

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND

Minutes of the meeting Tuesday 9th February 2016 at Leyland Methodist Church

PRESENT: Leyland Methodists Diane Barnard, Rev Phil Gough **Midge Hall** Eileen Cuerden, Muriel Butler **St Ambrose** Rev Duncan Clarke, Robert Haydock, Rita Braithwaite **St. Andrew's**, Edna Finch, Margaret Dixon - **St. Mary's** Martin Smith, Teresa Smith, Michael Cowburn **St James'** Maddy Parkinson, Nerys Brown, Rev. Marc Wolverson **St. John's** Peter Fitton, Barbara Bibby **United Reform**, Rev. David Coaker, Eddie Reynolds, Christine Holmes **Prisons** Rev C Crombie

APOLOGIES: James and Rebecca Higgs - **Greek Orthodox**, Kathy Lamb, David Marston - **Leyland Methodists**, Ellen Monk-Winstanley – **Midge Hall**, Eileen Haydock – **St Ambrose**, Rev David Gibb – **St. Andrew's**, Fr Jonathan Cotton, Fr Paul Browne, Fr Stephen Wright – **St Mary's**, Rev Tracy Swindells **St James**, Rev Alistair McHaffie, Rev Barbara Wilson – **St. John's**

- 1) Margaret welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Rev Phil Gough to lead opening prayers.
- 2) Attendance and apologies as above
- 3) Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved
- 4) Item 9 – should read 'display' not Quiz at the Museum, Item 12 AOB regarding refugees, still awaiting information from the Council.
- 5) **FAIR SHARE** - in his absence David Marston – Leyland Methodists – said everything seemed to have gone smoothly, that some Churches had found it hard to cover the Saturday, it was noted that Organised groups also helped that day so maybe CLT need not cover as well. Better signage needed, and at least 3 people at a time to give our leaflets, place items in trolley, answer any questions etc. A CLT member reported a negative comment from a member of Tesco staff – 'don't say you're from a Church' but otherwise a successful collection of 100 banana sized boxes of food were received.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - Margaret said that 2 primary Schools and the One Voice Choir had sung and despite a day of heavy rain, everyone had enjoyed themselves. Shops on Hough Lane had remarked on being able to hear and enjoy the singing.

LANCASHIRE SINGS CHRISTMAS - went well and been enjoyed by those attending, suggestions for a different venue for 2016 would be welcome.

ONE VOICE CHOIR AT TESCO - Robert said the Choir sang Carols in the store and been well received.

6) FUTURE EVENTS

Women's World Day of Prayer at St John's Church, 4th March – Information packs were distributed to each Church representative.

Good Friday Walk of Witness – Christine Holmes informed the meeting that it will start and finish at United Reformed Church, Martin Smith will co-ordinate Marshalls and First Aid cover, it was pointed out that Parents are responsible for the safety of their own children. URC safeguarding policy will be in place on the day, after a short service in the Church Hall, refreshments will be served. The route is level and wheel-chair friendly.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St James - Information was circulated to each Church.

Leyland Summer Festival – 18th June 2016. No theme known as yet. Barbara Wilson and Barbara Lang from St Johns will be doing ‘ Messy Church ‘ style Crafts in a Tent, they will be supported by other Churches from CTL

7) **CELEBRATION 2018** – Teresa Smith said a date and venue were needed to be able to move forward and plan events to do the 50th Anniversary justice. If necessary to co-opt people from our congregations to run events, and share our talents. The meeting moved into groups to discuss a suggested printed format supplied by Teresa, this included proposing a date – Pentecost 20th May 2018, and venue of Worden Park. Chairman Margaret to make enquiries at Council regarding this. Members were encouraged to bring any further ideas to future meetings.

8) **AOB** A message from Father Jonathan that a joint Catholic and Lutheran service will be held on 16th September 2016 to commemorate 500th Anniversary. Rita Braithwaite had tickets for a social evening at St Ambrose – ‘Workers Playtime’. Barbara Lang was welcomed to the meeting, and confirmed the ‘ Messy Church ‘ programme for the Leyland Festival on 18th June.

9) **Date of next meeting** : Wednesday 11th May 2016 at St. Andrew’s Church

10) The meeting closed a 9 p.m. with prayers by Robert Haydock

