



Worship Committee

St Agnes Longsight

Worship Committee Notes: Tuesday 30th September 2008

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies: there were no apologies.

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

Business:

Votive Stand: Purchase of a spiral votive stand remains under consideration. Fr Stephen is contacting Anne Dawtry at St Werburgh's Church for information re: suppliers of spiral model.

Back to Church Weekend: Bishop Stephen was on "top form" and about 80 people in total attended but not many people "came back to church", although some attended who do not come regularly. Nonetheless it was a lovely service followed by a Faith lunch. Fr. Stephen questioned whether it was worth participating in "Back to Church Sunday" in future as apart from the posters and cards, the rest of the pack purchased from the diocese was of no use to us. To be reviewed for next year and if we decide to participate perhaps use our own publicity materials.

Alternative Worship: Open Mind service 27th September 2008, 6pm, apart from Florence's daughter, the service was attended by regular worshippers only. Comments received were on the whole favourable, Florence thought the service would be more lively and Marion didn't like the "solo voice" on the CD. The theme went together well but query a bit dull and possibly could be more interactive in future. It was agreed that for the first attempt it was very suitable as we are in a process of exploration. People had appreciated the simple introduction and periods of silence and use of the stones. Lewis suggested inviting other churches to join us especially Northmoor Road Methodist and Roby URC. At the Oct/Nov meetings, we need to think about the format of the service to be held on 31st January 2009. In future preparation time needs to be taken into account and it was suggested asking people to help put up tables beforehand and put out the refreshments etc. Use of projector and hymns were appropriate.

Ralph Vaughan Williams: A hymn has been chosen and Dorothy will play a piece of his music on the appropriate Sunday.

Harvest, All Saints and All Souls: these services have all been arranged and the list of names for All Souls Day is alright for this year. To be kept under review.

Other Business: Advent and Christmas: Fr. Stephen is to purchase the "Start Booklet" to trial in Advent. Also for consideration the "the do nothing Christmas is coming Advent Course". Christmas services as usual, Christmas Eve 11-30pm; Christmas Day 8am and 10-30am. Carol Service Sunday 21st December at 6-30pm. Drinks and nibbles at the Rectory after morning Eucharist on 21st December.

St Agnes Day 21st January 2009: St Agnes day to be celebrated on Sunday 25th Jan 09 at the Parish Eucharist followed by a Faith Lunch.

Future Dates: 1st Feb 09 is Candlemas and 25th Feb 09 is Ash Wednesday.

Love Life, Live Lent 3: Last Year Love Life Live Lent 2 was more half-hearted than the previous year. Dorothy to review Next Years booklet and report back to the next meeting.

Easter: "Experience Easter" is a community resource which is interactive. Perhaps it may be suitable for an Open Mind service sometime during the Easter Season.

Harvest Wreath: the wreath made by Junior Church Leaders and children was beautiful. Dorothy asked if the junior church children would be singing at the Carol Service. Their contribution is to be discussed with the Leaders at their meeting on 15th October. It was felt that it encourages families to attend the service when children are involved.

Lectern: it was queried as to whether the lectern in use was "safe" as it looked rather insecure when Bishop Stephen was leaning on it. Fr. Stephen suggested changing it for the St Johns lectern.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 28th October at 8pm in the Rectory.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9-10pm.