

## **St Peter's Church**

### **Worship Committee**

Meeting held on Friday 10 January 2020 at 7 Beck's Place

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

Apologies: Jenny Palmer

Gill asked Robert to open the meeting with a prayer, particularly as Andrew was very much in our thoughts.

#### **1. Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

Robert said that a new service Book D was available, which had kindly been printed by Roy. We still have book H (blue) in use and we also have Books A (red), E (gold) and now D (green). Roy has said that he is happy to do more books.

In the context of the 'Gloria' sheets, it was mentioned that the Peruvian Gloria, used last Sunday with Robert as Cantor, was very much enjoyed and could certainly be used more frequently.

#### **3. Review of Services**

6 December The Hospiscare Service had gone very well and, as usual, was a very thoughtful service and appreciated by those attending.

11 December The Mothers' Union Service had been followed by a lunch of homemade soup and puddings, which had been very successful and easy to produce.

22 December Carol Service There had been a large number of very positive comments about the Carol Service. The congregation had enjoyed it and had benefited from the use of microphones positioned by the choir, which had meant that everything could be heard, even at the back of the church.

24 Christingle Service This had been a very enjoyable and well attended service. 220 Christingles had been made and only 2 had not been used. Robert's sermon and involvement by the congregation had been very enjoyable. It was mentioned that when the lights had been turned down and Away in a Manger was sung, it was very moving.

The Services for Castle and Bolham Schools had gone very well and been very well attended. Bill, Guy and Kate were thanked for all their hard work, in Robert's absence.

24 December Midnight Service There had been a choir and approximately 100 people had attended. It was suggested that the battery tea lights, used for the Carol Service, could possibly be used for the Midnight Service too.

25 December Christmas Day There had been a small number of people at the 8 am service. At the later service Edmund May had played the piano which everyone had enjoyed.

#### **4 Future Services**

2 February A Taizé Service for Candlemas at 6 pm.

22 March Mothering Sunday As Ian Johnson would be the Celebrant for this service, Robert had suggested that the Mothers' Union may like to take an active part.

29 March Passion Sunday – There would be another meeting before this, to discuss the format.

Holy Week the choir usually participate in some of these services and it is hoped that they will be able to do so this year.

Robert gave some details of Andrew's funeral on 28 January. Andrew Millington, retired organist from Exeter Cathedral would be playing. Graham would play for the Gathering Music. Various singers from other choirs would be joining the St Peter's choir and they would be seated in the choir stalls next to the organ. The lighting of the church was an important part of the funeral and there would be candles in various places.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.25 am

**The date of the next meeting will be Friday 6 March. 10.00 am at 7 Beck's Place.**