

# TVMC Team Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Present: Rev. Michael Woodcock, Rev. George Briggs, Rev. Simon Howard, Hilary Fitch, Dorothy Grace, Nick Gray

Apologies: Tony Fitch, Brian Lock

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** 30<sup>th</sup> June at Underbarrow – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday planning group will meet today (24<sup>th</sup>).

St Thomas's is planning a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at the end of September as a CAP service. This will be discussed at the two Valleys 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday planning meeting as to whether it would be a helpful thing for the Valley churches to join in/participate, or whether to have a joint service with St Thomas's with a speaker at another time.

*[Post-meeting – the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday planning group decided not to join in with St Thomas's as there had been a speaker from CAP not that long ago at one of our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday services. Also, the group wanted to maintain the momentum of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday services, the last two of which have been very well attended.]*

## **Lent Course**

This went well, good attendance and positive engagement with open sharing. There are plans for a 'reunion' in September to see how people are progressing with a daily time of prayer/Bible reading.

Various people from the Two Valleys attended David Parson's course on 'Christ through all the Scriptures' during Lent.

## **Recommended watching**

The series 'The Chosen', available on an App, Netflix, Amazon, is being recommended by Michael to his congregations – and to anyone really! It charts the course of all the disciples and other characters around Jesus in an imaginative way, building plausible back-stories and a creative Bible-based narrative, in its cultural context. There will eventually be seven seasons, each of eight sessions.

One of the Two Valleys' House Groups will be watching and discussing it this term. There are study guides and other supporting materials, plus interviews and discussions between those involved in its production, and also critical appraisal.

BEMA Podcasts, found at [www.bemadiscipleship.com](http://www.bemadiscipleship.com) are also recommended.

## **Lambing Service**

Brian and Dorothy to lead. There will be a Messy Church immediately before for an hour 10-11am, and the leaders will share what has been done art-wise in the service. St Thomas' office has printed the orders of service.

## **Mission Community Offer**

Each of Michael's churches has increased its Parish offer by the recommended 3%, but it is drawn from reserves in some cases. St Thomas's has made a smaller increase, again drawing on reserves.

**Healing prayer** at Communion was offered at Witherslack and Winster on 21<sup>st</sup> April.  
Are there other opportunities to offer healing ministry?  
Do we offer it on occasions after the end of a service?

### **Help requested**

St Oswald's, Grasmere is in Interregnum; the team was asked if they could cover some Communion and non-Communion services.

### **Joint PCCs meeting?**

A joint meeting of all the PCCs could be a positive way forward to consider our mission, our purpose, and how we go forward in this. It could strengthen our MC bonds, to work towards a common aim. Practically, this would be difficult to arrange, with so many people involved. Instead, possibly ask for three to four from each PCC (volunteers plus invitation) in the first instance for fellowship and discussion.

- How can we serve our communities?
- What can we do in our own parishes and what can we do together?

### **Prayer**

Sermon series on Prayer needs to be repeated at Underbarrow and Crook. There are five: rota in for September onwards.

**Next meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> June at Crosthwaite Vicarage

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