

Notes from Worship Vision Group Meeting – All Saints Guildford

October 1st 5.30 – 6.45 pm via Zoom (during corona pandemic)

Present: David Barclay (LLM), Marguerite Barclay, Henrietta Harding, Ryan Harding (Occasional Preacher), Richard Hemingway, Sue Hemingway, Katherine Hopwood, Alison Moulden (LLM Trainee), Carolyn Nicholls, Beverly Watson (chair), Martyn Whiteman (Occasional Preacher),

Apologies: Amber Payne – Amber will attend next meeting

1. Notes from last meeting, Aug 20th

Agreed

2. Looking back:

Review of Services

a) **8am communion.** BW - numbers attending reducing, in part to frailty, in part to self-isolating of communicants, some transferred to Thursday communion service

b) **10am hybrid service.**

- difficult to feel part of the service watching live stream.
- Would be helpful if words of songs and hymns were visible – printed or on overhead. Trish has said having overhead projector makes it all more complicated and difficult for managing technology.
- Good live-streaming requires expensive equipment. Including congregation, or zoom attendees needs more permission and data protection
- Request to return to printing sermon and Thursday message. People had missed it.

c) **Teatime service.**

- becoming established, sometimes with 1 or 2 children
- Enjoyment of sharing piece of art, and sharing in general. Learn from others' testimonies
- Could be intimidating, or put people under pressure
- ? move chairs to make circle occasionally
- Need of team to help lead to reduce pressure on Beverly – M&JW, DB, JS, AM have already led, Rosemary W and Sue Hawkins have used puppets. Beverly to draw a team together.
- Small number of new people attending
- suggested having 1 Messy Church per term as not possible in schools. ?Christingle with tables for family/bubble groups. (*now been agreed*) Would need booking system to manage numbers safely

3. Looking forwards:

a) **Patronal Festival**, Nov 1st. Choral Evensong with a small choir at 6pm (replacing 4pm teatime service)

b) **Service of Remembrance**, Nov 8th No uniformed organisations will be involved

Beverly to discuss with leaders – about giving them recognition ?just have a leader and flag. Unlikely outside due to weather

c) **Larger services - suggestions**

- Need to be ticketed

- Good communication and details about informing church if unable to attend.
- Advertising tickets not too far in advance
- Set threshold of numbers a little lower so some capacity for ad hoc visitors
- 'FHB' as necessary if space needed to encourage and allow for visitors. ? 2 tier ticket system, for church family and visitors

d) **Loop system** – had been damaged when floor done. Now repaired

4. Schools:

Queen Eleanors is looking to All Saints for more input and to support their 'Christian distinctiveness'

- **Harvest services** in church in 4 year groups on 6th and 7th Oct
- **Prayer space** – unable to go into school. Year groups will come into church. Will be more like a service about prayer
- **Christmas service**, previously whole school in Cathedral, but this year will come to church in year groups.
- **Important ministry opportunities** – suggested involving village people from other churches to support alongside Beverly. Jeanette and Alison agreed to help, also Pete Jeffreys (governor at QE)

5. Worship space:

- Chairs.** Gives more flexibility, and helping with safe distancing
- Bookings.** Beginning to use the church space – Youth drama group, Diocese for training, choir. Need to be careful who we accept, but helps our financial position.
- Digital stained glass window film.** Much appreciation shown and good article in Oct magazine.
- Flowers in church.** Lovely to have flowers back in church. Thank you to Sue Hemingway and flower team

6. Courses:

- Pilgrim Course Part 2** (The Lord's Prayer). About 20-22 attending. Good contributions in the small groups. 1 person is asking for baptism.
- Part 3** (The Ten Commandments). Suggest starting Nov 4th – Dec 9th. Agreed to keep continuing. Small groups to review in their groups and feed-back at Small Group leaders meeting in Nov

7. AOB:

- Appeals for money/help** in the newsheet should be limited so that not bombarded with requests
- Audio Service** to continue from 8am service for the time-being

Date of next meeting: Thursday November 19th 2020, 5.30-6.45pm via Zoom

Carolyn Nicholls Sept 16th 2020