

Worship Vision Group Meeting Notes – All Saints Guildford

27th May 2021, 5.30 – 6.45 pm via Zoom (during corona pandemic)

Members present: David Barclay (LLM), Marguerite Barclay, Henrietta Harding, Richard Hemingway, Sue Hemingway, Alison Moulden (LLM trainee), Carolyn Nicholls (Secretary), Beverly Watson (chair), Martyn Whiteman (Occasional Preacher)

Additional member: Annie Twidell (exploring joining this VG)

Apologies: Ryan Harding (Occasional Preacher), Katherine Hopwood, Amber Payne (Musical Worship Leader)

1. Notes and action points from last meeting, 18th March 2021 - none

2. Looking back: Update and Review of Sunday Services since 18th March. Services 'in person' again since Palm Sunday, March 28th

- a) Good Friday 10am: (BW) worked well outside, welcoming for families, children involved
- b) Good Friday 12 noon: (DB) 1 hour service, well received
- c) Easter Day 6am: More attendees than usual, much appreciated
- d) Easter Day 9am Holy Communion, 11am Family Communion: timing change worked well.
- e) Ascension Day 9.15am: larger number than usual. No evening service
- f) Pentecost: first service with the choir. Not a major celebration but felt a gentle moving of the Spirit.
- g) *Altogether Worship*: now overseen by Alison Moulden, and will be out on the field, weather permitting, over the summer
- h) Tea Time Church: small core congregation of 8-10, now becoming established
- i) 8am communion on 1st, 3rd now established. Diana Reiblein happy with the arrangement

Further discussion regarding encouraging families:

- i. AM concerned that services not catering for teenagers, especially on 3rd Sunday when no communion.
- ii. Outside service on Good Friday did attract families of under 11s. Possibly due to being well advertised, personal invitation, involvement of children, friends bringing friends, suitable under Covid restrictions, more accessible for non-church families.
- iii. AT suggested involvement of uniformed groups
- iv. Jeanette and Lydia running Youth Group Zoom following up on suggestions but not a regular commitment from teenagers
- v. Amber Payne has been great asset encouraging involvement of families in more contemporary music. Thank you, Amber
- vi. BW has met with some families who are expressing interest in baptism, admission to communion and confirmation.

Agreed that these are BIG Issues and need to be addressed at a separate meeting. BW meeting with Jeanette Whiteman and Julie Lodge on 29th May, and will develop from there.

3. School Services in Church: QE Easter Services took place on 30th and 31st March (4 separate Services for year groups). Year 3 visit to Church, 25th May, to learn about Holy Communion. Year 6 Leavers' service being arranged. Schools would like more involvement with the church. Opportunities to draw school families into other things. Possibly DB to have some input.

4. Dray Court: Monthly prayer for Dray Court continues on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Date to reopen (Covid restrictions permitting): 21st July. The team appreciate enthusiastic support from Dave Partridge (manager) and Kerry Abbs (GBC)

5. **Messy Church:** Arranged for Sunday 27th June at 4pm (as part of *Tea Time Church*). To invite church contacts with Infant-age children and Onslow Infant School families. Also opportunity to link with Toddler families. Messy Church team meeting to plan 3rd June
6. **Prayer: *Thy Kingdom Come*:** BW led Morning Prayers Mon-Wed as usual, on zoom and in person. MW led evening prayer on zoom, following TKC material, assisted by various members of the church who agreed to read the Bible passages. Time of 8.15-8.45pm chosen to enable those working or with young children to be able to attend. Very small attendance, although appreciated by those who did. The material was very late in becoming available – MW to report back to TKC. The booklets were well produced and distributed to everyone who attended church on Ascension Day and the Sunday. Some used the daily link online with additional podcast and video. CN - Perhaps there could be better publicity, explanation and linking together with the services next year?
7. **Looking forwards:**
- a) Worship Rota for April to August 2021 circulated. NB sermon series on Mark's Gospel (Read, Mark, Learn) from 30th May to end of July, the Psalms in August
 - b) Alison Moulden to be licensed at Emmanuel Church, Stoughton on 26th June
 - c) Cally Burch to be ordained Deacon at the Cathedral on 4th July
 - d) To discuss at next meeting – Climate Sunday prior to COP26 (in Glasgow in Nov), and also how Harvest is supported (NB speaker from A Rocha is booked to preach on 10th Oct)
8. **Worship Space:**
- a) Covid guidance for worship continues to apply, until 21st June at the earliest.
 - b) MB raised concern that increase in use of the church could affect the provision of a 'Quiet Space'. BW assured her that bookings are mostly in evenings, apart from School services, Toddlers on a Friday morning, occasional Saturday events.
9. **Courses: Pilgrim Course** Part 5 (The Creeds) and Part 6 (The Eucharist) now completed. Has drawn people in and allowed good discussion and growth in faith and understanding. Maintained good participation with about 20 at each session. Part 7 planned for 30th June to 4th August (The Bible). Part 8 (Church and Kingdom) possible start date 1st September?
10. **Church Wardens:** New division of responsibilities, from APCM. We will now have a 'Warden with particularly responsibility for Buildings', and a 'Warden with particular responsibility for Worship'. This is working well. Thank you to HH
10. **Safeguarding:** Covid restrictions should ease from 21st June – awaiting guidance from the CofE. More safeguarding training now available online, and Julie Lodge has written to ask people to book. DB, RH, MW still require Leadership training

Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th July 5.30-6.45pm via Zoom

Carolyn Nicholls

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