

**Churches Together in Leyland**  
**Minutes of the meeting at St John's Church**  
**On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT**

**APOLOGIES**

Greek Orthodox	----	Rebecca Higgs
Leyland Methodist	Kathy Lamb	
Midge Hall	Ellen Monk-Winstanley	Millie Worthington
	Eileen Cuerden	
	Muriel Butler	
St Ambrose	Robert Haydock	Rev. Duncan Clarke
	Rita Braithwaite	Eileen Haydock
	Rev Graham Ashworth	
St Andrews	Margaret Dixon	Ethel Barker
	Edna Finch	
St Marys	Fr Jonathan Cotton	Lesley Raven
	Teresa Smith	Fr Paul Browne
	Martin Smith	Fr Stephen Wright
St James	Maddy Parkinson	
	Nerys Brown	
	Rev Marc Wolverson	
St Johns	Peter Fitton	
United Reformed	Eddie Reynolds	Rev David Coaker
	Michael Cowburn	

1) WELCOME AND PRAYERS

Margaret welcomed all to the meeting and Rita led opening Prayer.

2) ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

As above

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Were approved and signed by Margaret Dixon

4) MATTERS ARISING

Item 5 Treasurers Report should read SRBC ( South Ribble Borough Council ) and not LCC

5) TREASURERS REPORT

Currently £180.00 in bank, but noted that Subs still outstanding from Leyland Methodist Church Ellen to chase this up. Subscriptions of £120.00 due after the AGM in September

6) UPDATES ON PAST EVENTS

**LEYLAND SUMMER FESTIVAL** – thanks were expressed to all who had helped decorate the float, and to Teresa, Margaret and Mike Cowburn for compiling the flyers. Margaret was disappointed that from 9 Churches only 43 people actually walked, suggested that a larger lorry, perhaps sponsored, could be used next year to enable less able church members to join in. People have other commitments, uniformed groups etc. - a positive was that the young people who did walk had been seen by friends watching the procession, and spoke about being involved. The theme for 2016 will be announced later in the year.

**AWARD EVENING** – Community Impact Award - Margaret thanked those who had sent congratulations – the glass trophy was on display during the meeting.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** – thanks were expressed to Rev. David Coaker for organising the Churches rota– attendances up at Midge Hall from last year, some were down, but an improvement since being moved from January to May.

7) **BENEDICTINE EXPERIENCE** – Fr Jonathan handed out printed Timetable for the day and gave a brief outline of events planned – it is hoped to experience a deeper understanding and communion with each other.

8) **SAFEGUARDING POLICY** – Teresa explained that CTL works within the Safeguarding guidelines of host organisations/Churches for issues relating to vulnerable children and adults. By this we mean when attending any of our Churches for any service or event, CTL follows that Churches safe guarding procedures for any issues in respect of vulnerable children and adults. For events outside the Church best practice procedures for safeguarding vulnerable adults and children will be followed e.g. the involvement of volunteers under supervision and where children attend they will be accompanied by parents or other designated responsible adult. A lead designated person will be identified for events as responsible for safeguarding who is fully conversant with their Churches procedures.

9) **LOOKING FORWARD WITH CLT**

a) First day of the 3 ‘Fair Share’ food collections at Tesco. Margaret asked if the organisation could be improved. Personal approach asking for Volunteers is still the best option –Suggestion that a box be permanently at Tesco – Asda currently have a trolley placed by Rotary, not always manned, and after an approach by a member of Midge Hall Church, Booths at Penwortham now have a food donation trolley. It is still well worth doing. Next collection will be in December.

b) Margaret said that for a whole year the job of Secretary has been covered by Teresa and herself, who whilst being on sick leave has been able to give her time, as she hopes to return to work. Reps were asked to ask their respective Churches is anyone could fill this appointment. It was also suggested that Churches could take responsibility for a particular job ie organising the Christmas Festival /Food Collection/Women’s World Day of Prayer, etc. The meeting was reminded that 2018 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CTL – should a sub-committee be formed to head a Festival Week? – the diaries of Clergy to be invited will be filling up, and this needed to be thought about before the AGM to move things forward as a number of volunteers would be needed.

c) Teresa said that for many months we have had discussions as part of CTL meetings to determine the focus of future meetings and activities. One aim of this was to get CTL Reps to talk to each other. Do you think it has been successful? The 2<sup>nd</sup> aim was to gain agreement as to the future focus of meetings and activities – but before she asked if this had been successful she wanted to share her experience of leading the group work. Due to ill health she had been able to devote time to these sessions, their preparation, and analysis of their discussions in producing further questions. She felt group work had been successful, was encouraging and energising. Sadly when follow up information to prepare for the next meeting ( which she did only once ) she got just 6 replies –a somewhat disheartening experience. She knew people were busy and put things to one side meaning to do them later. As had been said at a previous meeting 6 replies is not representative of CTL - if you were asked to save the date for a family function or birthday party would you just ignore it or would you make a note of the date? A flip chart was produced and a list of suggested priorities was circulated, the meeting broke into groups to discuss and vote – the outcome being in order of priority : 1) to Improve Fellowship Activities 2) Involve more youth 3) Ecumenical prayer group 4) Publicise the work of CTL.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Martin asked if an Invoice had been received for Website costs. He said that there had been 700 hits in one month (200 of these from China!) the Events page was working well, it is driven by future events so needs to be updated regularly.

Kathy informed the meeting that Calum Crombie has been appointed Prison Chaplaincy Manager he is to be invited to future meetings.

Margaret gave out literature to Reps which included printed card of CTL Prayer.

Fr Jonathon again reminded the meeting of the need to appoint a Secretary and for Reps to ask at their own Church for a volunteer for the post.

11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING AGM - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Midge Hall 7.30pm

12) The meeting closed with all present saying the CTL Prayer together.