

AGM Minutes
Churches Together in Leyland
20th September 2016 at 7.30pm , St John's church

Present

Fr Christodoulos Fyles	Holy Apostles
Audrey Fyles	Holy Apostles
Rebecca Higgs	Holy Apostles
Kathy Lamb	Leyland Methodist
Rev Phil Gough	Leyland Methodist
Eileen Cuerden	Midge Hall
Deacon Ellen Monk Winstanley	Midge Hall
Rev Duncan Clarke	St Ambrose
Robert Haydock	St Ambrose
Eileen Haydock	St Ambrose
Edna Finch	St Andrews
Margaret Dixon	St Andrews
Fr Jonathan Cotton	St Marys
Michael Cowburn	St Marys
Maddy Parkinson	St James
Nerys Brown	St James
Rev Marc Wolverson	St James
Rev Alistair McHaffie	St Johns
Barbara Bibby	St Johns
Rev David Coaker	United Reformed
Christine Holmes	United Reformed

In attendance: John Mercer, Tools for Self Reliance

Apologies

David Marston	Leyland Methodist
Rev David Gibb	St Andrews
Martin and Teresa Smith	St Marys
Peter Fitton	St Johns

1. Welcome and opening prayer

Mrs Margaret Dixon, as the Chair person, thanked everyone for coming. She also thanked John Mercer from Tools for Self Reliance attending to give his report. Margaret read a passage from 1 Corinthians 1 and read out a prayer of St Assisi as it was world day of prayer.

2. Attendance and Apologies (as above)

3. AGM Minutes of 2015

The minutes were approved as being an accurate account of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising

Celebrations 2018. It was noted that since the last AGM the joint service is now to be on the afternoon and not morning as originally planned. Sunday 20th May 2017 at 2.30pm.

5. Election of officers:

Chair and Treasurer – two further years according to Constitution
Vice Chair and Minute Secretary – willing to be re-elected were both voted in
Secretary – position vacant

6. Chair's review

Margaret read out her review in verse form. Please email her for a copy.

7. Treasurer's review

Robert handed out balance sheet for the last year. He did not receive an invoice from St Mary's for the van insurance in time for this year's accounts so this will come out next year. The accounts have not been audited as yet and will be given to Jenny shortly for auditing. Margaret thanked Robert for his report.

8. Churches responsibilities for events

Day of prayer	Leyland Methodist
Week of prayer	St James
Christmas festival	St Andrews
Summer festival	St Ambrose
	St John's Messy church
Good Friday	URC – discuss at next meeting
Lent group	Didn't happen this year
Fare share Dec	David Marston Leyland Methodist
Fare share June	Muriel Butler Midge Hall Methodist

9. Future events

Christmas Festival – Saturday 26th November

Margaret reminded the group that several years ago members of C.T.L. dressed as Nativity characters and stood under a gazebo. She suggested that we repeat it this year on Saturday Nov. 26th. No need to mention St Andrew's children. Margaret will be attending a meeting on 21st September and will report back.

Lancs Sings Christmas – It was noted that it would not be possible to use the café in the market hall as a venue this year. In the past both Midge Hall and Leyland Methodist had taken part. People encouraged to join with Leyland Methodist and Midge Hall. Time date and place to be arranged.

10. Reports of group activities

Food bank, Furniture scheme , Tools for self reliance and Website all attached

Credit union – Rev Dave Coaker reported that CU had run in parallel with the food bank to see if people were interested. When we started several people signed up with standing orders. Unify are employing schools and business development workers, who will get involved. Volunteers will continue until January and see what happens..

One Voice Choir – Robert reported that the choir had sung at Midge Hall during Christian Unity Week, Holy Trinity at Houghton to raise funds, Penwortham at a garden party, Rosemere and St Catherine's.

Refugees – Fr Jonathan confirmed that five families will definitely be coming to the South Ribble area within the next month or so. He had attended a meeting with Ed Savile of the Blackburn diocese. There were several suggestions that came out of the meeting. It was suggested that CTL try and host meetings with speakers for members of the public to meet refugees to raise awareness. It was also suggested that there is a need for drop in centres where people can practice English. There is a buddy scheme set up by Together in Lancashire.

It was decided to wait until the families actually arrive and then work out what help they need. Fr Jonathan said he needs help with this and those who are interested should email Margaret.

Mrs Margaret Dixon thanked all for their reports.

11. Any other business

Prison week – Kathy Lamb reminded CTL of prison week 9th -15th October. On 25th September there will be a café style service at 6.30pm at Leyland Methodist. Rebecca to send a reminder.

Leyland Pentecostal church – Rev Phil Gough informed CTL that he had an invite to the inauguration on 1st October. Margaret confirmed that she had sent greetings on behalf of CTL.

Leyland Baptist – Sandra Crawford had taken a new role. Greetings to be sent.

New Catholic chaplain inaugurated on 16th October. Greetings to be sent.

Week of prayer follow up service – CTL were keen for a follow up meeting to take place. Fr Jonathan will meet with ministers this Thursday and will report back.

Christians in Poverty – Margaret had been approached by Paul Jackson who had wanted to contact ministers.

Widnes Churches Together – Margaret had been sent information from the Widnes group of an event taking place 4th October to which we were all invited. Information had been sent out prior to this meeting.

CTL directory – Eileen Haydock thanked Rebecca for updating the directory.

12. Future dates

Thursday 27th October – URC

Tuesday 7th February 2017 – Holy Apostles

Wednesday 10th May – Leyland Methodist

Monday 3rd July – St Mary's

Tuesday 19th September AGM – St Ambrose

13. Closing prayer

Rev Alistair McHaffie closed in prayer.