



Worship & Faith

St Agnes Longsight

Worship & Faith Group Notes: Tuesday 27th January 2009

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies: there were no apologies for absence

Present: Fr Stephen, Jennifer Newton, Leah Lutley, Lewis Njoku, Dorothy Vernon and Joyce Green.

Matters Arising:

Votive Stand: The Votive Stand has arrived and has been donated by Gwen Sherratt in memory of her husband Brian.

Start Booklet: Fr. Stephen has been unable source a copy within the Deanery yet but will keep trying. The suggestion to use it as a course on faith instead of a sermon, with opportunity for discussion, during July/August 2009 still stands.

Advent: The “Do nothing Christmas is coming Advent Course” was good and well attended. It was a different approach to previous courses and positive feedback has been received. Encouraging more people to stay for coffee at the end of the service was put to the PCC. Fr. Stephen and Rick Tidsey are to look into the possibility of having “real” coffee. An informal check on the number of people who stay is to be taken and then we can decide on a target to increase the numbers. The poster with worship dates was well received.

Sunday 21st December: Advent 4- Cloth for the cradle as part of the Eucharist went well and the children were pleased with what they had made.

Printing Of Readings : Fr. Stephen commented that if the readings are not printed, this depends very much on the readings being read clearly. The current microphone is not functioning properly so a new microphone is to be purchased but at the moment the model we require is temporarily out of stock. It was agreed to purchase this microphone as it is superior to the present one and compatible with our sound system.

Other Business:

Lent: The USPG free booklet for Lent Groups is well set out, very attractive and based on a newspaper format entitled Daily Mission. A copy was circulated for comment and it was agreed that we should use this for our Lent discussion groups as the themes and format for the sessions were good. There is also a Lent Appeal so it was suggested that we could have a collection for the appeal one week during Lent. This was agreed and Fr. Stephen is to order 20 copies of the booklet. The sessions will be held on Wednesday mornings after the Eucharist. Fr. Stephen said he would like to resume the evening Lent Groups again and after discussion, it was agreed that these should start again next year.

Open Mind: Saturday 31st January 2009 at 6pm: Theme – Shattered: Making sense of a Broken World - Fr. Stephen out-lined the finalised format as follows:- On arrival, everyone will be welcomed and given a tea light; Spoken introduction about brokenness and healing; Song – Mysterious Times during which the video which goes with it will be shown; this will be followed by a short silence with key words from song portrayed on the screen; Instrumental Music with images of brokenness; Fr. Stephen will cue in the Reading (in parts) Revelation Chap 21 vv 1-7; Short period of silence and then images of wholeness, happiness and smiling will be shown; Song – Pray with accompanying video followed by key words on the screen; participants will be invited to light their candle and place it on the votive stand as the song Pray is re-played. Everyone will be given a prayer card to take away. Coffee and homemade cake will be served in the Community Hall after the service.

The next Open Mind service will be held on 30th May 2009- the Eve of Pentecost.

Information about this service has been sent to Wilmslow Parish Church, Bob Day at Roby URC, Northmoor Rd Methodist Church, St Luke's and St Chrysostom's and other churches in the Deanery. Some visitors from Wilmslow are hoping to attend.

Preparation for Service: Fr. Stephen to bring coffee, milk, flowers and glasses for flowers; Leah to bring orange juice; Jennifer and Joyce to bake cakes; Fr. Stephen, Leah, Jennifer and Joyce to set up from 5pm. Lewis and Leah to welcome and give out Tea Lights from 5-45pm.

Lewis suggested that a collection plate should be placed at the back of the church with Gift Aid envelopes nearby, this was agreed.

Agape/ Passover Meal: in the past the Agape meal had always been held on Maundy Thursday and the Passover meal on Palm Sunday Evening. Fr. Stephen expressed some reservations about having the Agape on Maundy Thursday but would definitely like to have one at some time during the Easter Season eg; when the disciples were locked in the upper room afraid and Jesus appeared to them was suggested as a possibility. After a very full discussion, it was agreed to take the matter to the PCC.

Any Other Business: there was no other business.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 24th February 2009 at 8pm in the Rectory.

The meeting closed at 9-45pm.