



Worship Committee

St Agnes Longsight

Worship Committee Notes: Tuesday 18th November 2008

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies: there were no apologies for absence

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

Business:

Matters Arising:

Votive Stand: It was agreed that in the New Year, the possibility of visiting St John's Church in Old Trafford to see their Votive Stand, would be considered.

Start Booklet: Only the complete pack can be purchased price £39 – 95. The course comprises of 6 sessions and would need a cross section of the congregation participating to be effective. After discussion, it was agreed that probably the best way of utilising it would be in church as part of the service. Fr. Stephen suggested a discussion instead of a sermon possibly during July/August 2009. He is going to try and borrow a copy of the pack instead of purchasing one at this stage. This would enable us to have a more informed discussion.

Advent: The “Do nothing Christmas is coming Advent Course” commences on Wednesday November and will be held on four consecutive Wednesdays after the I am Eucharist. It was agreed to choose two dates for discussion on each session. As the first session is on Wednesday 26th November, it was agreed that the information given for 1st December in the book would be discussed. Thereafter the information given for the dates of each session would be used ie; 3rd, 10th and 17th December 2008. It was agreed that Joyce should lead the group and choose the additional material to be utilised in the sessions.

Lewis suggested that we should consider ways to encourage more people to stay for coffee at the end of the service. After some discussion, it was agreed that possibility of putting more chairs out be considered and actively encouraging people to talk to someone they don't know after the service. This is easier over a cup of tea or coffee.

Sunday 21st December: Advent 4- Cloth for the cradle is arranged and arrangements for the Christmas party lunch are on-going.

Easter: “Experience Easter” Pack has been ordered and will be dispatched in January 2009.

All Souls Service 4th November at 7-30pm: This was a lovely service but it was disappointing that more people did not attend. The candles placed on the Altar looked lovely and the format of the service worked well. It was suggested that there should be a list for people to sign if they would like transport for Evening Services in future, as people seem to be very reluctant to ask for a lift. Bishop Mark enjoyed worshipping with us very much.

Worship Pattern: An up-dated version of the handout listing all the services and the varied worship pattern at St Agnes throughout the year was presented to the P.C.C. Jennifer commented that it was a pity that more isn't reflected in the magazine regarding the range of activities and the work of the different groups.

Other Business:

Lent: USPG has sent a free booklet for Lent Groups and it is well laid out and very attractive. We have used their courses in the past very successfully and should consider doing so again.

Printing Of Readings : Fr. Stephen suggested cutting down the number of readings to 10 to be handed out to the hard of hearing only. After discussion, it was suggested to have one at the end of each pew, one in the choir pew and one for Lewis. It was agreed to put this to the P.C.C. and to suggest a trial period during Lent.

Open Mind: Fr. Stephen out-lined the theme and format of the next Open Mind Service to be held on 31st January 2009. It is to be based on two songs called Pray and Mysterious Times. We listened to the songs, which were very moving and relevant to the difficult and confusing times we are living through at the moment. Yet however broken our world is, God is there and we can be one, through prayer and with God's help.

Format: Spoken Introduction; Song – Mysterious Times; Instrumental Music with images of disjointedness; Silence; Reading (in parts) Revelation Chap 21 vv 1-7; Instrumental Music with images of wholeness, healing and oneness; Song – Pray (to be repeated if necessary). To be discussed more fully and finalised at the next meeting. Other churches to be invited to this service.

Another Open Mind service will be held on 30th May 2009 which is the Eve of Pentecost.

Any Other Business: Lewis asked if it would be possible to have the Intercessions pre-written or shorter for those Sundays when there is a Baptism during the Service. It was decided to review this matter at the meeting in February 2009.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 27th January 2009 at 8pm in the Rectory.

The meeting closed at 9-45pm.