

**Churches Together in Leyland AGM**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 – Elim Pentecostal**

**Present**

Holy Apostles	Rebecca Higgs, Fr Christodoulos Fyles
Leyland Methodist	David Marston
Pentecostal	Pastor Ian Winstanley
Midge Hall	Eileen Cuerden, Muriel Butler
St Ambrose	Robert Haydock, Eileen Haydock, Rita Braithwatie
St Andrews	Edna Finch, Margaret Dixon
St Marys	Teresa Smith, Martin Smith, Michael Cowburn
St James	Maddy Parkinson, Nerys Brown, Rev Marc Wolverson
St Johns	Rev Barara Wilson, Peter Fitton
URC	Eddie Reynolds, Christine Holmes

**Apologies**

Leyland Methodist	Kathryn Grannell
St Ambrose	Rev Duncan Clarke
St Andrews'	Rev Dr Duncan Bell
St Mary's	Fr Jonathan Cotton
Baptist	Pastors Tony and Sandra Crawford

1. Welcome and opening prayer

Margaret Dixon thanked Pastor Ian Winstanley from the Pentecostal church for hosting the AGM. She also thanked them for providing refreshments and lunch.

She welcomed the Baptist church who had very recently joined CTL. Pastors Tony and Sandra Crawford were unable to attend but sent Carol Stunell and Michael O'Donnell as representatives. In attendance were David and Ann Sutton from St Mary's.

Margaret also thanked Rita, Teresa and Rev Phil Gough for preparing a Bible reflection. We then moved into the church into small groups for Bible readings, reflection and feedback.

Margaret then started the AGM officially with a reading from the Pope and all said the CTL prayer.

2. Attendance and apologies

As above.

3. AGM minutes 2017

The minutes were approved as being an accurate account of the meeting. The minutes were then signed by the Chair, Margaret Dixon.

4. Matters arising

Foodshare – CTL were available needed and the furniture van has been offered to collect each night, again if needed.

## 5. Election of officers

Chair – Teresa Smith – nominated by Mike Cowburn and seconded by Peter Fitton

Treasurer – Peter Fitton – nominated by Robert Haydock and seconded by Rebecca Higgs

Minutes secretary – Muriel Butler – nominated by Eileen Cuerden and seconded by Margaret Dixon

Vice-chair – nominations to be given for next meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> October

Secretary – no nominations received - position available

Nominations for Vice-Chair and Secretary to be emailed to Muriel Butler by 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday October

## 6. Chair's review

Margaret thanked CTL for the opportunity of being Chair for the last six years. She thanked people for their friendship. David Marston on behalf of CTL thanked Margaret for all of her hard work. A presentation was made.

Margaret read out the chair's review of past events for the last year. Please find attached copy of her report.

## 7. Treasurer's review

Robert handed out copy of the balance sheet. There was £2,933.68 in the savings account. A van for the foodbank is to be purchased at some stage in the future. Some of the savings are for the van and it was decided that there needs to be a clear split.

He apologised to St James as £20 for the quiz had not been banked.

## 8. Churches responsibilities

A discussion took place as to whether churches would organise again next year what they had done this year or change. The group were decided as it depended on what the event was.

Women's day of prayer – St Andrew's

Summer festival – Messy church – Baptist, Midge Hall, St John's

Winter festival – Christine volunteered.

Friday night singing at the cross – One Voice Choir

Lancs Sings Christmas – Phil Gough

Tesco Fareshare at Tesco – Leyland Methodists

Christian Unity Week of Prayer in January – St James

Good Friday at The Cross and St Andrews – St Mary's

## 9. Future events

Winter Festival 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Fareshare, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December CTL involvement to be advised.

Lancashire Sings Christmas 20<sup>th</sup> December, venue and details to be advised.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Maddy gave out booklets and asked that all present to advise about the number of events for next year. LMC is to host the joint service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

## 10. Reports from group activities

Reports were received from the Furniture Scheme; Peter Fitton, One Voice Choir; Rita Braithwaite, Website; Martin Smith, Tools for Self Reliance; John Mercer and Food Bank; Lesley Raven, please see attached.

## 11. Any other business

1. Dementia Friends – Christine Holmes reported that South Ribble Council Dementia Friends had received an award. If you are interested in your church becoming a dementia friendly church please contact Christine.

Carol Stunell from the Baptist church reported that they have a monthly dementia group.

2. Africa Children's Choir – Robert informed CTL that the choir are organising another visit to the UK. This would be an item at the next meeting. Of note Robert reported that one of the girls from the choir who visited Leyland now has a degree.
3. News from Churches Together in Lancashire  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October Mental health day  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October meet church leaders at Whalley Abbey
4. South Ribble is continuing consultation about being Community. Teresa and Margaret in the summer participated in this consultation. Another event to gather views of residents, groups and businesses begins on 28<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am-3.00pm.
5. Teresa can email the list of Bible readings used in the reflection. Please email if you would like this list.
6. Food bank send out monthly updates. They do not need ladies products. Teresa asked the groups who do not receive these updates.
7. Tools for self reliance do need better quality tools. On the first Saturday (normally) there is a table top sale but this month it is 25<sup>th</sup> October.

At the next meeting Martin will organise leaflets about the Tools for self reliance. He will contact Berry's to see if they have any unwanted tools.

8. Website. Martin reported minimum activities each year on the website. There had been eight contacts over the last year looking for help. He would add the Baptist church to the website. The cost of the website is £42.

## 12. Dates and venues for future meetings

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – St Ambrose

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – URC

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Leyland Methodist

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Midge Hall

Date to be confirmed AGM – St Andrew's

## 13. Closing prayer

Teresa thanked everybody for coming today. She then informed CTL that it was 100 years this last August since the King George V asked the country to pray for 100 days for hope and peace. Today was day 51 and Teresa closed the AGM by reading the said prayer.