

St Peter's Church**Worship Committee**

Meeting held on Friday 6 March 2020 at 7 Beck's Place

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

Apologies: Richard Stenlake

Gill opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. **Matters Arising**

Robert said that the wonderful funeral service for Andrew said a lot about the man and how everyone felt about him. It was agreed that the lighting was beautiful and added to the atmosphere. As the church was very full, people were sitting in the Memorial Chapel but they said that they had been able to hear the service clearly.

3. **Review of Services**

2 February: Taizé Service for Candlemas. Several people had attended and it was agreed it was a very nice service. (See additional item regarding possible future Taizé services)

4. **Future Services**

22 March: Mothering Sunday – Helen explained that, as Ian Johnson is unwell, Tony Fensome will be taking the service, using the new green book D. Some prayers will be taken from the Mothers' Union Eucharist and the readings and intercessions will be read by members of the Mothers' Union. The choir will sing an appropriate anthem during Communion. Posies will be distributed by children in the congregation and Gill will put a note in the next available service sheet to ask for posies and cakes. There will be a cake stall to raise money for one of the charities supported by the Mothers' Union and there will be leaflets available to detail the work carried out by that charity.

Thursday 26 March 2pm: Castle School will be having their annual Easter Service

5 April: Palm Sunday

Monday 6 April, Tuesday 7 April, Wednesday 8 April: 7 pm Compline

Maundy Thursday 9 April: 7 pm, Holy Communion

Good Friday 10 April: 6 pm, quiet Taizé style service

Easter Day Sunday 12 April: 8 am Holy Communion. 10.15 Parish Communion.

April 19, 10.15 Baptism

Monday 23 April CHAT are coming to St Peter's to celebrate their 25 years. At 7 pm. The Bishop of Crediton will be officiating. There will be other denominations as well.

Taizé Services

Robert said that we had previously discussed possible different types of service and he felt that, as the Taizé services always receive a good reaction, he would like to develop this type of service. Gradually the name for this type of service could change as they were not, strictly, Taizé services. "Still" was one suggestion. These services do not appear regularly in other local churches and Holy Communion could still be included in this style of service.

The evening Taizé services are still enjoyed and it was suggested that, as we are not having Choral Evensong at the moment, a Taizé Service could be held instead. This was agreed by those present and Sunday 19 April at 6pm was to be the first. It would follow the same pattern as had CES, i.e. the third Sunday in the month. The music could be provided by various people who wanted to join in. The second date in the diary would be 17 May. It was suggested that the congregation from Steph's churches could be invited.

Other services

Last Sunday's service with the Bellringers' talk was very enjoyable and it was agreed that this type of change to a service could be repeated. Robert said that some people say they find the services with a number of readings and a psalm quite long and 'wordy'. It was agreed that the services always run smoothly and it was hoped that visitors to our services would agree.

4. **Choir Items**

Gill explained that we have various organists playing until May and that a new bellringer, Simon Trott, could also be available to play the organ occasionally. Graham continues to be a regular organist for us and we would like to record our thanks to him for all his hard work. When he is unable to play we have recently had Dr. Peter King, retired organist and choir master from Bath Abbey, to play for us and he is returning on 15 March and again on 19 April.

5. **Any Other Business**

The question of Coronavirus was raised and Robert said that he was receiving on-going information on the subject. Notices would be put up in the porch. The advice to practice good hygiene is still the best. No change in procedure was necessary at the moment, although due to the lack of availability of hand sanitisers in the shops, possibly hand wipes could be provided at the entrance to the church.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.35 am