

BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH

ST. PETER & ST PAUL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE 2004.

The Worship Committee met on three occasions during 2004, and the main topics considered were as follows:

1. Second Sunday Evenings. Services on the Second Sunday Evenings have included very popular Youth Services, Services with discussion of particular topics, a Memorial Service for the recently bereaved, and a joint CTCB Service.

2. Bromley Hymns. A Sub-Committee was appointed to revise Bromley Hymns; in particular to delete some that had not been used and to add some twenty more modern hymns and worship songs. Hymns associated with past and present members of the congregation had been retained. The BPC Carol Leaflet was reprinted to include all the Christmas carols normally used.

The congregational version of Bromley Hymns is being printed at A5 size and will include the melody line. The Choir version will be at A4 size and contain full harmony. A large print version will also be available. It is hoped to introduce the new books in March 2005

3. Vestments. The Bishop had suggested the Church should consider acquiring chasubles for use by the President at the Eucharist. Four would be needed in seasonal colours, and the cost (c. £200 each) might be covered by legacies or donations. The Committee had some reservations over the desirability of such robes, and also the costs at a time when there was a serious deficit on the current account. The Vicar had worn his own chasuble on several occasions without comment from the congregation.

4. Musical Director. At the January meeting, the Vicar announced that Henry Fairs was resigning as Musical Director and that the Easter Sunday services would be his last with us. He thanked Henry for his contribution to the music of the Church both with the Choir and Organ.

At the June meeting, the Vicar welcomed Thomas Corns, the newly-appointed Director of Music. He had studied at Cambridge and had recently completed a second degree while Organ Scholar for two years at St. Paul's Cathedral.

5. Collects. During the summer new shorter versions of the Collects were introduced. However, it was felt that the language was unnecessarily simple and their brevity made the prayers unmemorable. The Committee agreed with the Vicar to revert to the Common Worship texts.

6. Review and Planning of Services. Services of particular note have been,

Jan. Covenanted Service at Bromley Methodist Church, emphasising the renewed efforts to link the two traditions.

May. Dedication of the Reredos by the Venerable Peter Lock.

June. Three Choirs Evensong at St. Mark's.

Nov. Durufle Requiem on All Souls' Day (2/11) sung by the BPC Choir and Eltham College Choral Society.

Dec. Christingle – it was decided to hold this before Christmas (5/12).

CELIA YEO.