

TVMC Team Meeting 28th February 2024

Present: Rev. Michael Woodcock, Rev. Simon Howard, Hilary Fitch, Dorothy Grace, Nick Gray, Brian Lock

Apologies: Rev. George Briggs, Tony Fitch

Lent Course is going well, with good discussions involving everyone. Up to 17 attend the first Tuesday afternoon session and six the Wednesday evening Zooms.

5th Sunday 30th June at Underbarrow – 5th Sunday planning group will meet to plan. The last two have been really well attended, with a strong sense of community.

Action: Michael to convene the planning group.

Healing prayer at Communion at Underbarrow went well, with some positive feedback. The service had a different feel as there was no music. Simon intends to repeat the offer of prayer at a service around May time.

Are there other opportunities to offer healing ministry?
Do we offer it on occasions after the end of a service?

Treasurers' Meeting

The meeting of all the PCC treasurers was positive and collaborative. Derek Hurton from the Diocese talked about how the Mission Community Ministry offer would work. It would push the financial planning back within the year to agree the offer before the APCMs and before the Diocese needs to know. The Diocese is working towards a three-year financial giving plan to enable more effective planning, and would therefore ask Mission Communities to submit a three-year plan of its Ministry Offer.

The Ministry offer has to cover the cost of two full-time stipendiary ministers; so far this has been achieved, but is becoming more challenging.

Joint PCCs meeting?

A joint meeting of all the PCCs could be a positive way forward to consider our mission, our purpose, and how we go forward in this. It could strengthen our Mission Community bonds, to work towards a common aim. Practically, this would be difficult to arrange, with so many people involved. Instead, possibly ask for three to four from each PCC (volunteers plus invitation) in the first instance for fellowship and discussion.

- How can we serve our communities?
- What can we do in our own parishes and what can we do together?

Lambing Service

Brian and Dorothy to lead. Burneside Brass is booked and Michael has given them four hymns. There will be a Messy Church immediately before for an hour 10-11am, and the leaders will share what has been done art-wise in the service. As it's Pentecost, we may offer an earlier Communion service as well. Messy Church and the service will be Pentecost-themed.

Prayer

Simon distributed *Thrive* Prayer Guide by Pam McNaughton for consideration as a possible future study course.

Sermon series on Prayer needs to be repeated at Underbarrow and Crook. There are five: perhaps do three over the summer term, then a break before the other two as before.

Next meeting: 20th March 2024

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