

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND
Minutes of meeting held 9th May 2018
at Midge Hall Methodist Church

PRESENT

Leyland Methodist - Kathryn Grannell
Midge Hall – Muriel Butler, Eileen Cuerden
St Ambrose - Rev Duncan Clarke, Rita Braithwaite
St Andrews – Margaret Dixon, Edna Finch
St James - Maddy Parkinson, Nerys Brown
St Johns – Peter Fitton
St Mary's – Fr Jonathan Cotton, Martin & Teresa Smith, Mike Cowburn
URC – Eddie Reynolds, Christine Holmes

APOLOGIES

Holy Apostles – Fr Dionysios-James, Rebecca Higgs
Leyland Methodist – Kathy Lamb, Deacon Sylvie Phillips, David Marston
Midge Hall – Deacon Ellen Monk-Winstanley
St Ambrose – Robert & Eileen Haydock
St Andrews – Rev David Gibb, Rev Dr Duncan Bell
St Mary's - Fr Paul Browne
St James – Rev Marc Wolverson
St Johns – Rev Barbara Wilson
Diane Barnard

- 1) Margaret welcomed all to the meeting and opened with Verse 58 from 1 Corinthians, Ch 15. The 2 CTL prayers and The Lord's Prayer were said by everyone.**
- 2) Attendance as above. Margaret was especially glad to see Eddie Reynolds after his hospital stay when he was taken ill at the Good Friday service. She expressed disappointment that apologies were not being sent prior to meetings.**
- 3) Minutes of the last meeting**
- 4) Matters arising – Christine Holmes confirmed that she had sent letters of thanks for the Hot Cross Bun donations**
- 5) Christine told the meeting that to mark Dementia Action Week, 21-27 May information days will be held at the Civic Centre to launch the Councils Dementia Charter, which to be maintained is encouraging local businesses, Groups and Churches to have training in awareness to become more sympathetic to the needs of Dementia sufferers and their carers. She has given talks about dementia to 2 Churches since she previously spoke at CTL AGM, and hopes more people would become Dementia Champions in future.**

6) Past Events –

Women's World Day of Prayer hosted by St Ambrose, Rita Braithwaite said the event was colourful, bright and cheerful, and had included a few men this year, she had had good feedback and thanked everyone for their support. Father Jonathan said it was an international ecumenical event taking the same status as Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and should continue to be promoted. The 2019 theme 'Come-Everything is Ready' will be led by Slovenia.

Good Friday – Margaret felt this had been a wonderful event, had been in a good place, perhaps introduce a new hymn in future, it had been an event of powerful Witness. Some concerns over seating, but this had been pointed out by CTL when first arranged.

Midge Hall Theatre Organ concerts held in March and April raised £780.00 proceeds presented to Julie Hunter towards running costs of the Furniture Scheme van

Quiz at Leyland Methodists David Marston was devastated that only 7 people turned up, despite the event being well advertised.

Organ Concert at St Andrew's - Organist Stuart Whillis and 2 Soloists with Donations raised £525.45

Museum helped by Rita, Christine, Margaret and Teresa the display has been hard work but well worth the effort. Formally opened by the Mayor and Mayoress of South Ribble and covered by Leyland Guardian and Radio Lancashire's Joe Wilson. David Hunt had had good feedback. The display will go to St Mary's.

7 Future Events

Leyland Summer Festival ' World Books ' – CTL will not be in the procession, but 'Messy Church ' with Prayer Room will be in a tent on the Park, the book choice being.....The Bible

50th Celebration – Teresa reported that not all dignitaries would be represented due to interregnums. Members of CTL to show visitors the display. A new 'pop-up' banner has been purchased. It is hoped to receive a financial donation from ' Churches Together in Lancashire ' towards costs of the Celebrations. She asked would all members of CTL reply to the invitation so that identity badges could be made. The meeting was unanimous in thanking both Teresa and Margaret for all their hard work over the past 18 months.

8 AOB

Peter Fitton told the meeting that Dave Champness, a member at St John's who worked in the Blackburn Diocese, had been approached by

Vicar at St Paul's Farington Moss, with a suggestion that CTL could be involved in Ecumenical Outreach to existing and new housing estates in the area. The matter to be included in July Agenda.

Food Bank - During April 76 Households with 110 food parcels had been assisted.

Quiz - A member of the congregation at URC - Ernest Wrennall had very kindly devised a quiz to raise money for CTL and packs were distributed to Reps.

9 Date of next meeting NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

**MONDAY 2ND JUL7 2019 at ST. MARY'S
AGM date to be confirmed**

The closing prayer was given by Rev Duncan Clark

The meeting closed at 8.40pm with thanks to Midge Hall for hosting.