

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND

Minutes of the meeting Wednesday 10th May 2017 at Leyland Methodist Church

PRESENT

Leyland Methodist	David Marston
Midge Hall	Deacon Ellen Monk-Winstanley, Muriel Butler
St Ambrose	Robert & Eileen Haydock, Rita Braithwaite
St Andrews	Margaret Dixon, Edna Finch
St Marys	Fr Jonathan Cotton, Martin & Teresa Smith, Fr Paul Brown Michael Cowburn
St James	Maddy Parkinson
St Johns	Rev Barbara Wilson, Peter Fitton
United Reformed	Eddie Reynolds, Christine Holmes Diane Barnard

APOLOGIES

Greek Orthodox	Fr Christodoulos Fyles, Fr Dionysios James, Rebecca Higgs
Leland Methodist	Rev Phil Gough, Kathryn Lamb
Midge Hall	Eileen Cuerden
St Ambrose	Rev Duncan Clarke
St Andrews	Rev David Gibb
St Marys	Fr Stephen Wright
St James	Rev Marc Wolverson
St Johns	Rev Alistair McHaffie, Barbara Bibby
United Reformed	Rev David Coaker
Wymott Prison	Rev Calum Crombie

1) Welcome and Prayers

Margaret welcomed everyone to the meeting and opening prayers were led by Teresa Smith.

2) Attendance and apologies as above

3) Minutes of the last meeting were approved

4) No matters arising

5) Past Events

- a) Women's World Day of Prayer led by Leyland Methodist Church was well attended and appreciation was expressed to all who took part.

b) Old Time Music Hall at St Ambrose - an audience of 200 enjoyed the evening
The PCC kindly donated £500 of the proceeds to CTL – a letter of thanks will be sent. Treasurer Robert proposed that monies from the Current Account which stands at £1,569.82 (includes the £500) be transferred to the Savings A/c leaving an amount of £400. Savings A/c stands at £1,102.00

This was agreed by the meeting. Robert said that Insurance for the furniture van amounts to £1,000.00 and that the van itself needs refurbishing in the near future.

- c) Good Friday Walk of Witness – less people actually walking but a good attendance for the Service at St Marys. There were photographs in the Leyland Guardian. Thanks were expressed for the donation of Hot-Cross Buns from Tesco and Lidl.

6 Future Events

- a) Dying matters – a vintage bus would be at Leyland Market on the morning of 12th May handing out information leaflets. Rita Braithwaite would be in attendance. Deacon Ellen mentioned the 'Death Café' held recently in Bury, which despite its name had been a positive experience for people to talk with others about loss and bereavement.
- b) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Maddy asked everyone to remind their congregations about the Services taking place.
- c) Leyland Summer Festival – Rev Barbara Wilson outlined plans for Messy Church, the theme is 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' With help from other Churches there will be a range of activities, suggested a display area where Churches could show other activities they provide, and a Prayer Tent /Gazebo. Over 1,000 attended last year so it is well worth the effort. Barbara Lang will contact to make arrangements. The Gideon Society will also attend.

7) 2018 Celebrations

Teresa told the meeting that invitations had been accepted from 12 guests, after discussion the meeting agreed that the theme should be " From Churches to Church – Together in Leyland 1968 to....? ". A slight alteration from Ecumenism to Together, as suggested by Rev. David Croaker; in order that it would have more meaning to congregations and others rather than those actively engaged in ecumenism.

Suggestions about what to do for the Good Friday Walk of Witness was discussed. The cost of closing roads was too expensive and as a Christian group our money should be spent in a better way. Suggestions were made which will be discussed at a later meeting.

The group approved of the suggestion that CTL walk in the Leyland summer festival, all churches represented, a real impact could be made perhaps with a new banner or own Church banners and the main focus be the joint Service at St Mary's church on 20th May.

Posters were circulated for the One Voice Choir concert being held on 23rd June at Leyland Methodist Church

The question of a 2018 Good Friday Walk of Witness to be brought up at November meeting.

- 8) AOB – Rev Phil Gough is willing to Chair a General Election Hustings meeting.
- 9) Midge Hall 150th celebrations. Ellen Monk-Winstanley reminded the meeting of the 150th Church Anniversary weekend at Midge Hall Methodist Church 9.6.17 to 12.6.17.
- 10) Date of the next meeting Monday 3RD July at St.Mary's
- 11) Closing prayer 'Ministering Grace and Love' read by Teresa Smith and everyone saying the CTL prayer.