

Minutes Churches Together in Leyland.

Minutes of the meeting at St Mary's RC Church on 4th July 2013 at 7.30pm

Present

Fr Jonathan Cotton	St. Mary's	Mrs Margaret Dixon	St. Andrew's
Mrs Edna Finch	St. Andrew's	Rev David Coaker	U.R.C.
Mr Eddie Reynolds	U.R.C.	Mrs Nerys Brown	St. James'
Mr Robert Haydock	St. Ambrose	Mrs Eileen Haydock	St. Ambrose
Deacon Ellen Monk Winstanley	Midge Hall	Mrs Eileen Cuerden	Midge Hall
Mrs Rebecca Higgs	Greek Orthodox	Mrs Linda Barnes	U.R.C
Mrs Maddy Parkinson	St James'		

Apologies

Mrs Ethel Barker	St. Andrew's	Mrs Millie Worthington	Midge Hall
Mr Malcolm Thomson	Leyland Meths	Fr Dionysios-James	Greek Orthodox

Welcome

Mrs Margaret Dixon, as the Chair person, thanked everyone for coming. Margaret informed the meeting that Rebecca Higgs would be taking the minutes and it would be proposed that she be minute taker at the AGM. Margaret then opened the meeting with the churches together prayer.

Minutes

There was a slight amendment to the minutes of 15th May. Page 3 Rent Guarantee Scheme, line 3 should read "Rent Guarantee Scheme charity **is** operating" instead of "will no longer be". The minutes were then approved as being an accurate account of the meeting.

Matters arising

Good Friday Walk of Witness. Margaret informed the group that the police will no longer be stewarding the walk. Margaret said that nearer the time the Walk of Witness will be discussed.

Leyland Festival. Margaret reported that not many people took part in the Churches Together float but said that a good time was had by all. This year the Festival had the theme of America. The float which was used for the Preston Guild was used again for the Festival.

Treasurer's Report

Mr Robert Haydock presented an up to date account of the finances. Two cheques had recently been issued; one to the secretary for her expenses for 2012/2013 and one for pizzas for the social. £300 had to be paid for the African children's choir. The bank balance stands at £389.14.

Groups Activities

Furniture Scheme. The van had now visited Midge Hall and St Andrew's during their morning services. A powerpoint presentation had been shown making people aware of the scheme. Robert Haydock was waiting for a written estimate to repair the floor of the van, he had been quoted verbally that it would cost £300. Robert was advised to contact Jack Cuerden about the repair of the van.

Tools for Self Reliance. A pallet had been filled with tools and sent down south for onward transportation.

One Voice Choir. Robert Haydock informed the group that the choir had been practising hard. They will be at the U.R.C church on 21st September for their harvest festival which will be collecting money for Farm Africa.

Methodist Action

Margaret informed the group that a couple of gentleman had been invited from Methodist Action to inform the group as to what Methodist Action do. They unfortunately did not attend. Deacon Ellen Monk Winstanley informed the group that Methodist Action had started out in Preston and supports homeless people. MA was now offering support in North West Preston.

African Children's Choir

Margaret confirmed the date of Friday 4th October, 7.30pm at St Mary's RC church. Help will be needed in different areas and Margaret set these out:-

1. Host families to look after overnight 2/3 children plus chaperons. Teresa Smith, Vice Chair is responsible for organising this. She needs eight families to help out. Contact her on 01772 452745 teresaannsmith@blueyonder.co.uk if you think you can help out and she will give you more details. The children will arrive on the Friday afternoon at around 2.30pm and leave around 10.00am on the Saturday morning.
2. Somebody is needed for central organisation of the tickets – Linda Barnes offered her help for this.
3. Somebody to collect money on the night and check tickets – Edna Finch offered her help for this.
4. Publicity. Margaret offered her help to organise publicity.
5. Help with setting up, clearing up of meal for the children. 5.30pm on the Friday evening. Maddie Parkinson, Nerys Brown, Margaret Dixon and Linda Barnes offered their help. Fr Jonathan advised the ladies to get in touch with Catherine Cox who organises the kitchen at St Mary's.

Margaret handed out to each rep posters and tickets for their respective churches.

A.O.B.

Margaret informed the group that Churches Together in Leyland had received a certificate of achievement from the Council. She thought that it was for CTL's assistance with the food bank and Christmas with South Ribble.

Rebecca informed the group of the Christian bookshop/warehouse, Ten of Those, off Wheelton Lane, Leyland. www.10ofthose.com She had recently been and was very impressed with the number and choice of Christian books.

Maddie asked for clarification on Bay 6, Key and Basics. Bay 6 is a charity for homeless people based on Alice Avenue. The Brownies at St James' had recently supported Key and the WI Basics. Key is a youth club based opposite the Council on West Paddock and Basics a residential home in Dorothy Avenue run by Barnardos.

The meeting closed with a social of pizza and cake which was very much enjoyed by all present.

Future Dates

A.G.M. 24th September URC Church 7.30pm

Deacon Ellen Monk Winstanley closed the meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving.