from the thanksgiving for a child liturgy) there will be a praying and playing activity – stations to interact and play with children. Then a tea party. The invites will make it clear that this is a place to relax – no worries about children screaming, crying or running around! The service is for the children and they are the specially invited guests. We will also ask those who come if they would like this more often – perhaps it could develop into something regular and then all baptismal candidates can be invited.

7. AOB

Back to Church Sunday was mentioned. We have tried this a few times previously with no noticeable advantage in this parish.

Next Meeting: Monday 9th November at 11am