

## ST PETER'S CHURCH, TIVERTON.

### Worship Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

Present: Gill Heard (Chair), Joanna Hall-Tomkin, Kate Henshall, Julian May, Jennifer Palmer, Bill Zarrett, Thomas Mitchell, Nickie Johnson

Absent: Jennifer Park, The Revd Christian Hill.

Gill opened with a prayer, particularly remembering Richard Stenlake who was, tragically, killed recently in a car accident.

#### 1. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 : Matters Arising

a. Further to the decision to review after Easter the method of offering the bread and wine at Communion, Jo requested that we might go back to receiving it in two kinds. Thomas agreed that the C of E does not like intinction, preferring just to offer bread if not offering both kinds separately. Nickie and Jo wondered if there could be a choice? Christian prefers intinction, apparently, and Gill felt that the final decision should be his. However, Jo suggested that if the majority of the congregation preferred to receive in two kinds, there should be a discussion. It was felt that it would be interesting to see which method Bp. Robert used on Sunday. June 25<sup>th</sup>.

b. The Licencing Service went well, and Gill thanked Bill for organising this. She expressed the view that it was wonderful to have a full-time vicar again, at last.

#### 2. Review of Services Held

19/3/23: Mothering Sunday, taken by Andrew Beane. He used Mars Bars to illustrate the theme 'Mothers Are Really Special', and posies were distributed as usual.

2/04/23: Palm Sunday. Andrew Beane started the service outside in lovely sunshine and a traditional Palm Sunday procession was held inside the church. Bp. Jackie was also in attendance.

6/04/23: Maundy Thursday. Allan Sheath led a quiet evening service. Sadly, few people attended.

9/04/23: Easter Day, led by Andrew Beane, was well attended.

23/04/23: APCM following the 10.15 service and a Bring and Share lunch. The social space at the back once again proved its worth.

5/05/23: Christian Hill led a pre-Coronation Prayer Vigil. A very good service but poorly attended.

7/05/23: Main service to celebrate the Coronation.

4/06/23: Baptism of Beverley Gating. Beverley is keen to involve herself in the life of the church and has been on the Mothers' Union outing.

#### 3. Future Services

25/ 06/2023: Patronal Festival. The Revd Christian Hill will be away but Bp Robert, who was unable to take the service last year because of illness and who retires in September, is delighted to be officiating. He is keen to see the re-ordered church. The Revd Jane Taylor will act as Deacon.

2/07/23: St Peter's congregation will join that of St Thomas in Chevithorne for their Patronal Festival. (10 a.m.)

#### 4. Choir Items

a. The Director of Music position is to be readvertised. Lydia would like to retain her position as Choirmistress, but this would depend on the rôle(s) the new Director of Music wanted to have.

b. Thomas Mitchell has joined the choir this year, and everyone is delighted to have him. More men are definitely needed in the choir!

c. There will be a choir lunch in the Chevithorne Village Hall after the service on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

d. Gill and Bill discussed the renewal of the CCLI licence, which permits churches to project or print out the words and music of copyrighted songs, hymns and anthems.

#### 5. Any other Business

a. Taizé services. Jo wanted to have a discussion about these. Gill said that Christian is very interested in music although his singing voice has been affected by Covid. She will bring up the subject when he returns from his holiday.

b. Readings in church. Nickie wondered whether the readers could be asked to use the form of words preferred in *Common Worship* when introducing their reading. She also pointed out that it was not necessary to mention the chapter and verses as these details were on the service sheet. Julian asked Nickie if she could produce a list or note for the readers, showing the required introduction-types (to books and letters). A reader could then refer to this when preparing their reading and write it down, if necessary, to bring up to the lectern. Jo was concerned that this, together with Christian's recent request that readers arrive promptly at the lectern in order to keep the momentum of the service going, was too prescriptive. She did not think that there ever was a 'massive gap' while readers came up. Others agreed. Kate and Nickie both suggested that the 2 readers might come up together, so that one could help the other up and down the steps if necessary and the second would be ready to read promptly. Jo felt that we should be more tolerant and disliked the prescriptiveness of the 2 proposed changes. Gill suggested that Julian talk to Christian about these matters.

c. Another gap! Bill noted that the officiant sometimes had a bit of a wait while the first communicants came up the aisle to receive communion. It will be necessary to speak to the sides people about getting people out of the south aisle pews more promptly.

d. Dementia friendly services. Jo was interested on the fliers about dementia friendly services being held monthly at St Andrew's and wondered whether it was something that could usefully be provided in St Peter's, given that we are central in the town and therefore accessible. Such services could be very helpful for families with people suffering from dementia. Bill suggested that it would be better for St Peter's people to show support for St Andrew's congregation by attending and helping at their services. Julian thought that we could see what is being done at St Andrews for a while and think about holding our own services in due course.

e. Lydia's recital and cream tea. Donations at this event were approx. £540. Lydia sang really well and the event was well attended – 50+ people – and much appreciated. Many people would like more

events of this type, including being able to sing along. Kate supported this idea, to be used as a fund raiser. It was suggested that asking for donations was better than charging an entrance fee. Gill commented that the new seating area works well for this kind of event.

f. Organist and choir.

The Musician offering to play the organ following a move to the area has not been back in touch. Perhaps he was keener on the organ playing than on leading the choir?

A family from South Africa who were in church on Sunday, looking for a church to attend, have 3 daughters who might join the choir.

Lydia might discover children keen to sing when she starts working as a school teacher in September. The Choral Scholarship money can be paid to a student or to a school child and might be an encouragement.

This fund needs to be replenished, said Bill. The Amory family, who kindly provide the money, will need to be approached about this. Lydia is currently paid from this fund, but might share the organist / Director of Music income if the rôle were divided. Bill commented that it is very difficult to fill this position. Some organist / D of M jobs have been advertised for more than 2 years. We are very lucky to have Simon Trott, Graham and Lydia holding the fort. Graham has expressed a desire to continue as assistant organist when a permanent appointed has been made.

The date of the next meeting: Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm

The Grace was said and the meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.