

## **Worship vision group 25/9/18**

Present : BW, PF, DB, MT, CN, MW, SH, RH, LG.

BW invited Jeremy and Margaret to come to this one but they were not able to come.

Previous notes: point 2B - AW should read meaningful rather than the word inclusive.

### **Review of special services since last meeting**

Choral evensong 15-7-18 with three choirs and party - church family service, fitting and fond farewell to the Bentalls. Perhaps next year we go to Charlbury and do it together, tea with Bentalls. To look to being an annual event in July each year.

### **Preaching series**

Well received and helped to link in with house groups.

We could step away from lectionary - because it misses parts out, we can add the parts that are missed out. We could do this in the summer months - splitting the series so some lectionary in middle.

Or we could have a topic eg prayer.

### **New preachers**

Julie Shaw has just been approved to do occasional preachers, MW and AM now preaching more. A preaching group would be valuable, and critiquing of each other's sermons. One of clergy to sit in congregation when new preachers talking so can see facial expressions. With some behind in sanctuary we are gathered round and praying for preacher from behind.

### **Overview of 8 and 10 am services**

8am - would be better to have people sit further forwards - but they like their space.

Could come down the chancel step to preach. Church is wide rather than long so they are not that far back.

New BCP book - well received - much easier to preside from - use collect from book.

Between services - MW asked how can we link across the congregations other than at social events.

Some don't come to other services but some come to Thursday service. Perhaps we can encourage the 10am attendees to consider the 8am too.

10am - RH suggested tightening up the service timing wise - peace quite long, feedback from children's church. Starting on time is important. General creep in everything then adds up to extra time. Also perhaps we could cut some verses from hymns.

Collection - do we pass it round or leave the plate out, to stay as it is at the moment.

### **Role of choir in worship**

Need commitment for members to turn up every week.

Not many special services - apart from Advent, remembrance etc.

No choir secretary at the moment.

Need two voices for each section.

Choir is there to guide the congregation and to enhance worship. Anthems are an important part of that.

Choir feeling vulnerable in singing because of lack of numbers.

Lack of children in choir - competition coming from cathedral choir.

Could we invite musicians from university - perhaps opening up choir to the university.

Article in parish magazine to encourage new members - RH to write.

Both Margaret and Jeremy are very committed to this choir - it is a high standard we are asking people to join in with. They are both happy to recruit from university and who want to join the church.

The choir is the bedrock of our worship.

We need to pray for this important part of our worship.

## **Worship rota - sept to dec**

October - Start of season of invitation  
Last Sunday of ordinary time - Christ the king  
Restoring communication - focusing on hearing loss  
St Luke's service - wholeness and healing  
9 baptisms between now and January  
Patronal festival and joint choral evensong.  
Remembrance - 5 uniformed organisations already signed up.  
Living with loss  
MC at QE in November  
Confirmation 15th Nov at Stoughton  
Christmas as before - MC at Onslow in December  
Children's choir for Christmas

Thursday communion get about 10

Draycourt gets about 20, running for two years, producing own hymn book.

## **Updates**

Schools work - prayer space in October, assemblies, Harvest services, Christmas service at cathedral, Messy church, light party and year 2 from Onslow coming to church for teaching on light and dark.

Put when children in church onto notices.

For the light party - perhaps Light the pascal candle and tell the story

Resource centre could have a pack from the prayer space

Advertise the prayer space for the congregation to look at.

Worship in schools is as important as what we do in church

## **Worship space**

PCC has approved that we upgrade sound system - 3 quotes, region of £10,000. Half of that could be funded from elsewhere. We have received a generous donation, hope to be done by Christmas. Thank you to Simon Dorian, Julie Shaw and Beverly for exploring this.

Church furniture - PCC decided that this group and premises would work together on discussion re seating and worship space - comfort and flexibility are paramount. We would come up with 4-5 different proposals - keeping it aesthetically beautiful, more comfortable and flexible for use with all the different groups and services that come into the space. It needs to be an informed discussion.

## **Courses**

Confirmation course starting this Sunday. Thank you to Martyn and Jeanette.

Parish retreat - perhaps using willow grange. During Lent on a Saturday 10-4 with someone to lead it. We could link it with our lent course.

Just looking course at Toddlers in Spring.

To consider some new people - perhaps inviting the youth to come as a one off...possibly Ollie or Ellie....to ask them who they would like.

**AOB:** MW raised idea of book for children having communion, we use it already for admission to communion course. We could scan the pictures to help them follow the service or bring their own copies.

**DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: January 7th 2019 at 7.30pm**