

Worship and Faith Group Notes: Tuesday 30th November 2010

The meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Leah Lutley.

Present: Fr. Stephen, Rev Lara Dose, Jennifer Newton, Dorothy Vernon, Lewis Njoku and Joyce Green.

Matters Arising:

Sanctuary Lamp: This was not fully introduced as planned on All Souls Day so will be launched in January 2011.

King James Bible: Correction to Worship and Faith Group notes dated 26th October 2010, should read King James Bible and **not** St James Bible. There was further discussion as to whether the service planned for Sunday 23rd October 2011 to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the King James version of the Bible should be held in the morning or late afternoon. It was finally agreed, that as we were inviting Bishop Rupert Hoare to preach and in all probability more people would attend the service in the morning, that the 10-30am Parish Eucharist should be the focus for this service. The only reservation was that the candles look better when it is dark and may lose some of their impact but if the church lights were out in the morning, they could still be effective. Bible verses to be submitted by Easter.

Advent: Advent course is organised. Very positive comments have been received about the intro "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" and more people sang this year. It was suggested that perhaps we could have this more often but we don't want it to lose its impact. Consideration is to be given to having another suitable intro at another time of the year. There have also been requests for the sung Lords' Prayer again and this will be re-introduced at Christmas. During Advent we are standing to face east during the creed.

Posada: This does not seem to be as popular this year and it is difficult for some people who do not drive to pass the figures on to the next person on the list. Lara suggested that perhaps we could raise this earlier in the year when Jesus was moving round. Next year the prayer weekend is 10th & 11th September 2011 and it was suggested that the theme could be "Pilgrimage or Journeying" and the concept of Prayer Walks and Posada could be incorporated.

New Business:

Christmas: Carol service 19th December at 6pm will have the same order as last year. The Readers have been chosen and Dorothy Vernon will be playing the organ. There will be mulled wine and mince pies after the service and the draw for the Christmas hampers will take place. **Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass 11-30pm** John Fairclough will be playing the organ, Fr. Stephen will be presiding and Lara will be preaching. Members of other churches have also been invited. **Christmas Day:** Services will be held at 8am Fr Stephen and 10-30am Lara presiding and Fr Stephen preaching and playing the organ. **Boxing Day: 10-30am** : Lara presiding and either Fr. Stephen playing the organ or CD accompaniment for the carols. It was suggested that Stephen could also contact Jane Sweet to see if she would be available to play either Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

Flowers: The collection for flowers to decorate the church at Christmas will begin next Sunday and on Thursday 23rd December the church will be decorated 10-30am – 2-30pm. A Light lunch will be served at 12-30pm. People are also to be asked to help with the clearing up.

New Year -St Agnes Day 23rd January 2011: The preacher at the service will be Canon John Evans.

It was also suggested that Bishop Christopher of Bolton should be invited to preach sometime and that Bishop Nigel be invited for Corpus Christi

Lent: Deanery pastoral plans are encouraging churches to work together and in March 2011 Workshops on "Justice and Peace" will be held at Holy Innocents Church Fallowfield. We will be sharing resources, events and advertising etc with Holy Innocents.

Other Business: Lewis commented that he thought the retiring procession started too early during the last hymn. It was agreed to start processing during the verse immediately prior to the last verse. He also mentioned the possibility of involving members of the Baptismal Parties in the final procession when appropriate.

Date and Time of next Meeting: Tuesday 25th January 2011 at 8pm in the Rectory.

The meeting closed with the prayer at 9.15pm.