

# TVMC Team Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

## Christmas plans

Big Sing, probably on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm in Crosthwaite Church carpark (tbc by Crosthwaite PCC on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov).

Crib & Carols service on Christmas Eve in Crosthwaite Church with the puppet theatre. Possibly two sittings. It will be promoted through Crosthwaite and Witherslack Schools, social media, TVN etc.

## Christmas Eve Communions

Witherslack at 9pm

Crook at 11pm – the Wild Boar will be notified!

No service on Christmas Day in Helsington – village Christmas event the weekend before.

## Safeguarding

There is online training for the wider church community covering basic principles, and a more detailed course for Clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers and those with Permission to Officiate which will be available; the first slots for training were booked up very quickly. It is important that everyone undertakes the relevant training.

Messy Church leaders and Pastoral Care Team members will have to do the updated training at the required level.

Training on domestic abuse awareness is available from the Diocese for all Clergy, LLMs and PtOs and possibly PCC members – Jane (Safeguarding Officer) is checking this. The Pastoral Care Team may also have to do it – it would be good practice to do so.

## Patterns of Services in villages

Dorothy had produced a 'starter for 10' discussion document to look at the TV village churches into the future. Some discussion ensued, raising some questions below.

- How do we operate as a Mission Community?
- What would be the motivation to make changes?
- What motivates people to go to church?
- What motivates people to go to a particular church?
- How do we encourage people to travel to a different church? Themed or special services perhaps?
- How do we enthuse people to mix and to worship with other congregations?
- How could it be managed?

It was agreed to set up a sub-group: Michael, Michelle, Simon, Tony & Hilary and Dorothy to take this forward.

**Action: Michael** to arrange a meeting of this sub-group

Also, how do we resurrect the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday services**? Perhaps a big relaunch for end of May? (January isn't feasible.) Perhaps followed by a picnic?

**Sunny Side Up** – suggested these should restart on the same basis as before, as a forum for congregations and people from the different parishes to get together, both for discussion and as a social gathering. Thankyou Michelle!

### Living in Love and Faith

Four clergy from Kendal Deanery have agreed to run the LLF course at Kendal Parish Church in January. We are also encouraging the Pastoral Principles Course to be used during Lent across the Deanery. There will then be a repeat of the LLF Course on offer in the summer at St George's.

A response to the LLF discussion has to be submitted to the CofE by April/May. However, the guidance for this is ambiguous.

The 'Five Guiding Principles' course will be presented to PCCs to encourage support to take part when it runs in Lent.

### Parish Nurse

This has stalled and needs resurrecting, having started the process and expressed interest. Initially, PCCs and parish representatives should be consulted to see if there is still an appetite for this, for the TV churches.

### Net Zero for churches

The CofE has a target for all churches to be carbon-neutral by 2030.

Is there any funding available to support this process?

How do we achieve this target?

There are audits available to assess a church's carbon footprint, e.g. Arocha's.

What does it look like for our churches?

Tied into all this: what will our congregations look like in 10 years?

### Prayer for our MC

There will be a time for praying together for the MC, to intercede and listen.

**Action: Simon and Michael** to arrange: frequency; in person or Zoom...

### Next meetings

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

And so on, each 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9.30am.