



ST AGNES
LONGSIGHT

PASTORAL CARE & NURTURE

Coordination Team

Meeting held on Monday 23rd January 2006

Present:

Pearl, Denzil Morris, Edna, Beryl, Nigel, Stephen

The meeting discussed and commented on the PCC's ideas from their October meeting. The following extra comments/suggestions were made.

1. A diary or record of those who are prayed for and/or visited should be kept by the parish priest. This needs to be confidential and in line with data protection guidelines. An example of the form used to collect and store this information was circulated and approved. It would be necessary to make sure its existence was well known by everyone, and that it was kept up to date.
2. Often the parish priest was unaware of people being either ill or in hospital because they wanted to keep it to themselves, not trouble the priest ('he is busy anyway') or for personal reasons. Fr Stephen said he would appreciate being told of illness/hospitalisation and any requests for visits, prayers etc.
3. It was felt that those who visit (either officially as parish visitors or as individuals) always do so as members and representatives of the wider Christian community. Therefore they should be equipped with prayer leaflets, magazines, Sunday Links/newsletters, prayer cards etc. so that those visited feel included.
4. The afternoon tea (provided by Evergreens) to which the home communion people had been invited was very successful and should be repeated.

Action:

make dates with Evergreens, arrange transport etc. Three times each year?

5. In all matters of pastoral care & nurture the right to confidentiality must be recognised.

Next meeting: Monday 6th March, 11am in the Rectory

Agenda items:

- § developing a prayer tree/chain
- § arranging specific prayer vigils/times for specific people & needs
- § nurture: post-baptism, marriage and funeral care