

ST PETER'S CHURCH TIVERTON

Minutes of Worship Committee held on January 2nd 2024

Present: Gill Heard GH (Chair), Bill Zarrett BZ, The Revd Christian Hill CH, Kate Henshall KH, Jennifer Parks JPS, Jennifer Palmer JPR, Nickie Johnson NJ.

Apologies: Thomas Mitchell, Julian May and Joanna Hall-Tomkin.

1. **Minutes** of meeting held on 23rd October 2023 were deemed correct and were signed.
2. **Matters arising.** Item 6a) Welcome Sheet. NJ asked had any decision been made regarding this. Regarding Bible readings it was suggested using pew Bibles. KH pointed out that the page numbers were separate for OT and NT, causing some confusion. CH said he would guide members. GH asked whether we should trial with no welcome sheet for a month to gauge reactions.
 Suggestions: February no sheet. KH – by email. BZ - Live Streaming when set up. NJ - Names for those in need. (GH mentioned prayer board) KH - special events given out from time to time. Ideas for sharing news, special services etc. – Church Magazine (KH volunteered), email (Tim). A brief discussion followed regarding the Christmas information produced by CH with the help of a grant.
3. **Review of services held. Remembrance Sunday** – CH impressed by youngsters appearance and good behaviour . BZ - many positive comments. CH liaison with organisations resulted in very good turnout. **Carol Service** – 130 attended; thanks to Lydia Fitton for augmented choir and soloist; Julian offered to help inexperienced readers in future. **Christmas Eve/4th in Advent – Blue Christmas** -led by Philip Sourbut was very sensitive to those who do not find Christmas a time of joy. **Christingle** – more people than ever. JPR queried whether it was suitable to ask for money before giving out christingles – money raise c£600. Mention of woman who fell in porch – daughter thanked the care shown while waiting for ambulance. GH queried whether number attending (c650) was safe or legal considering the fire risk. How to control? Maybe two Christingle services. BZ to talk to insurance co. for a “special events” cover. **Midnight Mass** – c60 congregation.
Christmas Day 10.30 – many visitors; **8.00** well attended – thanks to David Hamer. (There is a need for more sacristans – KH said she could come back)
4. **Future Services.** **Candlemass** at St Andrew's on 28th January cancelled. **Ash Wednesday - 14th February** - 7pm at St Peter's or 11.00am at St Andrew's. **Mothering Sunday - 10th March. Palm Sunday – 24th March. Maundy Thursday – 28th March. Easter – 31st March.**

5. Choir items. The choir have said goodbye to Lydia for conducting and to Adi Pannifer and Jane Bonnick, who, after many years, have decided to finish as altos. Grateful thanks to Graham and Simon for playing the organ. A few members sang carols at **St George's Care Home.**

NJ had heard rumours that CH was proposing that the 10.15 be a said Eucharist – this was hotly denied by CH! He stated that the Gloria should be glorifying God, and that it was the choir's role to lead the congregation in doing so. The words of the sung Gloria do not match those in the service book; the choir needs to be heard, singing accurately and confidentially. CH asked how choir members were chosen. NJ proposed that there be a meeting with members and CH in order that any problems could be ironed out, and that there be no misunderstandings!

- 6. AOB** i) CH wanted to outline where he wants the church to be looking.
- Understanding what our vision should be – i.e. increasing numbers
 - Faith and Worship – looking to produce quality worship to attract new comers

Pastoral care – spreading God's message to be the solid foundation at St Peter's. Improving the website, which has a 70s feel at present. Adding to numbers needs lots of work – more visibility. BZ asked what was the outcome of the Saturday meeting and what use will be made of the members 'favourite hymns'?

CH:-

- To meet up and look after each other
- To have a passion for prayer
- The need to 'grow church' – we all need to communicate to others
- St Peter's needs willing helpers; needs to be an energetic and a fired up community – "People of Joy"

ii) GH pointed out that this was her final time as Chairman of the Worship Committee and that a new Chairman needs to come forward.

7. The date and time of next meeting Monday, 26th February at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 8.30 with the Grace.