

**DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE LITURGY MEETING HELD ON THE  
10th February 2007**

**Welcome**

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

**Apologies:**

Valerie Flisher, Majella Shackelford, Alma Payne, Maureen Boulton, Clifford Mickleburgh and Charlie Dog.

**In Attendance:**

Fr Doug Bull, John and Anna Houlahan, Stephan and Janet Nasterley, Tony Roberts, Mae Kulka, Jill O'Neill, Pauline Green, Owen Sweeney, Josie and Alan Boxall, Becky Towler, June Dante and Cynthia Johnson

**Minutes of the last Meeting**

Were accepted.

**Children's Liturgy report by Cynthia Johnson**

Documentation from the Bishops Conference is used as a guideline. Praise and Worship include a concentration on the word. The liturgy starts with a welcome and opening prayer in candlelight followed by penitential, sorry songs. -Well known nursery rhymes are used to make sung prayers more familiar. There is a Gloria, a short Gospel and a question time with a five-minute activity time.

There are still more recruits required to help we have only had one volunteer so far. CRB checks can be an obstacle to the process.

A talk will be given in the near future to the team from Mrs Molly O'Brein of the Catholic Education Centre.

**Baptism Team report by Becky Towler**

Currently there is a team of 12. Meetings with couples which take place twice monthly Wednesdays and Saturdays alternately with a maximum of 5 couples who spend two sessions with us. The first is a getting to know period and a video. The second is more detailed using another video

'Why Baptism' and 'The sacrament of Baptism'

Over the last year there have been 17 baptisms.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Hymn Books

We were very grateful for the donation of the Hymn Books from Tolworth Parish. A letter of thanks will be sent to Father Tony Charlton.

**Review of Services**

**Christmas Eve Children's Mass**

Went well this year Mr Myatt was involved.

**Christian Unity Week**

No Unity service, should we institute something for next year? (No Trinity service held).

**Future Events**

**Lent Stations of the Cross**

Jill O'Neill will organise a Rota covering Wednesday and Thursday mornings to at 9.30am at St Thomas's

### **Lenten Sermons**

The Vision for the Diocese document will be studied during the 1st,2nd,3rd and 5th Sundays of Lent at all Masses. 'Growing in Communion.' 'Reaching out in Mission' and 'Looking to the Future.' Paper 1 will be given on the 1st Sunday in Lent and on the following Sunday Questionnaire 1 and paper 2 until we have completed all three papers. This will take place during the Sermon time.

### **Friday 2nd March Woman's World Day of Prayer**

Will be held at Twydall Baptist Church at 2pm and Station Rd Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

### **Monday 26th March Feast of the Annunciation.**

A holy hour will take place after the 10am Mass at St Thomas's.

### **Lent Talks at the Millennium Centre**

Each Tuesday during Lent start time 8pm

The subjects will be spirituality within orders i.e.; Carmelite, Franciscan etc.

### **Sunday 21st April Palm Sunday.**

It was suggested that a cantor be positioned near the door of the church so that those in procession will be able to sing the hymn. Palms remain in Church.'

**Tuesday 3 April Reconciliation Service** at 8pm in St Thomas's.

### **Thursday 5th April Maundy Thursday**

8pm St Thomas's. In addition this year Extraordinary Ministers will re new their commitment.

### **Friday 6th April Good Friday**

10am Prayers in Holy Trinity followed by a service in the Grounds. Fr Doug will be giving Homily.

12 mid-day Children's Stations of the Cross at St Thomas's to be led by Delia Back.

3pm Good Friday Liturgy at both churches.

### **Saturday 7th April**

Easter Vigil 8pm at St Thomas's

### **Sunday 8th April**

Easter Sunday

### **Sunday 15th April**

2nd Sunday of Easter. Annual Celebration of Baptism over the last year. Names will be read out during all masses.

3pm Blessing of Graves at Woodlands. Parkwood and Gillingham parishes will be notified. A request will be made to the Cemetery caretaker for the WC's to be opened.

### **Sunday's 6th and 13th May**

First Holy Communion there will be 18 children this year.

### **Sunday 20th May**

Ascension Day

### **Saturday 26th May**

Sacrament of the sick 3pm at St Thomas's followed by tea in the Hall.

## **Sunday 27th May**

Pentecost

**Friday 15th June** Confirmation at St Thomas's 8pm by Bishop John Hine.

## **Churches Together Rainham**

Janet Nasterley reported on the arrangements for the Women's World day of Prayer on Friday 2nd March which would start at 7.30pm

There was nothing worked out for Church Unity week.

Pentecost. There will be a major gathering at Priestfields for all Medway churches A joint healing service was suggested. After discussion it was concluded this would cause more division than unity.

Men's Breakfasts will be held at St Margaret's 10th March and 12th May 8.30am

Cannon Alan Voulsdon will be 'Beating the bounds of his parish to raise money for a charity.

Lenten Lectures will be charged at £1 per person in aid of the Kenwood trust.

Publication of Masses during Christmas was not published in the Rainham Forum for St Margaret's or us. This will be investigated.

## **Twydall**

There will be an ecumenical service on Good Friday at Holy Trinity Church

Women's World Day of prayer at Twydall Baptist Church 2pm on 2nd March.

## **Fabric of the Church**

**New Banners** are made available as memorials.

## **Maundy Banners**

It would be appreciated if they could be re-newed

Joe Kulka will look at ideas.

**St Peter's A new Tabernacle** Is being built by Joe Kulka

## **AOB**

Is the pause during bidding prayers really happening ? This will be discussed at the next Reader and Extraordinary Ministers meeting on Monday 26th February

Owen Sweeney asked what we might be doing for the 50th Anniversary in 2008.

Would we invite the Archbishop? Could we use the 1st July as a day of celebration Barbeque etc? We might need to contact and invite those who are not now in the Parish for a get together? Perhaps there will be a proposal at the Parish AGM.

## **Date of the next Meeting**

**Friday 11th May 2007?**