



Mission & Action Group

Meeting held on Wednesday 6th February 2008

Present: Nancy, Denzil, Oswald, Jean, Muriel, Denzil, Virginia, Beryl, Stephen.

1. USPG Project

The PCC chose the Children First USPG project at its December meeting. The three year commitment will start soon and more information will be sent from USPG.

2. Christmas Cards

The World Vision card was a great success and signed by more parishioners than we expected. We raised just over £50 for world vision.

3. Moldova

Those who had been on the convoy had sent us apologies that they had not updated us with news of their expedition because of an illness. Photos and news are on their way.

4. Being Good Neighbours: The Makki Mosque visit

On Sunday 30th March 2008 between 12noon and 2pm the church will be open for anyone to visit and look around the building. An invitation has been sent to the Makki Mosque but we can invite others as well. There will be displays and exhibitions about what we do as Christians and why. The displays will include:

Baptism, Weddings, Funerals, the Bible, Christian Worship, Christmas, Pentecost, Easter, Saints, Personal Prayer

We will also provide vegetarian snacks, sweets and tea, coffee and fruit juice. We must encourage members of St Agnes to stay as well so that we can welcome visitors properly. Full arrangements to be made at the March meeting.

5. Peace Week

The posters about Peace Week were circulated and agreed. The theme is 'Imagine':

An hour, free from noise, free from rushing, free from stress. A space, allowing you peace, drenched in grace, safe from fear. A place, in the heart of Longsight, in the heart of God, longing for peace.

The church will be open every day from Monday-Friday 3rd-7th March, 4-5pm with candles, music and space to be peaceful. There will be bottled water available as a free refresher. Suggestion that we make posters and leaflets to advertise this widely as possible.

6. Prayer & Place

The January ecumenical 'prayer and place' event (held at St Agnes, jointly with Northmoor Methodist and Roby URC) had been a great success and will be held again on a lighter evening in the summer.

7. Hope 08 / In this place

The three events listed above: prayer and place, peace week and the be good neighbours mosque visit all fit neatly in to the theme of Hope 08 which is being held this year by the churches of Britain. The idea is for churches to serve their communities by doing more, doing it together and do it in word and action. The Hope 08 logo will be added to these events.

The PCC's new vision for the future of St Agnes church and its ministry is encompassed by the text, 'In this place will I give peace' – words above the church door. This again reminds us of our ministry and presence here in Longsight and these events fit in well with the PCC's aims.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5th March 2008