

Worship Vision Group Meeting Notes– All Saints Guildford

18th March 2021, 5.30 – 6.45 pm via Zoom (during corona pandemic)

Members present: David Barclay (LLM), Marguerite Barclay, Henrietta Harding, Richard Hemingway, Sue Hemingway, Katherine Hopwood, Carolyn Nicholls (Secretary) Beverly Watson (chair)

Apologies: Martyn Whiteman (Occasional Preacher), Ryan Harding (Occasional Preacher), Alison Moulden (LLM trainee), Amber Payne (Musical Worship Leader)

1. **Notes and action points from last meeting, 21st January - none**
2. **Looking back: Review of Services in church since 21st January** (online only).
 - a) KH thinks they are working quite well, loves the variety with the music.
 - b) MB concerned that it is going to be quite hard to follow on from those services. They are quite inclusive services. BW agrees that it will be a transition again to 'normal service'.
 - c) *Altogether Worship* overseen by BW while Alison Moulden had been on placement.
 - d) BW reports preaching group is now really strong, meeting every 6-8 weeks, range in experience from Dave Barclay to the young preachers Lydia / Ryan, and new member Andy Wells
3. **School Services in Church:** QE Easter Services planned for 30th and 31st March at 9.30 and 10.30am. 4 separate Services for year groups to follow Covid precautions. It worked well for Harvest last year, but was not possible for Christmas services.
4. **Dray Court:** Monthly prayer for Dray Court continues on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Hope to re-open the Service as soon as Covid restrictions allow, possibly in July. Dinah, resident at Dray Court and trained Pastoral Assistant at St John's Stoke, is invaluable member of the team, providing pastoral care to residents and updates for team prayer. Thus there is continued contact with the Dray Court congregation.
5. **Messy Church:** Largely 'on hold' during Corona virus. Considering a 4pm Tea Time Messy Church at All Saints next term, possibly in June.
6. **Prayer:** CN to take on the role of Prayer Co-ordinator (Role Description distributed) Discussion around role description related to need to liaise with the Pastoral and Children and Young people's vision groups. KH suggested contact/involvement with the Schools prayer groups.
7. **Looking forwards:**
 - a) **Worship Rota for Holy Week and Easter 2021**
 - i) BW noted that Jeremy and choir not yet ready to be involved due to Covid situation
 - ii) Julie Shaw, Katherine Hopwood and Amber covering music over Easter period
 - b) **Worship Rota for April to August 2021**
 - i) Discussion regarding 8am Communion services - BW proposed reducing 8am service on Sundays when there is 10am Family Communion. 8am congregation has considerably reduced over past few years, now only 1 or 2 attend regularly – many have changed to Thursday service as 9.15am timing is easier to manage. BW has spoken to those affected and they are willing to accommodate change.
 - ii) The following proposal will be brought to next PCC meeting (on April 12th)
 - That we drop 8am Communion Services on Sundays where there is a 10am Communion Service (i.e. 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month)
 - That we continue to offer one BCP (Book of Common Prayer) Communion per month at 8am, on the 3rd Sunday of each month
 - That we continue to offer a 'said' Communion Service at 9.15am each Thursday

- That we continue to offer Tea Time Church at 4pm each Sunday
 - That these changes take place from the 1st May 2021, for the foreseeable future
- iii) Second discussion started around timing of services, but decision made to consider later in the year, allowing changes to happen gradually. Change for Easter Day, similar the Christmas Day, is for major festivals only at present.

8. Worship Space: Covid guidance for worship continues to apply, until 21st June at the earliest

9. Courses: Pilgrim Course Part 5 (The Creeds) from 24th February to 31st March, as our Lent Course for 2021. Part 6 planned for 21st April to 26th May (The Eucharist). Part 7 for 16th June to 21st July (The Bible)

- a) BW pleased that nearly all who started the course are continuing to participate in each new section
- b) discussion regarding the breakout rooms. CN and MB feel material is very challenging for some participants who are new or exploring faith. RH feels material helping his group grow. BW to consider changes to breakout groups before next course.

10. Church Wardens: New division of responsibilities, from APCM. We will now have a 'Warden with particular responsibility for Buildings' - Robin, and a 'Warden with particular responsibility for Worship' - Henrietta. Document showing allocation of responsibilities was circulated by BW

10. Safeguarding: none

Date of next meeting: Thursday May 27th 5.30-6.45pm via Zoom

Carolyn Nicholls

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