

**St. Paul's with St. Agatha's, Woldingham
(Part of the Caterham Team Ministry)**

**Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
on the Proceedings of the Worship Committee in 2015**

Membership for 2015

Mrs Briscoe, Mrs Chappell , Mrs Chapman-Fortune, the Revd Dr Dowland-Pillinger (Chair)
Mrs Francis Bates, Mr Johnson, Mr Levie, Mrs Musk, Mr Ridout (co-opted), Mr Roberts, Mrs
Tyler, Mrs Westmarland

The Committee met on three occasions during 2015. It assisted in the planning, and later reviewing, of our services for major seasons and festivals, such as the Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

In addition, the Committee regularly considers matters concerning the Footsteps Group, Choir and Music, Readers and Intercessors, and Servers and Sacristans. Two Lent groups ran during 2015 and the Monday evening Bible study group also continued to meet. Monthly Complines at St. Agatha's were introduced during 2015 and will be taking place once again in 2016.

The Footsteps Group continues to thrive, with the three monthly events plus special services for occasions such as Harvest Festival and Mothering Sunday now being well established. Our links with the Woldingham Brownies continue to develop and it is hoped that a Rainbows Group will be started in the Village later in the year.

Our Baptism services were discussed by the Committee, and with the PCC's approval it was agreed to offer the newly authorised "accessible texts" versions of the Baptism service as an option for families; these have already been used successfully on two occasions. Baptisms taking place during the 10am Eucharist will normally be scheduled for the third Sunday of the month, when the Footsteps Group are present; "stand-alone" baptisms will also continue to be offered, and the Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child" service provides another option for families who may prefer this.

Much of the effort of the Committee during 2015 was concentrated upon the Worship Audit Questionnaires which formed part of our work on our Mission Action Plan. The Questionnaires were completed by congregation members in late September and early October 2015 and the Worship Committee as well as the PCC has been considering their results since then; this work will be ongoing as we continue to try to improve the quality of our worship in both churches.

I am grateful to the members of the Committee for their commitment to and enthusiasm for the work of the Committee in these important areas of our parish life.

The Revd Dr Catherine Dowland-Pillinger
March 2016