

St Peter's Church
Worship Committee

Held on Tuesday 4 January 2022 by Zoom

Present: Gill Heard (Chair), Bill Zarrett, Jenny Park, Jenny Palmer, Kate Henshall, Julian May, Joanna Hall-Tomkin, 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

Gill said that Steph appreciated all the help she had received with the Zoom Sunday services and any assistance in the future would be most welcome.

3. Review of Services held

The Midnight service on 24 December had 38 people attending and it was very pleasing to see that there were a lot of visitors. This also was the case on the Christmas Day service.

From December 2021, the 8 o'clock service will be held on the first Sunday of the month. 15 had attended the first service, not so many on the second. Bill said he had enjoyed the service and liked that it was held in the choir stalls.

On November 7, The Chaplain from Blundells, Tim Hunt, had taken the service, which included two baptisms. It is hoped that Tim Hunt will be able to take further services but he is very busy.

November 14, the service was taken by Jane Wilson using Remembrance as the theme. (We were unable to use St Peter's this year for the town's main service). It was a very nice service and she is very keen to take future services for us.

On November 21, Archdeacon Andrew Beane had taken the service for Stir Up Sunday which was well received. He will be taking another service again soon.

Epiphany Service 2 January, this was taken by Ian Johnson. Gill mentioned that he is now able to take on additional services, including Baptisms and funerals. This service had reverted to the old time of 10.15 a.m. and the Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei had been sung.

4. Future Services

This Sunday, 9 January, Mike Clarke will take the service. There will be a Baptism at 3 p.m. which will be conducted by Ian Johnson.

On February 6 Andrew Beane will take the service. At 3 p.m. there will be a Baptism which will be taken by Jane Wilson.

On March 27, Mothering Sunday, Allan Sheath will be taking the service. Jenny Palmer suggested that the families who had recently had Baptisms could be invited to attend the Mothering Sunday service. This was considered a very good idea, and she and Rosie Longbourne will make the necessary contacts.

There was discussion about ways in which we could reach out to members of the community, particularly at Christmas. Previously, Angels had been knitted and given out to people. Sally Mundy had also taken mince pies to some members of the congregation who had been unable to attend services. Jo said that she had bought some small, knitted stockings which could be possibly copied and given to some members of the community.

5. Choir Items

Gill said that our special thanks go to Graham for his continued support. We would be lost without him as he not only plays the organ but records music at home for the occasions he is not available to play. Thanks also should be given to Bill who works hard to ensure the recorded music is heard clearly.

Choir numbers are a little depleted. Gerry has been unwell, as has his wife and we are unsure when he will be able to return. Chris Burford is spending more time in Tetbury now. Izzy, one of our scholars, is presently very busy having moved house but she hopes to return soon. Lydia has taken on a part time job and has not been able to attend many services and Ben, her brother, has not attended any services. Gill said that it would be helpful if we could find some more choir members.

6. Any Other Business

Richard Stenlake had said that he felt our present sharing of Communion didn't feel very 'spiritual' (due mainly to Covid and also, in part, to the work being carried out). Bill gave a detailed explanation of the ways in which Communion can be taken within the law and from advice given by the Bishop of London. 1. Only the bread is taken. 2. The priest dips the bread into the wine before giving to the recipient. 3. The common cup is used to give the wine.

It was agreed that a proposal should be made to the PCC to start to use the 2nd option to ascertain their views.

Bill also gave a brief outline of how the High Altar and Nave Altar will be integrated into our future services, upon completion of the re-ordering work.

Lent services will be discussed at the next meeting. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

The date of the next Meeting will be held on Monday 28 February 2022 at 7.30 p.m. on Zoom.