

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND

Minutes of the meeting Wednesday 11th May 2016 at St Andrew's Church

PRESENT:

Greek Orthodox	Rebecca Higgs	Leyland Methodist	David Marston
Midge Hall	Deacon Ellen Monk Winstanley	St Ambrose	Robert Haydock
St Andrews	Edna Finch		Eileen Haydock
	Margaret Dixon	St Marys	Martin Smith
	Ethel Barker		Teresa Smith
St James	Nerys Brown		Michael Cowburn
United Reformed	Rev David Coaker	St Johns	Rev Barbara Wilson
Wymott Prison	Rev Calum Crombie		Peter Fitton
			Barbara Bibby

APOLOGIES:

Greek Orthodox	Fr Christodoulos Fyles	Leyland Methodist	Rev Phil Gough
	Fr Dionysios-James Higgs		Kathy Lamb
United Reformed	Eddie Reynolds	St James	Maddy Parkinson
	Christine Holmes		Rev Tracy Swindells
Midge Hall	Muriel Butler	St Ambrose	Rev Duncan Clarke
	Eileen Cuerden		Rita Braithwaite

1. Welcome and prayers

Margaret Dixon welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Greg Smith, Development Co-ordinator from Together Lancashire who would be giving a presentation later on in the meeting. We then read the CTL prayer together.

2. Attendance and apologies

Margaret had received a letter of resignation from Linda Barnes, honorary exec member. Margaret wrote a letter thanking Linda for all her hard work that she has done for CTL over the years.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were approved as being an accurate account of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

Item number 5. Fairshare. Tesco now collect all of the time, however, CTL will arrange a rota over three days in June/July. Margaret and Peter Fitton collect food on alternate Mondays and take it to St Marys. Margaret asked if one or two people would be willing to collect midweek say on a Wednesday as the food does tend to collect. Michael Cowburn and Martin Smith kindly offered to help and Margaret thanked them for this. Margaret will sort out the details with them both.

Food bank – Margaret had recently sent out a plea for extra food for the Foodbank as supplies were running very low. This need had been met by several churches and Aileen from the Foodbank thanked everyone for this.

5. Past events

Women's world day of prayer

Rev Barbara Wilson from St Johns reported that the women's world day of prayer had gone very well. Margaret thanked Rev Barbara Wilson and St John's for all of their hard work in organising the event.

Good Friday walk

Rev David Coaker from URC reported that the walk had gone well. There was very positive feedback. One comment was noted that someone was needed at the beginning of the walk to ensure that people were keeping up and ensuring that the group was all kept together as hymns were commenced but not all of the group was together. The walk commenced at 9.30am and finished 10 minutes earlier than planned the service then started (it was thought a good idea to start rather than to wait 10 minutes) although it was programmed to start at 10.30am. Some people only came for the service and came in "late". These comments were noted for next year. Margaret thanked Rev David Coaker and all at URC for all of their hard work in organising the event.

Martin Smith has been the risk assessment officer for the last several years. Due to a job change he cannot now commit to being available every Good Friday as he will have to work bank holidays. Peter Fritton offered to do it next year.

6. Future events

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Deacon Ellen handed out the services to different leaflets for the joint service to be held at Midge Hall on Sunday 22nd May.

Leyland Festival 18th June

Margaret informed that CTL will be having a float in the festival this year. The theme is super heros and CTL had chosen Daniel. Children were to be asked from different churches to dress up as lions. Could please let Margaret know number of children by Friday 3rd June.

At the festival itself there will be a tent run by Messy Church although not all of the churches involved run Messy Church themselves. The idea is for each church to have a craft table. Flyers will be given to the children telling them of all the Messy Churches in the area with times etc. Deacon Ellen asked if CTL could pay the cost of the leaflets and this was granted.

Margaret informed CTL that there would be a meeting on Friday 13th to discuss ideas of decorating the float. She had asked for bottle tops to be collected and had received many so no further tops were needed.

EU Hustings meeting Tuesday 14th June at Leyland Methodist

Deacon Ellen handed out flyers and posters for the event and asked people to advertise it. Margaret offered for CTL to provide and help out with refreshments. People will be asked to help nearer the date.

7. Greg Smith – Development Co-ordinator Together Lancashire

Greg thanked CTL for his invitation and gave a powerpoint presentation on the work of Together Lancashire. This involved a very wide range of work including, job clubs, food banks, refugees and asylum seekers.

Margaret thanked Greg for his very interesting and informative talk and for coming to speak to CTL.

8. Rev Calum Crombie – volunteering at Wymott prison

Rev Calum is the Chaplain at Wymott prison. It is a Category C prison with male inmates aged between 19-93. He is looking for volunteers to go into Wymott and spend time with the inmates with such activities as Bible study groups, chat, playing games etc. He handed out leaflets for CTL to advertise within their own church.

19th October is prisoner's week and Leyland Methodist will be holding a café style church event, date to be organised. Rev Calum said he is available to speak at churches preferably evening services as he will have more availability.

Margaret thanked Rev Calum for coming and speaking to CTL.

9. Celebration 2018

Teresa asked for a show of hands that people wanted the celebration to go ahead in 2018. Everyone was in agreement. From the previous meeting there were several suggestions. Teresa took a great deal of time to look into each suggestion.

- a. *Sunday after Leyland festival to have an open air celebration on the park.*
Teresa found out that the cost to hire a marquee would be £2,500 and inevitably there would be further costs.
- b. *Have the celebration as part of Christian unity week and the Exec thought it may be an idea to have a family picnic.*
The cost to hire the civic centre, this could be a venue, would be £195 for four hours.
- c. *Church in town that has greenery for good weather and indoor space if bad weather.*
Straight away these three churches came to mind as suggestions St Marys, St Ambrose and St Andrews

Everyone was in agreement for the church venue and that invites would need to be sent by July. The date was then discussed either the Sunday after the Leyland festival or Christian Unity week. It was decided the Christian Unity week.

Other events were suggested:-

- Special walk of witness.
- Flower
- Talent festival
- Songs of praise
- Display in the museum – this has been organised.

Practicalities were then discussed. Stationery, postage and advertising could cost around £1,000, to have roads closed for the walk of witness could cost £600-700.

Teresa asked people to think of ideas for the title of the celebration year and bring them to the next meeting. Also the above ideas will need to be firmed up at the next meeting.

To cover the costs we will need to look at grants and business sponsorship, we will need to fundraise.

10. Any other business

Margaret has 100 red plastic chairs in her garage. If anybody would like them please let her know by the end of the month.

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 4th July, 7.30pm at United Reformed Church

12. Closing prayer

Rev Ellen Monk Winstanley closed the meeting in prayer.