

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND
MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT ST JAMES CHURCH

PRESENT : St James – Rev Marc Wolverson, Maddy Parkinson, Nerys Brown
St Andrews – Margaret Dixon, Edna Finch, Rev Mathew Cook
St Ambrose – Rita Braithwaite, Eileen & Robert Haydcok
St Mary's – Fr Jonathan Cotton, Martin & Teresa Smith, Mike Cowburn
URC – Rev David Coaker, Eddie Reynolds, Christine Holmes
Pentecostal – Pastor Ian Winstanley
Leyland Methodist – David Marston, Kathryn Grannell
Midge Hall – Ellen MonkWinstanley, Muriel Butler
St Johns – Peter Fitton

APOLOGIES: Holy Apostles – Fr Dionysios-James, Rebecca Higgs
St Johns – Barbara Wilson
St Andrews – Rev David Gibb, Rev Duncan Bell
Midge Hall – Eileen Cuerden

- 1) Welcome and prayers – Margaret read from Philippians and both CTL prayers were said by the meeting. She welcomed Kathryn Grannell and Rev Matthew Cook to the meeting and gave a brief outline of 9 CTL churches – 4 Anglican, 2 Methodist, 1 Roman Catholic, 1 URC and 1 Greek Orthodox. Each church as 3 Reps, full representation is not a priority.
- 2) Attendance as above but noted that Rev Duncan Clark is on sabbatical, Rev Alistair McHaffie is moving to Preston and Rev David Coaker to Essex. A letter of appreciation has been sent to David for his contribution to CTL with best wishes in his new appointment.
- 3) Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
- 4) There were no matters arising.
- 5) Past Events:
Fare Share food collection at Tesco – David Marston was thanked for organising and will talk about this at the May meeting. Generous donations by the public meant that extra collections to St Marys were needed. A letter of thanks has been sent to the Manager.

One Voice choir - had sung carols at Tescos and raised approx. £130.00.

Lancashire Sings Christmas - at Tesco went well with staff joining in. Communication needs to improve so that the event runs as smoothly as possible with co-operation from all involved.

Leyland Christmas Festival – Organised by St Andrews - at Leyland Cross for switching on of Christmas lights, refreshments in church hall and carol singing with One Voice Choir, the following day the cardboard Posada figures of Mary and Joseph were transported to various places. Pictures were sent to the Leyland Guardian and one from St Mary's was published. The Christingle service at URC was well attended. 400 knitted angels with CTL attached tags 'placed' around town. This may be repeated for Christmas 2018.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – organised by St James – Maddy said the Sunday Service at St Johns was beautifully presented, the mid-day Monday service at St Andrews had some new faces, Tuesday evening at Leyland Methodist run by the young people was well done, but a CTL rep had been asked if it was going to have 'pop music' and be loud ! URC held the Wednesday lunch service which was well attended and served an excellent lunch despite having to prepare the room in great haste as a keep-fit session have a regular booking on Wednesdays, Thursday evening at St Mary's had attendance of between 25 – 30. There did not seem to be any changes in numbers after changing back from May to January. Work needs to be done on posters giving advance information.

Songs of Praise at St Mary's - all who attended enjoyed the afternoon and there was a good choice of hymns and good singing. Teresa spoke of her disappointment at the lack of response to her request for inclusion in the service. New ways of communication and working together are necessary as CTL does not currently have a secretary the administration is too much for two people to make things happen. David Marston asked if reps could be included in any further correspondence. A collection of £301.52 was raised and this will go towards celebration expenses.

6) FUTURE EVENTS

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at St Ambrose Friday 2nd March Rita Braithwaite gave out Order of Services to reps, posters have been circulated to Churches Service will be led by Rev Pat Belshaw. "All God's Creation is Very Good !" by Christian women of Suriname.

GOOD FRIDAY 30th March. There will be no walk this year but people were asked to meet near Leyland Cross for a United Service at 10 am. Ellen Monk Winstanley offered to open, Marc Wolverson to speak, Father Jonathan will close with the grace, there will be four Bible readers – Rita, David, Teresa and Robert. Christine Holmes kindly offered to approach Lidl and Tesco for donations of hot cross buns and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the stores as she will be away. Refreshment will be served in St Andrews Hall. There will be keyboard accompaniment, but the meeting was asked if anyone could access any battery operated speakers,

ORGAN CONCERTS at Midge Hall 23rd April and 28th May (note correct date) proceeds to CTL Furniture Scheme with a donation to celebration expenses. Julie Hunter will accept the proceeds at the May concert.

ORGAN CONCERT at St Andrews on 26th April – Organist and Soloist, no admission charge but a donation will be asked for. Proceeds to Celebration expenses. Margaret reminded the meeting that some churches had already donated to celebration expenses and asked those to let CTL if they had any events planned.

LEYLAND SUMMER FESTIVAL – 16th June Barbara Bibby from St Johns will contact churches about Messy Church on the Park. Eileen Cuerden to be asked about a tent.

7) CELEBRATIONS 2018 – Teresa asked for more volunteers. Reps were given invitations to be sent out.

MUSEUM DISPLAY – Margaret asked for help to arrange the Order of Service. Ellen Monk Winstanley offered to help, Anton Muller from Lancashire CTL hopes to find a speaker. Margaret inherited a lot of CLT history and is compiling a display with a team of volunteers for the Museum and Exhibition Centre for the official opening on Saturday 7th April at 11 am. She is just short of some Walking Day photographs so suggested she contact Leyland Historical Society or Roy Turner. Printed programme of events from the museum is now available.

8) There was no any other business.

9) Next meeting Wednesday 9th May Midge Hall Methodist Church.

10) The meeting closed with prayers by Rev Matthew Cook.