



# Worship & Faith

St Agnes Longsight

## **Worship & Faith Group Notes: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

The meeting opened with prayer. Fr. Stephen welcomed Phil Smith our ordinand to the meeting.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Karen who is on placement with us until the end of June.

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

### **Business:**

#### **Matters Arising:**

**Intercessions on Baptismal Sundays:** Fr. Stephen informed members that the leaflets had been given out to the intercessors. The next Baptism is on the 14<sup>th</sup> June and Fr. Stephen is to email the readings to Jennifer and also inform her of the dates of future Baptisms.

**Experience Easter:** Fr. Stephen had received a letter of thanks for hosting the evening. The feedback had been positive and most people had found it a moving and very spiritual occasion.

**Re - Marketing of Choir Practice:** Fr. Stephen suggested leaving this until next month. This was agreed.

**Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday:** This was excellent and well organised and the Eucharist within the context of the meal was good. Several people had requested that if possible next time could the washing of the feet be also incorporated. Leaving the table with all the dishes etc on at the end of the meal to go into church for the stripping of the altar and the watch was very powerful. More discussion is needed, as one or two people felt it wasn't the right night for the Agape but this is a difficult one as it is not possible to please everyone!

**Easter Vigil:** This service was better attended than in previous years and the numbers were also well up on Easter Sunday morning because of the Baptism. Fr. Stephen suggested that the timing of the Easter Vigil should be discussed at a meeting later in the year and the pros and cons of a vigil during the night with a Eucharist at dawn be considered. This was agreed.

**Easter Flowers:** The church was beautifully decorated with flowers at Easter as always. Fr. Stephen suggested that perhaps we could keep a third of the money collected for Easter flowers back in order that we can have flowers in church on other Sundays. The money collected for the lilies is always spent because it is given specifically for Easter in memory of loved one, but there is usually some money left from the collection for other flowers which could be used. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

**Congregational Meeting:** It was a pity more people didn't come to the meeting. It was suggested that perhaps Sunday morning during or immediately after the service may be a better option.

**Other Business:** Fr. Stephen said that some people had mentioned that they didn't know everyone's name despite attending church for some time. Discussion followed regarding ways of introducing new people as not everyone stays for coffee. The use of name badges, photos of church officers and PCC members on display and ways of making sure new people are welcomed was discussed.

**Open Mind 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009:** This has not been advertised other than on the newsletter. Fr. Stephen posed the question, "What purpose is Open Mind serving"? It has not done what we had hoped it would

do but it is early days. The order of service for Open Mind was arranged and we watched the video that is to be incorporated. The ordinands are to be involved in the presentation.

**Other Business:** Lewis requested that that we make sure that there is always a space in the intercessions between praying for the sick and those who have died. Guidance notes are available for intercessors. There being no other business the meeting closed with prayer at 9-40pm.

**Date and Time of next Meeting:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 8pm in the Rectory.