

**Minutes
Churches Together in Leyland.**

**Minutes of the meeting at St Mary's RC Church
on 6th November 2013 at 7.30pm**

Present

Greek Orthodox	Rebecca Higgs Father Dionysios-James	St Mary's	Fr Paul Browne Martin Smith
Leyland Methodist	Diane Barnard Rev Phil Gough	St James' St John's	Nerys Brown Peter Fitton
Midge Hall	Eileen Cuerden Millie Worthington	United Reformed	Rev Nick Procter Linda Barnes
St Andrew's	Ethel Barker Edna Finch Margaret Dixon		

Apologies

Leyland Methodist	Leysa Kopciowsk Deacon Sylvie Phillips	St James'	Maddy Parkinson Rev Marc Wolverson
St Ambrose	Rev Duncan Clarke Robert Haydock	St John's United Reformed	Rev Alistair McHaffie Rev David Coaker
St Mary's	Fr Jonathan Cotton Teresa Smith Fr Stephen Wright		Eddie Reynolds

1. Welcome and prayers

Margaret welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Rev Phil Gough opened in prayer.

2. Attendance and apologies

As above.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

There was a slight amendment to the minutes. In any other business, paragraph three, Basics should read Bay 6 and is one of the same. The minutes were then approved as being an accurate account of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

None reported.

5. Treasurers report

As the treasurer was not at the meeting Rebecca Higgs read out a brief report sent by Robert Haydock. Most of the churches had paid their £100 yearly subscriptions. There was over £600 in the saver account and £500 in the general account.

At the previous meeting Robert had asked for an extra £50 from the churches to be given to the furniture van and its ongoing costs. As CTL pay for the van's insurance already it was deemed that it would be up to each individual church to give any money they see fit this could be done by fundraising.

It was suggested that the annual £100 subscription be increased. This will be brought up at the next meeting.

6. Update on groups

Furniture scheme – They have been given two quotes for fixing the floor and are trying to get a reduced quote. At the moment delivery and pick up is a Tuesday. They would like to extend this to a Thursday. More volunteers are needed.

Tools for self reliance – Nothing to report. They are in need of any tools but more so power tools and good quality tools. Martin Smith reported that singer sewing machines can always be used. He also mentioned that tools for self reliance had a stall at a summer fair, while it didn't bring in much funds it was a publicity tool. If anyone would like Martin at a Christmas, spring etc fair do get in touch with him.

One voice choir – The choir had raised £340 for the furniture scheme. They have another event on 15th November at St Mary's church.

Credit union – Ten people have been trained and the launch was on the 5th November. Three to six people had opened accounts.

7. Children's Choir

Margaret Dixon reported that £2,700 had been raised for the choir. The event cost CTL £300 of which £150 had been kindly given by the Knights of St Columba. Margaret reported it was a great success and a lot of hard work had gone into making it so. Thanks especially was given to Lesley Raven who had a given up her day to help out and Teresa Smith for co-ordinating host families for the children. Thanks was given to everyone who had helped out.

8. Future events

Christmas with South Ribble – Saturday 30th November 1.30 to 5.30, outside the market hall. St Andrews, Methodist and St Ambrose schools were to be singing.

3.00-3.45	each choir singing for 15 minutes
3.45	procession into the United Reformed Church
5.30	Christingle service in the URC
6.30	turning on of the Christmas lights

A Christingle service raises money for the Children's Society which is the Anglican Churches Charity. Each person has an orange and during the service different items are added ie a red ribbon representing the blood of Christ, four cocktail sticks with sweets on representing the four seasons.

There would be street stalls in Hough Lane such as face painting, crafts etc until 5.30

Margaret to send Martin details for the website. Linda Barnes to check timings for the event.

Women's day of prayer – Friday 7th March, 4.00pm Midge Hall Methodist. Next year the focus country will be Egypt. Margaret to handover the relevant books to Eileen Cuerden.

Good Friday walk of witness – As there would be no marshalling by the police for the walk different options were discussed. Two main ideas stood out, first to stand by the cross near Tesco stand, sing and then cross the road into St Andrew's for a service the second to walk in Worden Park with the tableaux. Another possibility was to either stand outside Tesco or go inside for a service. Margaret has spoken to the event organiser in Worden Park and they would be happy for this to go ahead. Another discussion progressed of insurance which was deemed to be too costly. Rev Phil Gough had a contact at the police and said he would get in touch with him to find out any more information of the non marshalling. Margaret would write to the events manager at the local authority in the first instance. Both would bring back their outcomes at the February meeting.

9. Any other business

Christmas carols – Rebecca was quite keen to get a group of people to go carolling at Hazel House, 6.00pm to 7.00pm one evening in the week before Christmas. She asked if anyone would be interested. Rev Phil Gough mentioned that the Leyland Methodist church will be singing carols in the market on Saturday 21st December, timings to be arranged. They also with the Leyland Lions sing carols in Tesco's for the senior citizens the date of which is yet unknown, Rev Phil Gough to inform Rebecca when he knows. Rebecca asked the group if any other churches do carolling. St John's reported they sing in Broadfield House but this was a small home and didn't warrant a large group. Rebecca to email CTL group for confirmation of carolling dates.

Linda Barnes will get in touch with Tesco's to see if carolling can be done outside Tesco's she will report back to Rebecca.

Christmas fair - 7th December St James' Christmas Bonanza

Craft and table top sale - 30th November – Fusion @ Leyland Methodist church. £10 for a table. Volunteers needed. Contact Diane Barnard.

Street Pastors in Leyland – Plans are well underway for SP in Leyland. More volunteers are needed.

Week of prayer – has now been moved to May instead of the normal week in January. Following on Rev Phil Gough put forward an idea he had from CT Southport whereby they had 40 days of prayer and took prayer out to the town. Rev Phil Gough pointed out several empty shops in Hough Lane and asked if anyone would be interesting in opening one up as a place of prayer. He was thinking this could run after the week of prayer.

Raising CTL profile – Margaret Dixon to get in touch with Keith to put something in the Leyland Leader about CTL.

Website - Martin Smith asked CTL what the process was of obtaining approved items for the website as he was unsure what to put on. After a discussion a decision was made for Martin to add normal items he sees fit for the website and anything out of the ordinary to email Margaret.

It was decided that it would be a good idea to separate the web pages with CTL associated groups one on page and another one for associated groups. Margaret thanked Martin for all of his hardwork updating the web page.

CTL were unsure as to what the yearly £200 paid for the web domain includes. It was asked of Robert Haydock to get in touch with the contact and find out and report back.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11th February 2014, 7.30pm, St Ambrose church

11. Closing prayer

Fr Paul Browne closed the meeting in prayer.