

Churches Together in Leyland
Minutes of the meeting at St Ambrose Church
on Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7.30pm

Present

Apologies

Greek Orthodox	Rebecca Higgs	Greek Orthodox	Fr Christodoulos Fyles
Leyland Methodist	David Marston		Father Dionysios-James Higgs
Midge Hall	Muriel Butler	Midge Hall	Eileen Cuerden
St Ambrose	Duncan Clarke		Deacon Ellen Monk Winstanley
	Robert Haydock		Millie Worthington
	Eileen Haydock	St Ambrose	Rita Braithwaite
	Rev Graham Ashworth	St Andrew's	Ethel Barker
St Andrew's	Margaret Dixon	St Mary's	Teresa Smith
	Edna Finch		Martin Smith
St Mary's	Fr Jonathan Cotton	United Reformed	Rev David Coaker
St James'	Maddy Parkinson		Linda Barnes
	Nerys Brown		Eddie Reynolds
	Rev Tracy Swindells		
St John's	Peter Fitton		

No	Item	Action
1.	Welcome and prayers	
	Margaret welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming and extended a special welcome to Rev Tracy Swindells as this was her first meeting. Margaret opened in prayer.	
2.	Attendance and apologies	
	As above.	
3.	Minutes of the last meeting	
	The minutes were approved as being an accurate account of the meeting and Margaret Dixon signed them.	
4.	Matters arising	
	None	

5.	Treasurers report	
	Robert Haydock reported that a grant from LCC had been received for £500. This had been passed onto St Mary's for the furniture scheme. Together Lancashire had given a donation of £100 for the food bank. It was noted that Leyland Methodist need to play subs. David Marston kindly agreed to chase the treasurer for payment. Robert reported that the bank accounts were healthy.	David Marston
6.	Update on:-	
	Furniture scheme - Peter Fitton reported all was going well. The rails in the van were not secure and Robert offered to ensure that this was organised. Four churches were yet to have the van outside their church. The respective churches were asked to get in touch with to organise.	Robert Haydock
	Tools for self reliance – No report	
	One voice choir – The choir had had several engagements since the last meeting and had more in the future. All was going well.	
	Credit Union – No report	
	Food bank – Very busy with lots of food coming in and being sent out. Local supermarkets had been written to asking for plastic bags. Aldi donated 1,000 and Tesco gave also. Iceland give on a regular basis.	
	Election meeting – A big thanks to Phil Gough and the refreshment team headed up by David Marston for all of their hard work. The evening had gone very well and was very well attended with about 150 people there.	
7.	Past events	
	Women's day of prayer 6th March at St James' – A big thanks was given to Maddy and Nerys for all of their hard work sorting out the day. They did comment that the service was getting complicated to organise as there was 15 parts and it was hard to get volunteers. However, the service was very good. It was noted that men took part and it was agreed that young people be invited to take part next year. St John's had kindly offered to host the event next year. Nerys had copies of posters she had displayed at St. James' to promote C.T.L. Muriel would use them at Midge Hall Methodist.	Nerys/Muriel
	Ecumenical lent group – A big thanks to Martin and Teresa Smith for hosting the lent group. The group was small but really enjoyed it. Muriel gave a report. (see attached).	

	<p>Good Friday walk of witness – A big thanks to Martin and Teresa for their organising of the marshals. There was a good turnout despite rain first thing which did stop. It was noted this year there was more cooperation from South Ribble which hopefully CTL can build on for next year. Rev Tracy Swindells asked if it could be made clearer next year what the services will be, how long, format etc as this year the service at the beginning of the walk and at the end were different. Margaret noted the comment and said the Exec would take this into account next year. Rev Graham Ashworth asked whether it would be a good idea to train up stewards from different churches so that they can help each other church out as and when needed. Margaret said she would ask Anton Church Together in Lancashire on Sunday at the joint service. Of note in 2018 will be the 50th anniversary of CTL.</p>	<p>Exec</p> <p>Margaret Dixon</p>
8.	Future events	
	<p>Week of prayer for Christian Unity – Rebecca was asked via Rev David Coaker to ask for four volunteers to do readings on Sunday at the joint service. Volunteers were found and readings given to them.</p>	
	<p>Leyland summer festival – Margaret urged the need for volunteers for this year's summer festival. She commented that only two people had attended the first meeting but did say that a second meeting cutting out flowers was better attended. This year the theme for the festival is 60's and 70's. CTL would be doing flower power and the furniture scheme van would have flowers on it. Margaret to keep CTL informed and encouraged CTL reps to go their churches asking for help</p>	<p>Margaret CTL</p>
9.	Website	
	<p>As Martin was not at the meeting no report was given, however, Margaret did report that Martin was having technical problems.</p>	
10.	Group work – feedback and discussion	
	<p>Teresa had typed up feedback from the previous meeting and organised question work. People split up into groups of three for discussion. Margaret would be handing them onto Teresa.</p>	
11.	Any other business	
	<p>CTL prayer – Margaret offered to type the CTL prayer and put it on the website.</p>	<p>Margaret</p>
12.	Date of next meeting	
	<p>Thursday 2nd July, 7.30pm at St John's</p>	
13.	Closing prayer	
	<p>Rev Duncan Clarke closed in prayer</p>	