**Worship Committee – Monday 27th February 2023**

Present: Fr Richard Lamey, Peter Wells, David Ruddock, Louise Turner, Christopher Cipkin, Mary Cassidy.

Apologies: Cara Smart

The Committee spent some time in considering the findings of the Worship Questionnaire and propose to Standing Committee and PCC the following:

**We will do now:**

* Sit after Communion before the Blessing
* Introduce the Chalice from Maundy Thursday
* Work to get more silence before Sunday morning Mass
* Gradually reprint all orders of service to include the QR code and clearer sit/stand instructions. We will reduce the amount of the Eucharistic Prayer that is printed but add more rubric to explain where the words said by the priest may vary.
* We would like to have people to help with the steps going up to Communion but this needs more volunteers for servers.
* We will draw up a fresh rota for those offering the Chalice.
* We will try to identify the less familiar hymns and provide a link in Bertie to listen to before the service and/or play such hymns over before the service.
* We will increase the numbers of copies of mass settings for the congregation so these can be given out to everyone with the service book.

**We will consider:**

* Providing an explanation leaflet for newcomers
* Whether we can speed up the offertory by not taking a collection during the hymn, but having the collection plate available before/after the service.
* Solemn Evensong & Benediction – maybe once per term?
* Healing Services – needs more thought, maybe midweek, St Luke’s tide.
* Louise will look at the list of hymns from the questionnaire responses to see which would work well at St Paul’s. It was noted that 25% of those listed were already regularly sung.
* Investing in the Revised English Hymnal when it is published later this year to give us a broader choice of hymns.