



Mission & Action

St Agnes Longsight

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 21st 2008

Present: Fr Stephen Edwards, Jennifer Newton, Oswald Collins, Muriel Hanley, Leah Lutley, Doreen Healey, Denzil Morris

Fr Stephen began by going through the minutes of the last meeting, outlining the details of the Bishop's visit on June 16th. His visit would begin with a short service at 4pm and Fr Stephen said that there would be no evening prayers on that day and the meeting agreed to this. Following on from this service the Bishop would be in Fr Stephen's hands to visit the Parish. Amongst places that they might visit would be the Makki Mosque and some homes in the Parish. This would be followed by a Reception in the Community Hall hosted by the PCC – Fr Stephen has booked the Hall for this occasion. There then followed a discussion on the food. In view of the visitors who would be there it was decided to provide both vegetarian and meat options and in order to keep these separate it was decided to have the desserts in the middle of the table. It was decided to provide wine and orange juice and Fr Stephen said that he would provide the drinks. It was also suggested that on this occasion we should have a list of what people would be bringing.

There would also be an exhibition of the History of the Parish and Brutus Green, the Ordinand, would co-ordinate this as part of his project for college, helped by Vivien Morris.

The Service of Celebration and Commissioning would begin at 7pm when the hymns and reading would be chosen by Fr Stephen. The Bishop has suggested that the service should not be Eucharistic. The meeting looked at the suggested form of service and were happy with that. People would be invited to go forward for anointing by the Bishop and this would be done in a circle as we always do at St Agnes'. Fr Stephen would accompany the Bishop for the anointing and other members of the Bishop's team would follow round the circle with the badges and the prayer cards. Within the service there would be a short showcase by various groups which meet within the Church, for about a minute or so each. It was suggested that we should have candles and flowers in Church for the visit and although it may not be appropriate to use incense during the service Fr Stephen said that he would burn incense before the service so that there would be a smell of incense in the Church.

The meeting then compiled a list of people and organisations to invite. Fr Stephen said that he would type up a list and circulate it round the meeting – they would need to add contact names and addresses.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 12.25pm. The next meeting would be on Wednesday, 28th May after the Eucharist.