



Mission & Action

St Agnes Longsight

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 7th 2008

Present: Canon Roger Hill, Fr Stephen Edwards, Jennifer Newton, Jemima Bruce-Micah, Jean Rodgers, Brutus Green (ordinand), Oswald Collins, Leah Lutley, Doreen Healey, Denzil Morris, Joyce Royle, Colin Best

Canon Roger Hill welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. He explained that Bishop Nigel wanted to visit every Parish in the Diocese. He wanted to remind us of the key points of our faith. He looked on our faith as a relay race and so brings the baton from the 2002 Commonwealth Games as a symbol of passing on our faith to the community and on to our future Church. He saw it as a symbol of Faith, Hope and Love. The visit was an opportunity for us to celebrate our ministry in the community around us.

There would be four people in the Bishop's team and the attached sheet outlines the plan for the visit. The visit would begin with the Bishop's arrival at 4pm when he would begin with a short service of welcome which would be led by the Bishop – he has a service prepared. From 4.20pm to 6pm he would be entirely in Fr Stephen's hands – this would be Fr Stephen's opportunity to show the Bishop around our Parish. At 6pm there would follow the 'Party', a reception for the people from the Community hosted by the PCC. It was recommended that we invite at least 100 people – these could be councillors but should mainly be the 'unseen' people who 'give' to the Community. It was decided to put a list in Church for people to write their suggestions of people we might invite. It was suggested that we prepare a reply slip to be included with the invitation. The people at the reception don't need to feel obliged to stay for the service which would follow. They would be invited to attend if they so wished. A Service of Celebration and Commissioning would begin at 7pm. (See Section 3 in the notes) Fr Stephen was asked to choose a Bible reading and 4 hymns to be used in the service. During the service everyone would be invited to come forward for blessing and anointing.

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The meeting closed with the Grace at 12.15pm.