



# Worship Committee

St Agnes Longsight

## Worship Committee Notes: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008

The meeting opened with prayer.

**Apologies:** there were apologies from Dorothy Vernon and Lewis Njoku.

**Present:** Fr Stephen, Jennifer Newton, Leah Lutley and Joyce Green.

### Matters Arising:

**Votive Stand:** Fr. Stephen has managed to get a catalogue advertising a Spiral Votive Stand and the cost is £408. St John's Church at Old Trafford has one which has been specially made to fit the space available in their church. It was suggested that it may be possible for us to go and see this one or to find out more information about it. In view of the expense, perhaps other sources of supplier could be considered.

**Alternative Worship:** Further comments have been received about the Open Mind service on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008, it was suggested that it was too formal using the Lectern for welcome and readings etc and that perhaps the side seats could be used round the Altar so that people would be facing one another. The possibility of the screen being placed in the Chancel was also suggested. These points are to be considered for the January Service. At the November meeting, the theme of World Peace and the wholeness of creation and peace will be considered and discussed.

### Other Business:

**Advent:** Fr. Stephen has not purchased the "Start Booklet" yet but will purchase a copy. Discussion regarding this is to be left until the New Year. The "Do nothing Christmas is coming Advent Course" had been reviewed by Joyce and was discussed. It was suggested that although it was organised along the lines of an Advent Calendar, with a thought provoking message and questions for each day of Advent, we could choose one day from each week for discussion at the Advent Group. Fr. Stephen asked if other members of Worship committee would like to look at the booklet. It was then passed on to Jennifer. Dates for the Advent Group are Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December 2008 after the Eucharist at 11am.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Advent 4-** Cloth for the cradle will be incorporated in the service. After the Parish Eucharist, there will be a Christmas party lunch and we will all sit around a long table as suggested by Dorothy. The junior church children will not be singing at the Carol Service this year as there are not many older children at the moment and attendance is spasmodic.

**Easter:** "Experience Easter" road show is on this coming Thursday and all weekend. Fr. Stephen has seen the presentation at Chapter and there may be some Deanery Events. The pack costs £8 and is to be ordered. The possibility of an Open Mind or Prayer and Place during Holy week is to be considered. Other churches to be invited to this event.

**All Souls Service 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7-30pm:** Bishop Mark is to attend the service. Fr. Stephen suggested that worship committee members read the list of names and the prayers. Names to be read from the centre aisle in the nave and after each group of names is read a candle to be placed on the front of the altar. Leah is to read the lesson, Jennifer intercessions and a list of names. Lewis, Joyce and Fr. Stephen also to read a group of names.

**Bishop Mark:** has been invited to preach on Lent 2, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009 and during 2010, he has been invited to spend Holy week with us.

**Worship Pattern:** Fr. Stephen has prepared a handout listing all the services and the varied worship pattern at St Agnes throughout the year. He wondered if people might like a Benediction Service perhaps about twice a year or more frequent services from the Book of Common Prayer eg; a monthly Communion Service at 8am or on a Saturday Evening Monthly. Further consideration will be given to this matter at a future meeting.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in the Rectory.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9-25pm.