

Present: PF, SM, EM, MP, CN, RW and welcome to LW. Absent: JL, JW. Vanessa Virgo (toddlers coordinator) has joined the team.

REJOICING: ISAIAH 55: 12

You will indeed go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

God does not ask for perfection but looks to see if we are making progress, not in what we are doing but in our relationship with him. Do we still feel joy being involved in this work?

VISION CASTING:

What is God bubbling up and saying?

Urgent need to get a CY worker – a part time share with perhaps St Clares? They would continue overseeing C and Y work but also could be involved in setting up an after school club at QE – a café/discussion type club.

Strategy for Dads – we need to encourage more dads to get involved with Messy Church and CC. PF to explore setting up Who let the dads out with Phil Smalley and David Jesson Atkins.

Hospitality and community – young people are very keen to have a café and youth hang out area in the reading room – a weekly space one night after school – this would need a CY worker to resource it timewise. But Maddie and Emily are happy to be involved in potential revamp of the reading room – Pippa to send through notes to Robin as head of premises. They are keen to use fairy lights, make it cosy and use bean bags. Perhaps they could paint some pictures under Ann Feest's guidance that could be used in there. Pippa explained it is a multipurpose room and so it would have to work for all who use it.

Light Party – the team are keen to facilitate a light party – on 31st October – time to be decided but probably 4.30-6.30 so that older ones can go trick or treating afterwards if they want to. Carved pumpkins with hearts and crosses and battery tea lights down vicarage gate and light sticks.

Intergenerational church – the younger members of the team are very keen that the young people buddy up with older members of congregation – that we have a lot to learn from each other. Inviting older people to events aimed at younger people and vice versa. It is part of the DNA of All Saints that we are very intergenerational.

At coffee time a suggestion to put the colouring onto the adult tables so that people mix up in age groups as this is also more welcoming for new people.

Schools work – Pippa summarised what has been happening – two MC at Onslow, one next term at QE, prayer spaces in each and assemblies.

C Church - This has been going well under AW and LW leadership. We need to revisit what is happening to Quest age kids too – a discussion with YLS team would be helpful for this.

Messy Church – entering a second phase, one per term here, one per term Onslow and one per term QE. A need to simplify the number of activities and the tea but also a fundamental need to root it in prayer. The core team that meets to pray and then plan. A need to address the boys more – science stuff and more active things too, games outside etc.

Youth – YLS going well and had a social but only team came – had a great time but need to invite others to socials.

Students- LW shared a very helpful perspective that students prefer a family church where they can belong rather than a big mega church. Are we missing connecting with this age group and what can we do?

NEXT MEETING Saturday 1st September at 10am.