

Stamford Methodist Church

Meeting to discuss All Age Worship : Tues 6th November 2018

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Present: Rev'd Andy Fyall; Sarah Lamb; SharneGimbert; Julia Husbands
Apologies: Sarah Atwell-King; Corinna Selby; Audrey Hensman; Margaret Hewerdine

The meeting opened with devotions led by Andy.

The discussion came out of a general meeting held on Monday 15th October 2018 to discuss ways in which to renew the church's ministry amongst children, Young People and Families.

We agreed that the outcome of the discussion would form a report and proposal to the Church Council Meeting on Wednesday 5th December which would be put by Andy.

Name of AAW

We discussed the possibility of giving AAW a 'snappy' title, but did not arrive at a conclusion. It was, however, noted that excellent All Age Worship is NOT a children's service by another name and should engage every participant whatever their age. It was, therefore, agreed that it is better termed **INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP(I.G.)** encouraging and enabling participants of different ages to interact and worship together. This title will appear on the preaching plan and in the church notices.

Leadership of I.G.

Andy suggested, and it was agreed, that a dedicated team of those with appropriate gifts and a sense of 'call' to this work should work together as a team to pray, plan and enable I.G.

The team will be responsible for **enabling** I.G. and, where possible and appropriate, be involved in leading it.

Andy will attempt to be present as often as possible within the constraints of the preaching plan and other responsibilities.

The team initially includes:

Andy Fyall; Sarah Atwell-King; Audrey Hensman; SharneGimbert; Corinna Selby; Julia Husbands. Sarah Lamb as 'consultant'.

Frequency of I.G.

After some discussion, it was felt that a **bi-monthly I.G. service** would best fit the needs of the church and the availability of the team to prepare excellent worship.

Outline of I.G. 'on the day'

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| 9.15 / 9.30am | Team meeting for prayer and setting up |
| 9.45am onwards | Refreshments and simple theme based activity as people arrive |
| 10.30am | I.G. begins |
| 11.15/11.20am | I.G. ends |

Programme of forthcoming I.G. Acts of Worship

| <i>DATE</i> | <i>THEME</i> | <i>Bible focus</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| (All Sundays) 23 rd December 2018 | Instant Nativity | Christmas narratives |
| 2019 3 rd February | Love | 1 Corinthians 13 |
| 14 th April | Palm Sunday | Mark 11: 1 – 11 |
| 23 rd June | Run the race (GB awards) | Phil 3:12-14 |
| 4 th August | TBA Holiday Club worship | TBA |
| 6 th October | Harvest | Psalms 8 |
| 1 st December | Advent hope | Romans 13: 11-14 |

Advertising and informing

We discussed the use of social media, the church media screens and website, engaging with local family groups which church folk are involved with, and the possibility of setting up a Whats App group for church families and interested parties.
... as well as the old favourite leaflets to be used as invitations.

Review of I.G.

A review of I.G. will take place mid October 2019

Date of planning meeting for Dec 2018 I.G.

Monday 3rd December 2018 at 7.45pm in the Prayer Chapel.