



Worship Committee

St Agnes Longsight

Alternative Worship

summary of ideas from PCC and Worship Committee

- last Saturday in month at 6pm
- informal style
- aimed at main congregation but definitely more accessible to outsiders, guests, new-comers
- not aimed at children and no specific children's activity – teenagers, adults etc
- no set format but changing each month
- starting off with praise music – using the CD songs
- some scripture/teaching input – not a sermon but more of a discussion or presentation or activity
- use of projector, lights, music
- service themes link in to church's year but also take on contemporary and secular themes: the environment, freedom, war and peace, addiction, poverty, sport, the city, celebration ...

- Suggestions for the format of the service included singing 2 or 3 hymns in a row, scripture, prayer and reflection, music to listen to and suitable poems or other readings to be incorporated.
- Initially it was decided to have one service per quarter and to try different things and to review this next summer 2009.
- It was agreed that the first service should be part of a "Back to Church Weekend" and be held on Saturday 27th September at 6pm.
- Teenagers and young adults with a family connection with the church to be encouraged to attend.
- Suggested that when singing a group of hymns together they should be linked possibly by a theme and follow on musically without a break forming a medley. This would be easier with the piano than with CD'S. Perhaps use a two CD player with fader and have a DJ.
- It was queried whether any musicians would be available from other churches eg; guitarist. The use of Taize Chants was also suggested and that these should be taught prior to the service.

- We need a name!

Oasis
 Peace
Sacred space
Still waters
 Your Way
 Re-View
 New Angle
Inspire
 Can you hear me!!

Open Mind
Soul Food
Speak Easy
Comfort Zone
 'Try' Angle
 Open Door
 Welcome In
 Breathing Space

Your Choice
 Round About
Inner Peace
Inter Act
The Upper Room
Room to Move
 Yours Space? or Mine!
 Enigma

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The names in bold were favoured – with **Open Mind** getting the most votes. Other suggestion was Soul-ice. The general feeling from the PCC was that it should be easy, accessible, anybody should feel at home, 'not to churchy' – this includes the music as well, interactive and relaxing, discussion rather than sermon/talk.