

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND

St. Ambrose church, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 7.30pm

### Minutes

1. Margaret Dixon welcomed everyone in attendance and Rita offered prayers.

2. Those attending:

Diane Barnard, Kathy Lamb, David Marston, Rev. Duncan Clarke, Robert Haydock, Eileen Haydock, Rita Braithwaite, Edna Finch, Margaret Dixon, Martin Smith, Teresa Smith, Maddy Parkinson, Nerys Brown, Peter Fitton

Apologies:

Father Dionysios-James, Rebecca Higgs, Eileen Cuerden, Deacon Ellen Winstanley, Muriel Butler, Rev. Calum Crombie, Rev. David Gibb, Fr. Jonathan Cotton, Fr. Paul Browne, Rev. Alistair McHaffie, Rev. Barbara Wilson, Rev. David Coaker, Eddie Reynolds, Christine Holmes, Michael Cowburn

3. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

4. Matters arising

Many Christmas angels had already been knitted. The pattern was available online. Angels (with their Christmas message) would be placed around Hough Lane two weeks before Christmas for people to "find". Margaret showed us the cut-out figures of Mary and Joseph that would figure in the "journey log" in the run up to Christmas.

5. Future events

Christmas in Leyland events were discussed. Churches would be asked to provide volunteers as usual for the Christmas Fare share trolley collections at Tesco, excluding Saturday.

Lancashire sings Christmas, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. Dec.7.00pm. at Leyland Tesco in the cafe.

Leyland Christmas Festival at Cross, Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>. Nov.5.00pm. CTL choir would sing carols outside before singing in St. Andrew's church after the tree lights are switched on.

Leyland Christmas Festival on Hough Lane, Sat. 25<sup>th</sup>. Nov.1.00-5pm. Christingle in URC, 4.30pm

## 6. Week of prayer for Christian Unity 2018

The theme is “that all may be free”. There was a general concensus that changes were needed to make services more accessible to a wider age range and several suggestions were made, including those from some members not able to be present. It was agreed to move back to January in line with other churches and have a range of events and times:

Monday: lunch time service  
Tuesday: service for teenagers 5-7pm  
Thursday: lunch time service  
Fri/Sat: tea time service Messy church  
Sunday: main service

The committee approved Duncan’s suggestion that clergy be asked to “swap” churches during the year.

## 7. Good Friday 2018

Margaret reported on the background organisation of this event and asked for suggestions for next year. Two proposals were put forward:

1. Walk in procession to a service as last year.
2. Meet near Leyland Cross for a service together, people making their own way in small groups.

The latter was agreed.

## 8. Celebrations 2018

Teresa reported on progress so far. She was collecting lists of helpers for each part of the service, displays, etc. and would present information at the February meeting.

## 9. Any other business

Food Bank – CTL wishes to pass on their thanks to the clergy of St Mary’s for storing food for the food bank in their dining room.

Robert reported that the Baptist and Pentecostal churches had been asked to contribute to the Celebration fund. He had received £200 from Ian Winstanley of the Pentecostal church.

Robert had received a letter from the Music for Life African choir telling us their latest news. One of the choir girls now has a degree. It was agreed that Robert would send the choir a donation of £50.

Diane reported on two organisations designed to connect with vulnerable people.

Faith in Mind, Blackpool in association with Mind Lancashire and funded by Faith Action is aimed at encouraging closer links between faith groups and mental health agencies to “achieve a happier Lancashire and reach more people”.

Digital Trinity is planning to hold loneliness events at care/residential homes. Diane asked for CTL’s support, especially in December when they hold their first event at Greenwood Court, Leyland.

10. The next meeting will be held at St. James church, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2018, 7.30pm.

11. The meeting ended with the Grace.