

## Worship, Mission & Spirituality Sub-Committee Meeting 2-01-19 – Minutes

*Present: Ian Lapworth, Jacqueline Drake-Smith, Kathryn Beesley, Lizzy Hendry, Brian Bailey, Lizzy Ambrose, Naomi Tyrie, Gerald Martin, Vanda Bolton, Sandy Cavalier.*

*Apologies: Paul Smith.*

- Matters arising:
  - Sound system – Roger Jeffries will be contacting Ian Lee to fix the issues. A more robust plug is needed. Also, there have been some problems with the church laptop and tablet updating in the middle of school services. **Action: Vanda, to ask Paul to check the devices.**
  - Seating for carol service – The new arrangement was positively received and people felt it was inclusive. One complaint was that it made taking collection more awkward. Also, a longer hymn would have been better during the collection. The service as a whole had a very friendly atmosphere.
  - Christmas Crib – Everyone very happy with this. It was agreed that the light should be left on during the day; next Christmas it could be put on a timer.
  - Altar linen – Gerald has been making enquiries. He needs to measure the nave altar. There was a suggestion that new altar cloths could potentially be sewn in-house (suggested that Wendy Coxell or Chris Gray might be interested).
- Review of past services:
  - There were 120 people at the Christmas Tree Festival carols and these were greatly enjoyed.
  - Christmas services were well attended across the board. Jacqueline noted that there has been discussion about the services on the local social media groups.
  - The banner outside church worked very well, providing clear communication.
  - It was good to bring the altar forward for the Christmas services, as this felt more inclusive.
  - There was positive feedback about the reflective Advent service, which used some secular material to appeal to a wide range of people.
  - A mixed response to incense at Midnight Mass – some felt that it added a profound spiritual element to the service; but Jacqueline noted that some stayed away because they knew incense would be used.
  - The Remembrance Sunday service gets bigger each year. The Remembrance Christmas tree (from the festival) to be saved and used in future Novembers to facilitate remembrance.
- Candle wax on Chancel carpet: Those who are involved with placing flowers or candles in the Chancel were reminded to be careful not to stain the carpet. There was a suggestion of obtaining carpet samples to cover the affected areas – **Action: Jacqueline, to speak to her contact about carpet samples.**
- Future services:
  - Candlemass – Jacqueline felt that it would be good for this service to contain Christingle elements, as the main Christingle was incorporated with Messy Church in December, which some members of the congregation might have missed. Thus, the

Christingle collection boxes for next December will be handed out and Jacqueline will use one Christingle orange for a symbolic purpose.

- Ash Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup> March) – It was agreed to try two services (at 10am and 8pm) and this is to be reviewed, taking into account the attendance at each service.
- Lent in general – All services will use the Parish Communion liturgy except Mothering Sunday, which will be an all-age, non-Communion service.
- Palm Sunday – Sandy would like to look for a more effective Passion drama for this service (**Action: Sandy**). It was agreed that the procession should just be around the church (out one door and in the other), which is better for people with mobility issues. ‘Give me oil in my lamp’ hymn is usually used for the procession, but it was suggested that there might be an alternative. **Action: Jacqueline and Brian, to consider an alternative hymn for the procession.** The palms will be given out at the beginning of the service. Jacqueline noted that Messy Church on Palm Sunday will explore Easter themes with a contemporary interpretation of the Stations of the Cross.
- Holy Week –
  - Compline will take place on Monday–Wednesday.
  - Maundy Thursday (8pm) – Service will incorporate foot-washing. It was suggested that the congregation could be seated in a semicircle around the Chancel step.
  - Good Friday (10am and 2pm) – Lizzy volunteered to provide hot cross buns for after the 10am service. The children will bring the cross during the service.
  - Easter Day – Jacqueline will lead a 10-minute dawn service at 6am; 8am said service; 9am breakfast; 10am sung Eucharist. At the 10am service there will be a fire to light the Paschal candle, which will then be blessed at the start of the service. A separate service sheet for the candle blessing was proposed. The congregation will have individual candles. The Gloria will be sung (Jacqueline to mention this at the start of the service).
- Outward giving:
  - It was agreed that the sub-committee would propose to the PCC that the church should continue to support the current two charities – Step by Step and Seeds for Development – recommending a further period of two years’ giving. It was felt that the two charities are doing really good work and deserve the continuing support; also, there is greater potential for building up a relationship with the charities over a longer period of time.
- Ideas for the future:
  - Third Sunday group – No progress as yet: to be added to agenda for next meeting. Jacqueline emphasised that anyone who wishes to lead a third Sunday service is welcome to and should bring their ideas to her.
  - Taizé worship – To feature in a third Sunday service in the future.
  - Toddler praise – To be considered further at a later date.
  - Healing service – This will take the form of a quarterly ecumenical service, perhaps on a third Sunday afternoon. Kathryn expressed the concern that it should not be too long, taking into account that those who attend may be experiencing

pain/discomfort. (NB One-to-one prayer will soon be available after the services on second and fourth Sundays. There is now a team of people willing to provide this, although Kathryn noted that it would be good to have a couple more men on the team – as prayer is usually offered to someone of the same sex.)

- Beating the Bounds: A walk along part of the parish boundary on the Sunday after Trinity was discussed (Rogation Sunday); however, it was decided that there was enough going on at that time already, so the idea has been shelved for the present.
- Quiet Day: To take place after Easter. Date TBD.
- Lent Groups: These will start on the 13<sup>th</sup> March and will take place on Wednesday evenings until the 10<sup>th</sup> April. The Start course will be followed.
- Junior church: No news about this. Messy Church is currently the focus and the activity table is available for any children who attend on a Sunday morning.
- Messy church: This is doing well. 'Messy Loving – for all' will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> February.
- Hope for Tomorrow update: Some 'quick wins' are already going ahead.
- AOB: At the commissioning service for the new PCC, on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, thanks will be given to the Crawfords, the Skeets and Christopher Ellis for their service to St Peter's.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 7.30pm, at the Vicarage.**