

TVMC Steering Group Meeting 15th September 2021

Present: Rev. Michael Woodcock, Rev. Michelle Woodcock, Rev. Simon Howard, Rev. George Briggs, Rev. Vic Sekasi, Hilary Firch, Dorothy Grace, Nick Gray

Apologies received from Tony Fitch.

Joint PCCs meeting 21st October 2021

Crosthwaite Church is probably large enough to accommodate everyone safely, especially as, inevitably, not everyone will be able to come. Those intending to come will be encouraged to take a lateral flow test beforehand.

As people arrive they will take a sticker with a number on it (or a 'T' if they are a Treasurer). Following the input from the front, everyone will go into a group according to their number or letter for discussion, and refreshments will be served by SG members.

Information from the front:

- Brief introductions of SG members (everyone)
- Explanation of how the MC works
 - Will there still be separate PCCs?
 - Will each church continue to have its own Treasurer?
- Differences between town and rural churches
- Parish share – generosity of the TVMC churches
- St Thomas's' role in Kendal with the town churches
- Detached youth work
- Messy Church/Forest Church update

Good things that have happened across the Mission Community:

- Moving Mountains
- Film evenings
- Sunny Side Up
- Walk and picnic on 29th August, to be repeated once a year on a 5th Sunday, with timing to allow people to go to the early service **and** the walk, e.g. 9.30am and 11am respectively.
- Monthly week-day walks March-Sept from one of the churches in rotation.

Following discussion and refreshment in groups, there will be a short liturgical night prayer to close, still in mixed groups (MW).

For our diaries

Nick Gray will be licensed as Lay Minister (Reader) at Carlisle Cathedral on 20th November.

Refreshments in church

This was discussed in terms of expectations, risks and perceptions. Of all the churches only Winstar is currently offering refreshments, though in some other churches people are stopping in church after the service to chat (with masks) rather than going outside.

It was acknowledged that life still doesn't feel back to normal; however, social mixing, meeting and greeting each other, is such an important part of our meeting together as a worshipping community that we should look at restarting refreshments as safely as possible. Everyone will need to take personal responsibility as we learn to live with Covid, and each church fellowship will make its own decision.

Next meetings

Wednesday 13th October

Wednesday 10th November

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27.9.21