

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TIVERTON.

Worship Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 29th August 2023

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

Gill opened with a prayer and welcomed Rev. Christian Hill to his first meeting of the Worship Committee.

I. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 19th June 2023 : Matters Arising

a. Readers

Nickie wished to clarify the position as regards 2 readers going up and returning to their seats at the same time, so that they could assist each other if needed, and in order to avoid unnecessary delays. Christian agreed that this would be helpful. Julian will contact the readers to inform them of this decision and to request that it be implemented forthwith.

Christian expressed concern about potential accidents, with readers subsequently suing St, Peter's. Bill said that this had, indeed, happened in the past and suggested that readers might sign a document to accept that they used the steps to the lectern at their own risk, although this might not show a due care on the part of the Church. Perhaps a hand rail, placed on the east side of the steps, would be helpful? He would talk to David Ricks about this. General agreement to this suggestion.

b. Taizé services

Gill mentioned that Lydia would be organising music for the period up until Christmas and that this might include music for Taizé services. Jenny Park said that 6.30 p.m. was a good time, in view of the use of candles at these evening services. Christian explained that during October and November he hoped to run a prayer course with some Taizé music, from 6 - 7.30 on Sunday evenings, aimed at newer church members. Following a question from Julian about the provision of music at this course, he said that Lydia and friends would provide some worship music at the start (and be free to leave after that) and that there would be no choir commitment. There would, therefore, be no regular Taizé service in the immediate future but at the end of the two-month course it might then develop into Taizé-style worship.

c. Choral Evensong

Nickie asked about the reintroduction of Choral Evensong and Christian agreed that it could be scheduled, to be run by someone other than himself. Gill thought that a monthly service of Choral Evensong might be trialled.

2. Review of Services Held

25 / 06 / 23: The Patronal Festival was led by Bp. Robert, who subsequently sent £25 donation and expressed his enthusiasm for the reordered church.

02 / 07 / 23: St. Thomas, Patronal Festival. This regular event is appreciated by all, especially the congregation at St. Thomas' church. This year it was followed by a choir lunch.

3. Future Services

24 / 09 / 23: Harvest Festival. Ali, the manager of CHAT, will speak. Christian hopes that St. Peter's will start to support CHAT better and that the Harvest Festival will provide a sort of 'bonding' opportunity. Kate said that it would be good if the congregation had information prior to the service about what gifts would be most useful. Bill mentioned an app. - 'Bank the Food' - which lists such information about any food bank and said that he could print a list some weeks before the harvest service. It is already too late for it to be printed in the magazine. Nickie said that there is already such a list in the library, which she could acquire and put into church; and Jenny Palmer said that Tesco and Morrisons also have such lists.

Regarding CHAT, Nickie hopes to organise a large-ish coffee morning in aid of the charity and will need help.

1 / 10 / 23: Mayor's service. Time to be confirmed.

M.U. Service, with 2 enrolments: Nickie would like to hold this on Wednesday 13 / 12 / 23, preferably at 2.30 p.m. followed by tea (or in the morning, followed by lunch). Christian was worried that it might clash with school Carol Services, the dates and times of which have not yet been fixed. Nickie said that there had not been a clash in previous years and the service could be held in St. Paul's, if necessary. Bill mentioned the 4 schools / organisations which normally hold Carol Services in St Peter's and said that 3 of these – Castle School, Bolham and Blundell's – usually hold the service in the evening but rehearse during the day. Christian wondered if the M.U. could have their service a week earlier (7 / 12). The conclusion was that it would be sensible to contact the schools first and find out what dates / times they have in mind.

17 / 12 / 23: Carol Service at 6.30 p.m.

24 / 12 / 23: Christingle Service at 4 p.m.

24 / 12 / 23: Midnight Mass at 11.30 p.m.

25 / 12 / 23: Christmas Communion at 10.15? Kate suggested that this is usually held at 10.30 and Christian agreed to note the later time, subject to confirmation.

Gill commented that it will be a very busy time for Christian, as he also has to fit in services at St. Thomas's and St. Andrew's. Nickie mentioned that Ian is going to take a service at St. Andrew's (either Midnight Mass or Christmas Day Communion) and Christian said that he would get together with representatives from these two other churches and organise his timetable, getting help as necessary.

4. Choir Items:

a. Organist. Gill mentioned that Graham had been unwell and Bill said that he was in hospital, having scans etc. In future Graham will play for 3 Sundays a month and Simon Trott will play at one Sunday service. Additionally, Graham may not lead the Wednesday choir rehearsal, having already to lead another choir on Tuesday evenings. In this case, Lydia and Gill would organise St. Peter's choir practice.

b. Kate mentioned the carol 'Cloth for the Cradle' which Andrew Curtis introduced to the choir for an Advent service in (?) 2016 and it was agreed that it could be used again.

c. Peruvian Gloria. Christian used this in the morning service some weeks ago and would like to continue to do so for a while in order to encourage more enthusiastic congregational participation. Jo and Julian agreed that it was an easier melody to sing, but hoped that other versions of the Gloria

would not be discarded permanently. Kate suggested that its number – it is listed in the hymn book – be added to the service sheet. Nickie then asked if the hymn numbers, including that of the Peruvian Gloria, could be put on the hymn boards in the traditional way, as it is helpful for many people including visitors. Jenny Palmer said that Adi Pannifer used to do this and agreed to take on the job. Finally, Bill commented that we are lucky to have a priest with such a good singing voice!

5. Any other Business

Director of Music: Bill said that we have had applications from India (!) but no viable candidates despite ongoing advertising. Guest organists can be had at £60 a time, which is too expensive. Jo mentioned the organist at Taunton School who is excellent and might be glad to help out occasionally, especially as our organ is such a fine one. Bill said that details of the organ can be found in the National Organ Directory.

6. The date of the next meeting: Monday October 23rd at 7.30

The Grace was said and the meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.