



Worship & Faith

St Agnes Longsight

Worship & Faith Group Notes: Tuesday 31st March 2009

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Jennifer Newton and Leah Lutley.

Present: Fr Stephen, Lewis Njoku, Dorothy Vernon and Joyce Green.

Business:

Fr. Stephen informed the members present that two ordinands would be coming on placement to St Agnes. Phil from Westcott House would be starting on 26th April and Karen (a Diocesan ordinand) at the beginning of May. It is also probable that John McKee will be licensed as a Reader in July 2009. Fr Stephen will be away on Sunday 26th April and Ros Hunt will be taking the service.

Matters Arising:

Open Mind: The theme for the service is Restlessness and preparations are on-going. Fr. Stephen asked members to consider an activity for “restlessness”, to be discussed at the next meeting, when the arrangements will be finalised.

Intercessions on Baptismal Sundays: Intercessions for Baptismal Sundays have been incorporated into an Intercessions Booklet and given to those church members who are on the Intercessors Rota.

Experience Easter: Arrangements for this interactive prayer and place event are in hand and will take place on Monday 6th April at 5-30pm at St Agnes Church. This is a joint event with our friends from Northmoor Road Methodist and Roby URC Churches. The Holy Communion Service at 7-30pm, also at St Agnes, will be led by the Revd Bob Day from Roby URC Church.

Prayer Calendar: To date there are 7 new members on the Electoral Roll. Further discussions regarding the prayer calendar will take place after Easter.

Congregational Meeting 9th March: After a full and lively discussion, the general consensus of the meeting was to use a projector in church occasionally but not on a regular basis.

Choir Practice: Fr. Stephen suggested the re-marketing of choir practice as “Sing Praise” should be left until after Easter and this was agreed.

Palm Sunday: Fr. Stephen is to ask Catherine Mellis if she is able to carry the incense in the Palm Sunday Procession.

Agape: Fr. Stephen out-lined the finalised format and presentation and this was discussed. He suggested that during the readings the stole should be passed to each reader of the Scripture. This was agreed. The practicalities were also discussed.

Holy Week/Triduum: Gill Darbyshire is to purchase and bring the flowers on Thursday afternoon. Fr. Stephen and Joyce Green are to arrange the lilies and candles for the Easter Garden in the Chancel. Beryl Eldridge and Marion Dale to be asked to help with preparations in the Community Hall. Fr. Stephen is to purchase the food, fruit juice and wine.

Good Friday: It was decided to use bread (from the Agape the night before) instead of wafers at the Eucharist. Joyce Green to ask someone to assist with the Prayers of intercession as Jennifer will be away.

Easter Vigil: Fr. Stephen is to allocate the readings and we all need to encourage people to attend.

Other Business: Fr. Stephen suggested that we send Rudolphus Ricketts an Easter Card as we now have his new address. This was agreed. He also suggested that at the July meeting we should discuss the merits of an early morning 5-30am Easter Vigil Service!

There being no further business the meeting closed with prayer at 9-20pm.

Date and Time of next Meeting: Tuesday 26th May 2009 at 8pm in the Rectory.