



Worship Committee

St Agnes Longsight

Meeting held on Tuesday 29th April 2008

The meeting opened with prayer.

Present:

Fr Stephen, Jennifer Newton, Lewis Njoku, Dorothy Vernon, Leah Lutley, Gill Darbyshire and Joyce Green.

Business:

Gill Darbyshire was welcomed to the meeting

Alternative Worship:

The Chorlton Group of Churches Café Church will meet on 21st May, 18th June and 16th July. After discussion, it was decided to visit on 18th June.

Worship Songs:

Fr Stephen informed the group that the new Worship Songs from Music-Praise would be introduced in a few weeks using the CD accompaniment as there had been difficulty in obtaining a music copy at the moment. Fr Stephen is continuing to explore the possible purchase of music copies.

Repair of the Microphone:

Fr Stephen said he would give the list of jobs to be done in the church to Dorothy Vernon for George so that he is could liaise with Colin Best and Oswald Collins. The repair of the microphone is included.

May Camm:

The PCC agreed to the purchase of a Lectionary in memory of May Camm.

HOPE 08:

Joyce Green reported back from the training meeting she attended on Monday 3rd March 08. Four Enquirers Courses were discussed which could be used to encourage more people to attend church. These were the Alpha Course, the Emmaus Course, the Start Course and a modified Alpha Course adapted by the priest at Holyrood Church Swinton from whom further details are available. It was suggested at the training evening, that appropriate individuals should be sent a personal invitation to attend one of these courses and that a good starting point was "fringe" members of the church e.g.; couples who were married at the church or had had their children baptised at church or whose children attended day or Sunday schools associated with the church or other youth activities. Some courses could also be adapted for use with existing church members. After a full discussion, it was agreed that Fr Stephen and Joyce Green prepare a paper to present to the PCC.

Holy Week & Easter:

On Palm Sunday the pace of the procession was too quick so the Servers leading the procession need to slow down next year. On Monday evening the "Prayer and Place" followed by the Communion service was very good and much appreciated. Maundy Thursday was a beautiful service and very positive comments had been received regarding the whole of Holy Week.

The new Easter Vigil Service with familiar readings in booklet form was a nice service and the booklets were very helpful. Easter Sunday service at 10-30am with the Baptism worked very well.

Stations of the Resurrection was well attended and the pictures matched the readings very well. It was a nice completion to the Easter Services and should be repeated next year. It was suggested that next year there should be at least two of these services with perhaps one at Pentecost.

Rehearsal for Servers:

a new robe is required for Rita. It was pointed out that the servers should clear up after the service and this is not being done at the moment. Fr Stephen is to discuss this with them.

Other Business:

Wilmslow Church: Passover: Fr Stephen and Margaret Taylor attended and it was a wonderful experience. It was suggested that next year perhaps we could have a Passover or Agape meal at St Agnes or maybe both.

New Sidespersons: it was suggested that the explanatory leaflets be given out to all new people on the rotas.

Pentecost 11th May 2008: Help is needed at 9am to assist Colin in putting up the balloons.

Corpus Christi Thursday 22nd May 2008: there will be a re - commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers at the service. Those attending from Wilmslow Parish Church will also be invited to participate. Matt Thompson the Area Dean will be preaching.

12th October 2008: it will be 50 years since Vaughan Williams died and it has been suggested that one of his hymns should be sung

The meeting closed with prayer at 9-15pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 27th May at 8pm in the Rectory