

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND**  
**Minutes of meeting Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015**  
**St Mary's church**

**PRESENT**

**Greek Orthodox**

**Leyland Methodist Diane Barnard**

**David Marston**

**Midge Hall**

**Ellen Monk-Winstanley**

**Eileen Cuerden**

**Muriel Butler**

**St Ambrose**

**St Andrews**

**Margaret Dixon**

**Edna Finch**

**St Mary's**

**Martin Smith  
Fr Paul Brown**

**Fr Stephen Wright**

**Michael Cowburn**

**St James**

**Maddy Parkinson**

**St Johns**

**Rev Alistair McHaffie**

**Peter Fitton**

**Barbara Bibby**

**URC**

**Rev David Coaker**

**Linda Barnes**

**Eddie Reynolds**

**APOLOGIES**

**Father Dionysios-James  
Rebecca Higgs**

**Rev Duncan Clarke**

**Robert Haydock**

**Eileen Haydock**

**Rita Braithwaite**

**Ethel Barker**

**Father Jonathan  
Teresa Smith**

**Rev Marc Wolverson**

**Rev Tracy Swindells**

1) The meeting opened with prayers by Chairman Margaret and the CLT prayer said by all.

2) Attendance and apologies as above. Margaret was sorry to inform the meeting that after over 20 years as a Rep Millie Worthington had tendered her resignation. A card of appreciation signed by those attending the meeting to be sent.

Margaret apologised for not welcoming Calum Crombie at the last meeting, he was welcomed this evening in his absence.

3) Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed

4) **Matters arising –**

In a response to Item 9 – Tesco have approved a permanent box for ‘Fair Share’ food donations.

5) **Churches responsibilities for Events**

The re-furbished display board showing Churches and their responsibilities as follows:

Women’s World Day of Prayer – 2016 only	St John’s
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	St James’
Ecumenical Lent Groups	St Mary’s
South Ribble Christmas Festival	St Andrew’s
South Ribble Summer Festival	St Ambrose
Good Friday Walk of Witness	URC
Summer Festival of Crafts – Worden Park	St John’s & Midge Hall
Fair Share Collection at Tesco – December	Leyland Methodist
Fair Share Collection at Tesco - July	Midge Hall
Lancashire Sings Christmas	St Mary’s

Ellen Monk-Winstanley said the Craft Festival will include ‘Messy Church’ activities, there will be a meeting in January regarding this.

6) **Future Events**

17<sup>th</sup> November – One Voice Choir singing at Memorial Service

28<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Festival - Hough Lane closed 11.30 am. until 4 p.m. There will be singing by One Voice Choir, and activities by children from St. Andrew’s Infant School and Lancaster Lane.

12<sup>th</sup> December – One Voice Choir singing at Tesco raising funds for CTL

Ecumenical Lent Groups – Martin said Teresa will organise and ask for help from St Mary’s, help from CTL members also welcome. Only members of CLT attended this year’s Lent Group. Further details to be e-mailed nearer the time.

3/4/5 December ‘Food Share’ collection at Tesco – David Marston gave Churches their allocated dates and times to be covered.

Dates of future meeting were given out

7) **Refugee Update**

The meeting was given a printed copy of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Ellen Monk-Winstanley said that more research needs to be done – a visit to the ARC (Asylum Seeker & Refugee Community) project in Blackburn was an idea, prior to perhaps setting up a drop-in facility here. SRBC will initially support 20 asylum seekers and the Council will work with Serco to identify their needs.

**8) South Ribble VCFS ( Voluntary, Community & Faith Sector )**

On Teresa's behalf Martin told the meeting that in 2011 this service had closed but in 2014 the South Ribble Partnership funded a Support Officer post to develop a new network for Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector organisations. She had been contacted because of the grant we successfully bid for earlier in the year, and together with Rev Duncan from St Ambrose, had attended one of the focus groups and reported that an executive group is being formed to discover the best ways to achieve its aims. There were a large number of applications for the executive and Brian Taylor from St. Ambrose church is the faith representative. Teresa will feed back to CTL the outcome of a meeting in November about how the new initiative progresses at future meetings.

**9) 50<sup>th</sup> year Celebrations 2018**

Suggested that a sub-committee be formed to decide both a theme and when the celebration should take place, ie Pentecost, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Margaret reminded the meeting that diaries of visiting Clergy will be getting filled. Ideas mentioned: Quiz at the Museum, One Voice Choir to sing, exhibition etc.

**10) Any other business**

Linda Barnes has 'Holy Socks' for sale - prices £5.75 and £4.75 includes £1.00 to URC building fund

Midge Hall is holding a 60/70's Night on 30<sup>th</sup> October in aid of Syrian Refugees

Diane Barnard is holding a Table Top sale £10.00 per table on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 10 am – 2pm

**11) Date of the next meeting - TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 at Leyland Methodist**

**12) The meeting closed at 8.30pm with all present saying The Grace**