

Churches Together in Leyland
Minutes of the meeting at United Reformed Church
on Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 7.30pm

Present

Greek Orthodox	Rebecca Higgs	St Andrew's	Margaret Dixon
Leyland Methodist	Diane Barnard		Edna Finch
	Malcolm Thomson	St Mary's	Fr Jonathan Cotton
	David Marston		Teresa Smith
Midge Hall	Eileen Cuerden		Martin Smith
	Muriel Butler	St James'	Maddy Parkinson
	Millie Worthington		Nerys Brown
St Ambrose	Rita Braithwaite	St John's	Peter Fitton
	Robert Haydock	United Reformed	Rev David Coaker
	Eileen Haydock		Linda Barnes
			Eddie Reynolds

Apologies

Greek Orthodox Fr Dionysos Higgs
St Ambrose Rev Duncan Clarke
Midge Hall Deacon Ellen Monk Winstanley
St James' Rev Tracey Swindells
St John's Rev Alistair McHaffie

1. Welcome and prayers

Margaret welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming and extended a special welcome to Muriel Butler from Midge Hall as this was her first meeting. Margaret opened in prayer. Margaret said that anyone could open or close in prayer not only clergy and if anyone did want to please get in touch with Margaret.

2. Attendance and apologies

As above.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Rebecca Higgs was down as being both present and apologies this was amended. The minutes were then approved as being an accurate account of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

None

5. Past events

Fairshare @ Tesco – it was reported that this was a great success and nearly every church had taken a slot.

A £100 cheque had been received from the Bishops Visitation for the food bank and Robert to cash the cheque and pay cash to Lesley for the food bank. Robert had sent a thank you letter to the Bishop.

Of note the Food Bank is open for collections on a Sunday from 12noon to 1.00pm.

Leyland Christmas festival – a lot of people attended and the URC was very full of people for the Christingle service. It was commented that it was not very health and safety friendly with the candles. A suggestion was made to use glosticks by a member of CTL who uses them in her church.

Lancashire sings Christmas – took place in three venues, the pub in Midge Hall, outside Tesco and the café in the market hall. Teresa reported back from the café. It was well attended and a good photo was taken and sent via text to Radio Lancashire. Invites had been put into the food parcels inviting people to the event plus a free drink and mince pie. A few people took the offer up and the owner of the café paid.

One Voice Choir at Tesco – this was a great success and £180 raised for the food bank.

6. Future events

Women's world day of prayer 6th March at St James' – Maddy and Nerys had the event under control. Packs were handed out to each church for a part in the service. Margaret thanked Maddy and Nerys very much for all of their hard working organising the event.

Ecumenical lent group – Teresa has noted that a comment from the group work that it would be good to have lent groups again as they had happened in the past. Teresa took this on board and found a suitable lent course based on the fruitfulness of the spirit. Teresa had put together a schedule of three days and asked people which would suit best. A Wednesday afternoon, 2.00 to 3.30 was the most popular and this would begin on Wednesday 25th February at Teresa's house 110 Langdale Road, Leyland, PR25 3AS. This group would be open to CTL members and clergy. Margaret thanked Teresa for all of her hard work in organising this.

Good Friday walk of witness – A route had been decided upon by the exec of commencing at St Mary's and walking to St John's where a short service will be held at 10.30am. The walk would be on pavements only. Teresa handed out posters for church notice boards.

7. Churches Together in Lancashire

Margaret informed CTL that as she received a lot of emails from CTLancashire she would pass on only items of local interest.

8. Group work

Teresa asked for any group work from the last meeting to be given to her. Teresa had devised some questions tackling issues such as what skills and talents can we bring to CTL. We were split into groups of twos and threes and worked through the sheet. After a 30 minute discussion sheets were handed back to Teresa for her to go through. This was a very worthwhile exercise and got people talking to people they would not normally talk to.

9. Any other business

Leyland Festival Margaret handed round invites for each everyone to come to URC on Tuesday 24th February to talk about ideas for the Leyland festival which will be on Saturday 20th June with the them being 60's and 70's.

Week of Prayer – Rev Dave Coaker reminded people of the week of prayer in May and to put the poster up in churches.

Credit Union – Rev Dave Coaker reported that since CU commenced in November 2013 51 people had joined and there were 40 active accounts. Of note Fr Stephen had written a piece on the CU in the Guardian newspaper.

Food Bank- Fr Jonathan said he would like to divert money from the food bank to the furniture scheme as the food bank was doing well at the moment. Teresa had recently placed a bid on behalf of the Furniture Scheme she was told there is money available of £500. The Exec are aware of this.

Furniture Scheme – URC, St James, Leyland Methodist and St Ambrose would like the furniture scheme at their church on a Sunday morning along with a short talk and powerpoint. Peter Fitton to organise. A suggestion that a leaflet about the furniture scheme be made available for churches. There was also the idea of perhaps having the furniture scheme van in the Leyland Festival.

10. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 13th May 2015, Midge Hall

11. Closing Prayer - Revd Dave Coaker closed in prayer