

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TIVERTON.**Worship Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 27th February, 2023

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

Absence: Richard Stenlake

Gill opened with a prayer.

1. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January 2023 were approved and signed following the insertion in Item 2, Matters Arising, at the end of the first paragraph of the word "mutual decision" for "unilateral decision" at the request of Bill.

2. Matters Arising The Committee were delighted to hear of the appointment of The Reverend Christian Hill to be Rector of St. Peter's. He will be moving to Tiverton with his wife Pippa prior to his licensing in St. Peter's on Wednesday, 3rd May at 7.30 pm. Discussion took place regarding the Reception and Service as it was expected that the congregation will include members of his present Parish who may face the return journey late in the evening. It was therefore decided to invite those who have travelled a distance for refreshments of tea and biscuits before the Service, followed by Wine and Nibbles afterwards for others.

Bill has been in touch with Bishop Jackie's Assistant regarding the list of dignatories to be invited to the Service. It is envisaged that this would include all Clergy from Tiverton, the Mayor and Town Council and the Police. Also visiting Clergy who have visited us during the time of the Interregnum. Time would be spent drawing up the final List so as not to leave anyone out.

Further duplicate correspondence has been received from the Musician offering to play the Organ following a move to the area. Bill and Tim had decided between them to leave this for the time being and see if he contacts us again after the move.

3. Review of Services Held

The Baptism of Clara. This was a beautiful occasion led by the Archdeacon who very much involved her sister in the proceedings. It was much enjoyed by the Congregation, but Richard commented that it was a pity the Congregation weren't invited to be seated during the actual Baptism itself, so that it was visible to all. The Family held Refreshments at the back of the Church following the Service and invited the Congregation to join them. Victoria, the Mum, made everything look so pretty and inviting. It was agreed how advantageous it is to have this new space.

The Taize Service took place at 5 pm on the evening of Sunday, 26th February in the Chancel. It was much enjoyed and appreciated for its quiet beauty. Lydia had largely put the Service together and sang herself as well with her Mother accompanying on the Flute. Her Father joined the Choir as well. Gill had already thanked Lydia and her Parents, but would do so again on behalf of the Committee. It was felt that it would be so good to have this on a regular basis and Bill suggested we wait before arranging another one until our new Rector is installed and see how he felt.

4. Future Services

Saturday, 11th March Baptism at 1 p.m. Gill to check who is taking this Service.

Sunday, 19th March (Mothering Sunday): This Service is to be taken by Archdeacon Andrew Beane. He is very keen to advertise this occasion so that we can welcome as many families as possible. We shall request posies from Church members as before. Also invite the Baptism Families that we have had recently. Perhaps also a variety of refreshments could be offered afterwards. Gill will do a Poster as before and invite families from Bolham and Castle Schools. It was hoped that Shelia will organise activities for Young Church if necessary.

Sunday, 2nd April (Palm Sunday): Andrew Beane has requested that he take this Service. Sue Beale will be ordering the Palm Crosses as usual.

Thursday 6th April (Maundy Thursday): Allan Sheath will take the 6.30 Service of Stripping the Altar.

7th April (Good Friday): There will be a Service at St. Andrew's.

Sunday, 9th April (Easter Day.): Andrew Beane is taking the Service, when we will use the High Altar. Bill said thought should be given to how we will administer Communion and also guide people up the step when care is needed. The Church Wardens will organise this.

Wednesday, 19th April: Memorial Service for Mary Seaton.

Sunday, 23rd April: After the service the APCM will take place, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

Wednesday, 3rd May: Licensing Ceremony for the Reverend Christian Hill.

5. Choir Items: Gill said it was a real privilege having Lydia and Graham leading the Choir each week and it was a real pleasure working with them. Simon Trott also plays the organ and is very good at taking the Choir and playing.

Bill said the new Pew Cushions are on order and will be put out when they arrive. David Ricks has also been involved with this and has measured each pew so as to get the right size and number.

6. Any other Business

Kate said consideration needed to be given to how St. Peter's marks the King's Coronation as it is three days after the Induction Ceremony for Christian Hill. Saturday, 6th May is the Coronation, Sunday, 7th is a day of Street Parties and Monday, 8th is a Bank Holiday when the focus should be on volunteering. Gill said Lydia has said she would like to do a Recital as she has not done much singing herself with the Choir. This could be followed by a Cream Tea and specific Groups in the Town would be invited to focus on the Service aspect. This was considered a good idea and a bowl would be put by the door for donations to Appeals such as Ukraine and the Turkish Earthquake. Consideration was already being given to decorating the Church with flowers for the celebration.

A group of volunteers will be organised to clean the Church before the Induction. Jo offered to bring her steam cleaner in to treat the tiles in the Chancel. Bill will arrange for the carpets to be stretched and cleaned professionally.

It was agreed, although some had mixed feelings about it, to continue the Intinction method of taking Communion because of the prevalence of illness at the moment. It will be reconsidered after Easter.

Gill expressed concern regarding the step up from the Nave for the Choir and the Congregation. Bill and David Ricks will give consideration to some moveable structure to aid people going up and down the step. Bill pointed out though that it was the same height as before the alterations.

The date of the next meeting No future meeting set until after the APCM.

The Grace was said and the meeting concluded at 8.20 p.m.