



# Mission & Action

St Agnes Longsight

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2008

**Present:** Oswald, Doreen, Denzil, Jean, Leah, Stephen.

**Apologies:** Muriel

### **Alternative Christmas Card**

This has been ordered but notice of it needs to go on the Newsletter so that people know in good time.

### **Oxfam**

A thank you from Oxfam to those who had helped with their recent campaign for better healthcare for mothers in poorer countries.

### **DR Congo**

This is an urgent call for donations to help relief – add this to the Mission giving discussion at the December PCC.

### **Children's' Society**

- Volunteers are needed on match days at old Trafford to collect for the work of the Society. Those who help are entered into a prize draw for a signed football. There is also a Fun Santa Run on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Stephen to find out more.
- Knitted Stocking – to make the world's largest stocking people are asked to knit squares of wool and then get sponsored per inch or per cm. Doreen to find out more.

### **Groups and Committees at St Agnes**

Stephen spoke about how all the groups that meet tend to stray across their agenda and talk about other things as well! This is actually proving to be a good thing and the different groups of people are coming up with all sorts of ideas which feed back to and help the PCC. This could be developed:

- the renaming of groups to reflect what they actually walk about
- to encourage discussions and conversations which are open and inclusive rather than committee style work which may put people off
- to involve as many people in the decision making and active part of parish life as possible
- a place where opinions can be expressed
- forum for themed discussions

It was acknowledged that each of the groups has actually achieved a great deal over the past years (this group will be 4 next May!). There was a feeling of liveliness about the different things that came up for discussion. If groups were renamed perhaps this group would be better named as a 'reaching out' group (Outreach sounds dull!!!).

### **Other issues**

Projector – the group talked again about the use of a projector in worship and the following extra points were made (the PCC is to discuss this in February):

- can be a pain in the neck looking up a lot
- lot of preparation work needed for presentation
- takes away from the service
- it is a 'presentation' and not 'worship'
- careful consideration needed
- just hymns on screen or readings as well?
- can disturb the peace and flow of worship: 'can you hear me?'
- need to listen to Scripture not read it in worship
- focus of attention is shifted

### **Almanac/Year Book**

The selling of St Agnes diaries this year is a good idea but perhaps next year we could produce a colour diary of our own with photos, dates, who's who, etc of life at St Agnes' – a sort of year in review and forthcoming year planner in one. Selling copies could make a bit of money too! Take to PCC...

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 (In December the Advent Groups will meet.)