

**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 2016**

Membership for 2016

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 Todd, Mrs Westmarland

The Committee met on three occasions during 2016. 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.

Special services during 2016 included a service for the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, an evening praise service with a worship band, and a pet service held in the church car park during the summer. In November, the All Souls' evensong was expanded by inviting the families of those for whom we have conducted funerals in the past two years or so; this was well attended and appreciated by the bereaved families.

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 2016 and the Monday evening Bible study group also continued to meet. Monthly Complines at St. Agatha's took place in May, June, July and September, the first of these being preceded by a churchyard tour kindly organised by Mrs Jenny King.

A workshop was kindly run by Kathryn Mills for those who read the lessons and lead the intercessions; this was found most useful by those who were able to attend. Some new intercessors have recently joined the team, and three new servers/chalice assistants have been added to the serving rota. It has also been pleasing to see the addition of some new younger members of the choir; further recruits are always welcome.

The Footsteps Group continues to thrive, with the Footsteps Service on the first Sunday of the month now attracting its own congregation and the Sunday School on the third Sunday of the month continuing to be well supported. The monthly Friday Footsteps session has recently moved from the afternoon (which it was becoming difficult for families to attend) to the morning, with the intention of attracting parents/carers and toddlers immediately after the school run. The annual Nativity Play once proved to be a very popular and enjoyable event.

Prayer resources, largely sourced by Mrs Musk, to whom we are very grateful, are now available in both churches. A small group will be meeting to consider the further development of our prayer life as a parish.

I am most 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
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