

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND
Minutes of the meeting Monday 7th July 2016 at United Reformed Church

PRESENT:

Greek Orthodox	Rebecca Higgs	Leyland Methodist	David Marston
Midge Hall	Eileen Cuerden		Kathy Lamb
	Muriel Butler	St Ambrose	Eileen Haydock
St Andrews	Margaret Dixon		Robert Haydock
	Edna Finch		Rita Braithwaite
St James	Maddy Parkinson	St Mary's	Teresa Smith
United Reformed	Rev David Coaker	St Johns	Rev Barbara Wilson
	Eddie Reynolds		Peter Fitton
	Christine Holmes		Barbara Bibby

APOLOGIES:

St Ambrose	Rev Duncan Clarke	St John's	Rev Alistair McHaffie
St Mary's	Fr Jonathan Cotton	St James	Nerys Brwn
	Martin Smith		Rev Marc Wolverson
	Michael Cowburn		Rev Tracy Swindells
Midge Hall	Deacon Ellen Monk Winstanley		

1. Welcome and prayers

Margaret Dixon welcomed everyone to the meeting. Rebecca Higgs opened the meeting in prayer. Rev Tracy Swindolls of St James will be moving to Langho in September. Margaret emailed Tracy and thanked her for the support over the time she was in Leyland.

2. Attendance and apologies - As above.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were approved as being an accurate account of the meeting on 12th May 2016.

4. Matters arising - None.

5. Past events

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Rita Braithwaite commented that she thought it was super, there were healthy numbers, 20-25 per service and lots of services.

It was discussed that the services need to be better published and all CTL were to do this. There was a suggestion of changing the time to maybe an afternoon rather than lunch time. It was noted that Rev Phil Gough has contacts at Radio Lancashire – Jo Wilson and perhaps this could be utilised next year.

At a previous CTL meeting there was a suggestion of renting a shop on Hough Lane currently empty for a prayer room with people on hand to prayer with members of the public.

Those who attended last year's Week of Prayer suggested perhaps having a monthly service throughout the year. This idea was put to the Minister's Fellowship who met on 28th June 2016. There were a couple of ideas put forward; worship on the fifth Sunday evening of each month. The format could be left up to each host church, should be non Eucharistic to avoid being divisive. St Mary's could possibly host the 30th October at 6.00pm (the next fifth Sunday is in July and was thought to be too near to organise and being the start of the summer holidays). Another idea was for a shorter session say on a Saturday at noon for about 30 minutes followed by light refreshments.

Leyland Festival 18th June

Float

This year's theme was super heroes. This year CTL organised a float which was decorated as Daniel and the Lion's den. Children from CTL including St John's church took part with their faces painted as lions. The float was very good and attractive; however some of the children did look bored.

Messy Church

This was the first time that Messy Church (and other churches that do not do Messy Church) took part. The feedback was very positive. A large marquee was used with different crafts and things to do organised by different churches. Number wise 152 took part in cake decorating and 100+ peg/lolly sticks. 1,000 fliers advertising Messy Church in local churches were ordered and approximately 500 were given out at the marquee, it was suggested they could be given out on the parade next year.

It was noted however that as Messy Church was not fundraising the pitch cost be free. Planning from the Festival Group was not well organised and was very frustrating. The choice between either float or Messy Church at the park for next year it was noted that Messy Church should take priority as lots of people were helping out/organising both. It was suggested that perhaps the young people could organise the float for next year.

EU Hustings meeting at Leyland Methodist

A very big thanks to Rev Phil Gough for chairing the hustings. He did a great job and managed to keep the people of 120+ under control. Thanks also to David Marston for setting up and organising the refreshments and to Margaret Dixon and Rebecca Higgs for handing them out to people on arrival.

6. Future events

Fare Share Collection at Tesco

Fare Share took place between 30th June and 2nd July. 200 boxes in total were donated to the Food Bank. It was a great success and Margaret thanked all of those who had helped out. £150 was collected in a bucket. The next collection will take place at Christmas but should be noted that Tesco do collect every day for the Food Bank and volunteers collect twice a week. Of note a lot of young people were donating.

Health Mela

A couple of years ago CTL did have a stall in Worden school. The Health Mela is an event connected with health advice given, blood testing etc. This year it will take place on Saturday 17th September in the afternoon. Anyone who is interested to organise a stall please contact Margaret Dixon. A table set up would include leaflets of different things that CTL does, furniture scheme, food bank etc.

CTL 2018 Celebrations

St Ambrose had had music celebrations at their church and were willing to do it again for the celebrations for which Teresa Smith thanked them.

The date for the celebrations had been set at Sunday 20th May 2018 at St Mary's, 11.00am with Jacob's join to follow. This date is the first Sunday of Christian Unity week and Pentecost Sunday. Rev Dave Coaker was asked for clergy response to this date and will let Teresa Smith know as soon as possible.

Teresa informed the group that we would look at how the joint service will be organised nearer the time. A theme for the celebrations suggested by Rev Dave Coaker was "Leyland churches becoming church".

Teresa asked CTL to think over the summer of fundraising ideas. It is estimated that we will need to raise £2,000.

7. Any other business

Eileen Haydock asked for a new CTL directory to be sent to her. Rebecca will do this.

Kathy Lamb highlighted prisons week 9-15 October. On 25th September there will be a café style service at 6.30pm at Leyland Methodist. On 1st October between 10.00 and 12noon at the Methodist Church there will be an opportunity to hear about volunteering in the prison - there are many different ways so why not come along and explore the possibility.

Rebecca mentioned that she has some mugs at church which are now not used. Kathy Lamb was interested and Rebecca to organise.

Margaret Dixon mentioned that she has a lion costume if anybody wanted to borrow it.

A flyer was handed out for publicity "songs from the films" 23rd September, £5, 7.30pm at St Ambrose church.

Maddy Parkinson and Margaret Dixon had attended Ethics and Environmentalism organised by Churches Together in Lancashire and said it was very informative.

Teresa Smith had received a bill for the website from the host website. Martin will talk to them first and then payment will be made.

Teresa Smith informed CTL that she was a member of the South Ribble Community, Voluntary and Faith Sector which covers a wide variety of different groups and will keep CTL informed of any relevant information.

8. Date of next meeting – AGM Tuesday 20th September 2016, 7.30pm at St John's

9. Closing prayer

Rev David Coaker closed the meeting in prayer.