

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND**  
**Minutes of the meeting Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at United Reformed Church**

**PRESENT:**

Holy Apostles - Rebecca Higgs  
Leyland Methodist - Diane Barnard, David Marston  
Midge Hall – Eileen Cuerden, Muriel Butler  
St Ambrose – Robert Haydock, Eileen Haydock, Rita Braithwaite  
St Andrew's – Edna Finch, Margaret Dixon  
St Mary's – Martin Smith, Teresa Smith, Fr Paul Browne, Fr Stephen Wright, Michael Cowburn  
St James' – Maddy Parkinson  
St John's – Rev Barbara Wilson  
United Reformed – Rev David Coaker, Christine Holmes

**APOLOGIES:**

Midge Hall – Deacon Ellen Monk Winstanley  
St Andrews – Rev David Gibb  
St Mary's – Fr Jonathan Cotton  
St James' – Nerys Brown, Rev Marc Wolverson  
St John's – Rev Alistair McHaffie  
United Reformed – Eddie Reynolds

**1. Welcome and prayers**

Margaret Dixon welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome was said to Pastor Ian Winstanley the new pastor at the Pentecostal church and also to Keith and Audrey Waring from Christians Against Poverty. A reading from 3 Colossians was given by Margaret and the CTL prayer was read out together.

**2. Attendance and apologies**

As above.

**3. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes were approved as being an accurate account of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**4. Matters arising**

Item 5. Past events – extra services. See future events.

Item 6 – 2018 Celebrations

The timing had now changed. There will be a shared lunch at 1.00pm and then a service at 2.30pm.

The balance sheet had now been audited by Jenny Wilcox.

**5. Future events**

**Leyland Christmas Festival 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> from 3.30-5.00pm there will be a small service near the cross by Tesco. One Voice Choir will sing carols after the Mayoress has switched on the tree lights then everyone to go across to St Andrew's church hall for more carols and mince pies.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> from 1.00-5.30pm a gazebo will be set up for members of all churches to dress up in nativity costumes to be a Christian presence at the festival. There are costumes available so please let Margaret know urgently if you would like to attend. Please do circulate this in your church notices. At 4.30pm there will be a Christingle in the United Reformed church and then at 5.30pm the turning on of the lights.

### **Lancs Sings Christmas**

Midge Hall pub Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. Rev Phil Gough from Leyland Methodist will let CTL know of the Lancs Sings Christmas in Leyland in due course.

### **Good Friday Walk of Witness**

At the AGM as different events were being divided up amongst the churches to organise the walk of witness came up and as to whether the same church (United Reformed) could again organise it for next year. Time ran out at the AGM and it was decided to bring it to this meeting to discuss.

A discussion took place as to whether the route will be the same or to have a different one. A vote was taken and it was 7 for the same route and 7 for a different one. As it was not conclusive and not all of CTL voted it will be brought up at the next meeting.

The idea of perhaps of walking later (the walk was always early as churches have their own Good Friday service and this may not be the case) and perhaps walking for longer.

A further discussion took place as to whether to a) use the same route as last year from and to URC b) a different route and c) assemble outside a supermarket and hold the service there. This will be discussed further.

### **30<sup>th</sup> October service at St Mary's**

Margaret thanked the clergy for arranging this and an extra service had been arranged for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's from 6.00pm-7.00pm.

## **6. Dementia Action Alliance**

Christine Holmes, member of URC and CTL, informed the group of South Ribble Dementia Action Alliance who meet in the Civic Centre and come under the umbrella of the Alzheimer's Society. It is to make people aware of dementia. Christine herself is a dementia champion and is available to speak to groups on the subject. Please advertise this within your churches and for further information contact Christine on 01772 322519. Margaret thanked Christine for speaking.

## **7. Christians Against Poverty**

Keith and Audrey Waring members of St Andrews, informed the group of Christians Against Poverty. It was set up in 1996 by a gentleman called John Kirby. Previous to him setting up he worked in finance and got himself into debt. He was helped by some Christians and then himself became a Christian and wanted to help those in debt. There are now 500 debt centres in England and as of last week 29 families were debt free.

CAP teaches people with budget courses as well as other projects such as lifestyle, food and healthy relationships.

CAP runs two nearby centres, South Preston in Lostock Hall and Central Preston in Longton. As people with debt are rising they need to employ a debt coach and are asking local churches to fund a part time position of debit coach. Letters were handed out to treasurers of CTL churches.

A meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 11.30ish, venue to be arranged for churches interested in financing the position. Please email Margaret if you are interested. Margaret thanked Keith and Audrey for speaking.

## **8. 2018 Celebrations**

Invites (13) had been sent out to higher hierarchy and there had been 6 acceptances already. Fund raising ideas have started to come in St Ambrose are holding an evening on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017. In the run up to the 2018 celebrations there will be a fund raising event quarterly.

## **9. Any other business**

9.1 Fr Jonathan informed CTL of an evening on 11<sup>th</sup> November 6.00-8.30pm. “a Benedictine life”. Two brothers will be visiting from Mucknell Abbey, Worcestershire to talk about their way of life.

9.2 Food bank – Margaret informed CTL that shoppers at Tesco have been very generous and the trolley is overflowing with goods. At the moment there are two teams who pick up, Margaret and Peter and Martin and Mike. Margaret asked for more volunteers and asked for people to advertise this need in their church notices. There is a need for toiletries and tinned meat for the Food Bank.

9.3 Midge Hall will be holding their Autumn/Christmas fair on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 11.00- 4.00pm. Admission £1.

9.4 It was reported that there are now three refugee families living in Leyland and one family in Penwortham.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Holy Apostles Orthodox Church, 7.30pm

Rev David Coaker closed the meeting in prayer.