

DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE LITURGY MEETING HELD ON THE  
7th September 2007

Welcome

Josie Boxall welcomed all in attendance and asked Father Doug to say a prayer.

Apologies:

John Wilkins, Tony Roberts, Alma Payne, Clifford Mickleburg and Charlie Dog.

In Attendance:

Fr Doug Bull, John and Anna Houlahan, Stephan and Janet Nastaly, O'Neill, Pauline Green, Owen Sweeney, Josie and Alan Boxall, June Dante, Theresa Durham, Mary Bigwood and Marilyn Stevenson.

Minutes of the last Meeting

Were accepted.

Presentation on Music

June Dante reported on St Thomas's on her preparation methods, which included checking in advance the readings and matching the meaning of the hymns. The use of various Mass settings and those available to practice and sing them. The choice of music used on various occasions such as Easter and the Sacrament of the sick service. The Southwark Music planner is not set in concrete but can be useful. Anna and June make a copy of the music to be sung and pass this to Father Doug each week.

When new hymns are used it is good to get the congregation to learn them and not just carry on with the old ones.

In May and October the people have asked why there are not more Hymns to our Lady. There is a need to explain that they may be used at the end of Mass but not predominantly.

Anna proposed a vote of thanks to June for her work.

Marilyn Stephenson spoke for the St Peter's Music Group who take turns to take on Organ and Folk music every other week who endeavour to find hymns that fit the occasion and liturgy for that Sunday

For the Jubilee 2008 it was proposed that in the first week of July we have a joint choir, singing a new mass setting for both Organ and Folk Group.

Sr Marie Egan and Mary Bigwood may help in finding some new settings.

Father Doug would look at the Chrism Mass settings used in the Cathedral.

All music groups will meet in the future to choose the mass settings for the Jubilee and report back at the next liturgy meeting. Mary Bigwood to take action on this.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Mass Stewards

The list of duties has not been completed.

Easter Vigil

Disabled may remain in the Church before the start of the ceremonies. Remainder of the congregation should go to the Hall in inclement weather or onto the field.

First Holy Communion Masses

will be rectified in the future

The choir is not always warned in advance. This

### Review of Services

Nil

### Future Dates

October Holy Rosary 9.40am Wednesday and Thursday's at St Thomas's  
Saturday 6th October Harvest Supper to be held at the Methodist Church  
Saturday 13th October Day of Reflection All Ministries  
Thursday 1st Nov 10am Mass Feast of All Saints followed by Holy Hour for vocations.  
7pm Mass at St Peters  
Friday 2nd November Commemoration of the faithful; departed 10am Mass  
Sunday 4th Nov Gillingham Parish Blessing of Graves at Woodland Cemetery 3pm  
Sunday 25th Nov Memorial Mass weekend  
Friday 30th November Fr Doug's Jubilee mass  
Tuesday 20th Dec Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Monday 24th December Christmas Eve. Carol service  
Tuesday 25th Dec. Christmas Day  
Sunday 6th Jan Feast of the Epiphany  
Wednesday 6th Feb. Ash Wednesday  
First Holy Communion Dates will be circulated

### Baptism Welcome

Fr Doug has revised the wording of the Baptismal responsibility' Are you .... etc and announces the question to the congregation who all stand up in confirmation of the welcome. By repeating 'We are'. The Our Father (pre printed copy) will be presented to the parents by the community.

### Churches Together

#### Rainham

It was reported that there was a lack of joint services during Christian Unity Week  
It was suggested that 10am could be a better time because people would not go out at night in the winter.

### Jubilee Celebrations 7th July 2008

The Bishop to say mass at 9.30am and at 11am Barbeque in the afternoon and evening with entertainment.

### Volunteer Day Celebration

Instead of one day for Extraordinary ministers another for Readers we should have one day for all ministries in the church at Corpus Christi or Pentecost. This will be decided at the next T Meet and report back at the next meeting

### Fabric of the Church

It was asked if the Papal Flag could be used on more occasions. Deacon Alan will arrange this.

Owen Sweeney asked that Albs be purchased for some of the servers who have been in service for a number of years and are now in student years at University or College and unable to afford to buy them. It was agreed that the church would finance this.

Tony Roberts was thanked for organising Albs.

### AOB

Nil

### Date of the next Meeting

Friday 1st February 2008 at 7.30pm