

St Peter's Church

Worship Committee

Meeting held on Wednesday 30 October 2019 at 7 Beck's Place

Present: Gill Heard (Chair), Rev. Robert Gordon, Kate Henshall, Julian May, Jenny Park, Richard Stenlake, Anne Searle

Apologies: Andrew Curtis, Helen Fensome, Jenny Palmer

GH opened with a prayer.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. **Matters Arising**

Robert said that Book E (with a gold cover) is now in use. These had been printed by Roy and Book D will be the next one to be done, when Roy is feeling better. Book E had two versions of the Lord's Prayer as Robert felt we needed to have the modern form as well as the traditional version, as the modern form is the one taught now (if one is taught at all).

Anthony has now joined the choir as a new scholar from Exeter University. He will be travelling by train to Tiverton, so lifts to and from the station will be needed. Gill confirmed that we also have Ben and Frankie, our local scholars.

It was confirmed that additional 'Gloria' sheets were now available and more can be photocopied, if necessary.

3. **Review of Services**

25 August Kate had organised a very successful 'treasure hunt' for the children. They had to look for various symbols of St Peter's throughout the church.

29 September The Harvest service had been very successful and enjoyed by everyone. There had been many willing participants and Kate had taken photographs of the various displays which would be in the November magazine.

27 October Bible Sunday the Songs of Praise service had been cancelled as Andrew was unwell. It was hoped to be able to have this service in the new year.

4. Future Services

10 November Remembrance Service. The Bishop of Crediton will be attending and preaching during the service. She will also be accompanying Robert to the War Memorial afterwards.

1 December Andrew will be arranging a Eucharist Service with Taizé in the morning for Advent Sunday.

6 December Light up a Life Service, Hospicecare – organ and choir needed.

22 December Carol Service

24 December 4 pm Christingle Service. 11.30 Midnight Eucharist service

25 December 8 am Communion and 10.30 (?) Communion – suitable for families.

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Robert said that he had been to see Andrew and a service on the 3rd Sunday of January could possibly include the history of the hymns chosen. Adi Pannifer had been working hard on this and it was suggested that Margaret Wallwork could also provide valuable information.

2 February Candlemas service

29 March Passion Sunday would be the date for the evening service, particularly involving the choir,

5. Choir Items

Andrew and Robert had been discussing Choral Evensong and, as there were very few people attending it was suggested that the choir could attend various other churches to sing CES. They had sung at Washfield and Thorverton in the past and this had been very much appreciated by the congregation. It was suggested that Steph could possibly organise this in one of the Exe Valley churches.

6. Any Other Business

Robert and Andrew had also been discussing the need to possibly ‘loosen up’ the occasional service, with a view to encouraging some younger people. It was felt that there was a space for some new things and an opportunity to do something different. When one considers that the Vineyard Church and St George’s and St Paul’s have congregations of 250 and 300 people respectively, regularly attending. It was felt that St Peter’s place has to be distinctive and could encourage some people who have been to St George’s and St Paul’s but now possibly want something a bit more traditional. It was not thought that the 10.15 service would change but, possibly, a different format

for a Sunday evening. We need to attract more people than just those who move into this area.

Jenny Palmer had mentioned that at Bampton they have a lot of coffee mornings and cheese and wine evenings, which seem to draw new people in.

Eucharistic Assistants – (Please see attached sheet) **THIS WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY.**

This will need to be given to David Catchpole.

Robert explained that the rules had changed and the list needed to be updated every three years. Robert will confirm the names on the two lists and forward to me.

Recording – Kate said that Guy had done a recording of Lydia singing We Three Kings and Good King Wenceslas. She wanted to know if there were any copyright issues in putting this on the website. It was suggested she speak to Andrew/Chris Burford.

Candles/Lighting – This was discussed with regard to the Carol Service. It was agreed to purchase approximately 300 battery tea lights and, having looked at Robert's battery theatre coloured lights, it was agreed to buy 3 more of these.

Julian asked if music could be available for hymns which were not familiar to the congregation. Gill said that hymn books with music were available.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 3.55 pm

The date of the next meeting will be Friday 10 January 2020, 2.30 pm at 7 Beck's Place.