

All Saints Church Guildford:

Notes of meeting 09th July 2018 @ 7.30pm at the Vicarage

	<i>Attendees</i>	<u>ACTION</u>
	<p>David Barclay, Pippa Ford, Lesley Graham, Henrietta Harding, Richard Hemingway, Sue Hemingway, Mike Truman, Beverly Watson (chair), Martyn Whiteman</p> <p><i>Apologies</i> from Cally Burch,</p>	
1	<p><i>Notes and action points from last meeting, 10th April 2018</i></p> <p>The notes were taken as read, save for a couple of small changes relating to the hymns, not songs, sung at one service and the time of the Good Friday service.</p>	
2	<p><i>Looking back:</i></p> <p><i>a) Review of festivals/special services since last meeting</i></p> <p>Pet service: this had lasted 40 minutes and was on a Sunday afternoon: a lot of people came who would not normally attend church and there was tea outside the hall.</p> <p>This was part of our outreach and complemented the pet service and also the dog walks instigated by Pippa.</p> <p>Mike observed that we should always consider dropping things if we take on additional services, but it was agreed that we should look at having this service once a year based on the same format.</p> <p>Christian Aid service: We have not done this before and it was held in a week other than the designated week. It had been a good service and it might be worth approaching other churches just to see if they wanted to join us another year. It was agreed to take this to the</p>	

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Deanery, but Mike commented that we should only follow through having the service with other churches another year, if there was **enthusiasm** from the Deanery. Approximately £900 was raised.

It was observed that on another occasion it might be good to have the car wash, or any other fundraising activity, on the same day as the service.

Youth led service: Again this was a good service reasonably well attended, but we would not necessarily invite Bishop Jo every year, although she was very supportive of this new youth initiative, and youth in general.

Ascension service: there were good numbers but it was suggested that we should seek to raise the profile of Ascension. It was considered beneficial to link it with Thy Kingdom Come and Pentecost.

Thy Kingdom Come and Pentecost: TKC was an initiative by the Archbishops and this year had been its third year, although only recognised at AS in years 2 and 3. It was anticipated it would continue year on year.

Pippa reported that during the 10 days there had been traditional morning prayers, interspersed with some interactive services based around Richard Foster's Lenten book.

There had been a few prayer walks around the parish, namely to the schools and shops and there had been a half night of prayer.

All activities during this time had been good, well received and reasonably well attended and worth repetition.

Mention was made of Alison's Lord's Prayer in the field and the prayer tree which was used by many.

All-together worship and admission to Communion: David commented that this was child-friendly and very lively. The children made a significant contribution and the movement and actions included people. It was appreciated how Pippa had always given an "out" to any activity. It was commented that she was very creative, but

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that sometimes that could result in too much creativity: all we do does not need to be new. Creativity needs to be matched with order and sometimes the explanations were not clear. The "moving Peace" had been good for those who were not regular church-attenders, particularly as that reflected the theme of the service, which was "reach out and touch".

The Lego pieces prayer time was probably not good for non-churched and sometimes it was difficult to understand what we were being asked to do.

Sue commented that the services often resulted in quite a lot of tidying up, which did not seem to be undertaken by those on duty as side persons. Carolyn explained that this was because with young families taking part, it was more difficult for them to perform this duty. Both Henrietta and Carolyn were aware of this problem and would seek to address it.

Songs of praise: Richard commented that the service the previous afternoon had had impetus and verve. The young people introducing their hymns were most articulate and engaged with the congregation.

b) Review of 'Altogether Worship' - 6 months on

The PCC has asked us to review this service and its format after six months.

Beverly confirmed that the service was aimed at those under 11; it should be accessible to children, but inclusive of all. There had been two communions since the first one last Advent Sunday. The music group was drawing in some young people and the service was generally more interactive.

Henrietta commented that she was very much in favour of children being involved for the whole of these services, to educate them in Communion, although it was appreciated that young children, who had no concept of time, were not able to be involved.

It was recognised that the second time we had had communion it had been a better service and the Lego

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	<p>communion had assisted understanding. Generally, it was agreed that it was a better format. It was agreed that we would have All-together communion once a term and there would be further consideration of its structure.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Updates:</p> <p>a) Messy Church – new pattern for coming academic year Beverly reported that the new pattern for Messy Church was three times a term: once at All Saints, once at Onslow and once at Queen Eleanor's. We would aim for it to be more outward focused.</p> <p>b) Book of common prayer: Beverly had ordered 12 large print books.</p> <p>c) Prayer space: Pippa and Richard had met with Venessa at QE that day: the prayer space would be in the church, there being three areas: chapel, church and reading room.</p> <p>It would run from 8 to 12 October and would involve 13 classes during that period, with 30 in each class. It would finish at Thursday lunchtime and the theme would be "journeying with Jesus". Hopefully this prayer space would take place once a year.</p> <p>It was commented that this format might be accepted by Onslow in due course, but Pippa observed that the space in the school had been used by teachers with students who needed a quiet space and had been appreciated by them.</p> <p>b) BCP Communion – new books Beverly reported that she had ordered 12 large print copies.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Looking forwards:</p> <p>a) Worship Rota for May - August 2018 – (Season of Invitation? Season of Creation?)</p>	

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	<p>It was agreed to have a Season of Invitation, encouraging people to invite neighbours and friends to three services: namely, harvest, remembrance and Christingle.</p> <p>b) Liaison with St. Nicolas and URC</p> <p>Beverly reported that she met with the ministers from these two churches for lunch three times a year. Richard was very keen to develop and continue the connection as it gave the choirs an opportunity to produce something more adventurous than usual.</p> <p>Leslie commented that she considered we should seek to do more with the link.</p> <p>It was decided that in view of the above and also the potential change of ministers at both churches we should continue the link and see how it developed.</p> <p>Perhaps we should advertise the activities of the other churches on our noticeboard and in a magazine although Pippa commented that we should not advertise services which conflicted with our own.</p> <p>c) There will be a mission focus month during October but it would be light touch.</p>	
5	<p>Worship Space:</p> <p>a) Sound system</p> <p>Beverly reported that a number of proposals had been received to upgrade the system and one had been put to the PCC. Another proposal would be received shortly.</p> <p>It was considered essential that there were better quality microphones and a new sound desk would be installed under the eaves, which would facilitate use by the music group.</p> <p>The cost would be in the region of £8,000-10,000.</p> <p>Martyn requested that we should consider extending the system to the chapel and perhaps the reading room.</p>	

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	<p>b) Church furniture</p> <p>Beverly asked whether we should revisit the matter of the church seating.</p> <p>Virtually all of the meeting indicated that we should, but Richard made the observation that this view would in his opinion not be reflected by the congregation as a whole.</p> <p>Sue made the observation that chairs would result in it being more difficult to clean the church.</p> <p>It was decided that we should initially "collect the thoughts of the congregation" and make it clear there would be no rushed decision. Beverly confirmed that Julian Hubbard was prepared to facilitate an exploratory discussion.</p> <p>We decided to put the following to the PCC:</p> <p><i>The Worship Vision Group proposes that we hold an exploratory discussion at All Saints about the future use of the main body of the Church building, and implications that might have for seating within that space.</i></p>	
6	<p>Courses:</p> <p>Confirmation</p> <p>It had been decided to run a confirmation course for six weeks. Martyn and Jeanette had been approached to see whether they would assist Beverly in running the course. The confirmation service is 15th November.</p> <p>Parish retreat: this should be left over to another meeting.</p>	
	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>24th September ...</p>	

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when we would review the 8am and 10am services and also consider an Alpha Course for parents of toddlers	
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