

## Worship Vision Group Notes – All Saints Guildford

21<sup>st</sup> January 2021, 5.30 – 6.45 pm via Zoom (during corona pandemic)

**Members present:** David Barclay (LLM), Henrietta Harding, Richard Hemingway, Sue Hemingway, Katherine Hopwood, Carolyn Nicholls (Secretary) Beverly Watson (chair), Martyn Whiteman (Occasional Preacher)

**Apologies:** Ryan Harding (Occasional Preacher), Marguerite Barclay (Marguerite joined later), Alison Moulden (LLM trainee). Amber Payne (Musical Worship Leader)

**New secretary needed from April 2021:** now not needed - Carolyn agreed to remain a member and note-taker of this Vision Group, when she finishes as Warden on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

1. **Notes and action points from last meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020:** notes agreed. Any action taken has been incorporated in item 2

2. **Looking back: Review of Services in church since 19<sup>th</sup> November** (Advent and Christmas Services in particular)

Note that on 4 Sundays during November Services were online only, due to the lock-down - including Remembrance Sunday. We were open for worship again from the 6<sup>th</sup> December through to the 27<sup>th</sup> December. Services during January have been 'online only', with no 'in person' Services; the Standing Committee will review this decision on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, for the month/s ahead.

- a. HH suggested that all services over Christmas should have had ticketed entry so that there was clarity.
- b. Messy Church Christingle services took place on 6<sup>th</sup> December, at 10am and 4pm, led by the *Altogether Worship* Team. 4/5 families from the local community joined us.
- c. Baby service 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. – very low attendance but appreciated and worthwhile. To be repeated on occasions when allowed. Thanks to BW, Jeanette, CN
- d. Music at Christmas – thanks to Julie Shaw and Bishop Andrew for helping on Christmas Day, and to Jeremy and the choir for managing the Carol Service in a different way. Continued appreciation of Amber's leading of the music group. Singing made possible with the use of special 'sneeze-guard' screens. 6 screens now available.
- e. Grateful that more families have been involved in participating when services are pre-recorded. Noted that this should be encouraged when back to 'in person' services. CN explained that some families were happier to contribute for pre-recorded services, than 'live'.
- f. School Services in Church: Christmas Services planned for 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December were cancelled, due to the Corona virus.
- g. Dray Court: Outdoor Carol Singing took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, and was greatly appreciated, as it was by house-bound members of the congregation.

3. **Schools:** Beverly has been invited to assist with online Collective Worship at QE from January 2021. They would like there to be a weekly contact if possible, but this is too big a commitment for Beverly to manage alone, as well as holding Chair of Governors at this time. Onslow School also want to maintain links with All Saints. (Carried forward: Prayer Space to be offered when Covid restrictions allowed).

4. **Dray Court:** No indoor Services have been possible. Monthly prayer for Dray Court continues on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Weekly newssheet continues to be delivered, thanks to MW and Dinah

5. **Messy Church:** Largely 'on hold' during Corona virus. Following success of Messy Christingle, to explore future opportunities, possibly Messy Easter

6. **Prayer:** How might we develop the ministry of Prayer at All Saints? Morning Prayer + Saturday Prayer Breakfast at present, and also Pastoral team involved in managing personal prayer requests. Prayer resources available in

church. Prayer in our Services and Small Groups. HH suggested opportunities for prayer in an evening when some people maybe more available. Suggestion of using prayer resources from Nov lockdown to be made available to housebound and those without internet access. Action: CN and MB

Beverly proposed that a Prayer Co-ordinator works with her to encourage and develop opportunities for prayer in the church community. Action: BW to develop Role Description. CN expressed interest when Churchwarden role ends.

#### **7. Looking forwards:**

- a) **Worship Rota for January to Easter 2021.** Discussion on continuing pre-recorded services only. Agreed to send proposal to Standing Committee that this continues for Feb, and review for March, with hope that we can hold services in church in person for Easter
- b) **Ash Wednesday:** Invitation received to join other churches at Service led by Holy Trinity and St Mary's on Zoom. BW to preach
- c) **Lent lunch:** Unable to hold this year. Missions VG have arranged for a 'Missions Zoom coffee and discussion' on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10.30am and Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.00pm as alternative for this year
- d) **Serving rota:** CN to hand over to HH in March
- e) **Timing of Morning Worship services:** to discuss possible change from 8am and 10am to 9am and 11am at next meeting

**9. Courses: Pilgrim Course:** Continuing well with Part 4 (The Beatitudes) from 6<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Part 5 (The Creeds) from 24<sup>th</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> March, as our Lent Course for 2021.

**10. Safeguarding:** none

**11. AOB:** to consider Bible Study, and collaboration with other churches – carried forward to next meeting

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30-6.45pm via Zoom prior to APCM**

Carolyn Nicholls 27th January 2021