

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND**  
**Minutes of the meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the Holy Apostles Church**

**PRESENT:**

<b>Holy Apostles</b>	Rebecca Higgs, Audrey Fyles
<b>Leyland Methodist</b>	David Marston
<b>Midge Hall</b>	Deacon Ellen Monk Winstanley, Eileen Cuerden
<b>St Ambrose</b>	Robert Haydock, Eileen Haydock, Rita Braithwaite
<b>St Andrews</b>	Edna Finch, Margaret Dixon
<b>St Marys</b>	<b><i>Fr Jonathan Cotton, Martin Smith, Teresa Smith</i></b>
<b>St James</b>	Maddy Parkinson, Nerys Brown
<b>St Johns</b>	Rev Barbara Wilson, Peter Fitton, Barbara Bibby
<b>United Reformed</b>	Eddie Reynolds

**APOLOGIES:**

<b>Midge Hall</b>	Muriel Butler
<b>St Ambrose</b>	Rev Duncan Clarke
<b>St Andrews</b>	Rev David Gibb
<b>St Johns</b>	Rev Alistair McHaffie
<b>United Reformed</b>	Rev David Coaker, Christine Holmes Diane Barnard

**1. Welcome and prayers**

Margaret welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. A special welcome and thank you was given to Claire Capewell from Compassionate Community in Leyland. Margaret read a prayer 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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**4. Matters arising**

It was suggested that it may be a good idea to have the Leyland Christmas festival on the 25<sup>th</sup> November at the cross near Tesco at a slightly later time so that the lights can be seen when switched on. It was commented that the words for the carols for the choir were different from those who were singing. It was also commented that it was a good service and was appreciated by all.

**5. Past events**

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

25<sup>th</sup> covered as above.

26<sup>th</sup> Pupils from St Andrews infant school sang on the stage. It was commented that the stage was better situated in Hough Lane than as in previous years. It was good for CTL to have a presence at the Christmas festival and it was commented that St Andrews will do something different next year. This year people were dressed up as nativity characters.

**Lancs Sings Christmas**

There was a very good response of people both in Tesco and Midge Hall pub.

**Fare Share Tesco**

There was an excellent response from people who gave so generously. A big thank you also to churches who have given donations. Of note Acorn School where One Voice choir had recently sang gave a donation.

**One Voice Choir at Tesco**

The choir sang for one hour and £146 was collected.

## **6. Future events**

### **Women's word day of prayer 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 7.00pm**

Leyland Methodist are organising this year led by Deacon Sylvie Phillips. Eileen Cuerden had made a beautiful prayer banner for the women's day of prayer which can be used each year. Posters were given out for notice boards.

### **Old tyme music hall at St Ambrose 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Rita Braithwaite handed out tickets to each church to sell. Tickets cost £10 to include fish and chip supper and each church had 10 tickets to sell. Rita encouraged CTL to sell their tickets as it would be a really good evening. Proceeds would be split between St Ambrose halls for all and CTL accordingly. If people want more tickets do call Rita on 01772 422878.

### **Good Friday walk of witness 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Teresa Smith thanked those who had completed the questionnaire. Please find attached for full details. It was mentioned that there was no room for comments and this was done on purpose as there would probably be too many comments to take on board. One comment was that it would be very costly to pay for road closure and this will be brought up at the next meeting.

### **Week of prayer for Christian Unity May**

Maddy Parkinson gave out posters and booklets.

Services as below. Services lasting for 30 minutes followed by light refreshments (except joint service). Please note that there is no service on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please amend your posters accordingly, thank you.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May noon – St James  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May noon – St Andrews  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May – **no service**  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 6.30pm – Joint service St Ambrose  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May noon – Leyland Methodist  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May noon – Leyland URC  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May noon - Midge Hall  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May noon - St Johns  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May noon - St Ambrose

### **Leyland summer festival Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

It was decided that there would be no float this year as last year there were some people doing the float as well as messy church. St John's to organise.

## **7. Compassionate community in Leyland – Claire Capewell**

Claire is a Consultant Palliative Medicine at St Catherine's hospice spoke to CTL about Compassionate Community in Leyland. She thanked CTL for giving her the opportunity to talk. Dying matters is a week (8-14 May) when talking about death is highlighted and encouraged. Claire is passionate about encouraging better awareness of death within the community and would like a steering group to help her do this. Claire said as churches we are good at looking at people who have had members of family who have passed away but there is nothing in the community for those who do not attend church.

At the moment she is getting ideas and volunteers together. If you are interested or know someone you think may be interested please ask in your churches and get in touch with Margaret. Margaret thanked Claire for coming.

## **8. 2018 celebrations**

One Voice Choir are in the process of singing to raise funds for the 2018 celebrations. Teresa is organising a date for this.

### **9. Any other business**

This year Midge Hall will be 150 years old and are having a weekend of celebrations.

9<sup>th</sup> June – Messy Church

10<sup>th</sup> June – 10.00am to 4.00pm day of events

11<sup>th</sup> June – big celebration

Robert informed CTL of a Good Friday passion play who needed extra people. Contact Robert for further details.

11<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm. Tickets £12. Crucifixion" sung by the Cecilian Choir in Preston Minster starting at 7.30pm. Contact Robert for further details.

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

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May Leyland Methodist, 7.30pm.

### **11. Closing prayer**

Father Jonathan closed the meeting in prayer.