

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2018
at St Mary's Church

PRESENT

Leyland Methodist	- Kathy Lamb, Phil Gough
Pentecost	- Pastor Ian Winstanley
Midge Hall	- Muriel Butler
St Ambrose	- Robert Haydock, Eileen Haydock, Rita Braithwaite
St Andrew's	- Margaret Dixon, Ethel Barker
St Mary's	- Teresa Smith, Martin Smith
St James'	- Nerys Brown
St John's	- Rev Barbara Wilson, Peter Fitton
United Reformed	- Eddie Reynolds

APOLOGIES

Leyland Methodist	- Kathryn Grannell, David Marston
Midge Hall	- Deacon Ellen Monk Winstanley
St Ambrose	- Rev Duncan Clarke
St Andrew's	- Rev David Gibbs, Edna Finch, Rev Dr Duncan Bell Rev Matthew Cook
St Mary's	- Fr Jonathan Cotton
St James'	- Maddy Parkinson
United Reformed	- Christ Holmes

In attendance – Rebecca Seward and Stella Stansfield from SLEAP
Dave Champness works in Blackburn Diocese

1) Welcome and prayers

Margaret Dixon welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. A special welcome was made to Rebecca Seward and Stella Stansfield from SLEAP and Dave Champness. Margaret read Colossians 3 12-14 and the CTL prayer was read together.

2) Attendance and apologies

Attendance as above

3) Minutes of the last meeting 9th May 2018

8. AOB - Ecumenical Outreach. Peter Fitton pointed out it was Dave Champness who approached the Vicar of St. Paul's Farington.

Apologies not being sent attendance. Can everyone to send apologies to the Minute Secretary before the meeting please.

7. Future events – 50th Celebration – A cheque was received from CT Lancashire of £300.

4) Matters arising

None

5) Past events

Celebration – All thought it went very well. Past members who were asked and could not attend did send their apologies. It was commented that there could have been more people who attended from current congregations. The boards were used for the display at the museum were available for people to look at. Margaret had received a reply from the Bishop of Blackburn saying how well the event went well. Seema Kennedy, MP verbally said how much she had enjoyed it. The total cost of fundraising for the celebration was £1,850 (money still coming in from the CTL quiz), after expenses £861 leaving a surplus of £905. Teresa reported that the fundraising amount was very good. She thanked everyone who had helped. Margaret gave Teresa some flowers and thanked her for the very hard work that Teresa had put into organising the celebration.

Leyland Festival – Messy Church

Due to the rain a lot of people came into the Messy Church tent. Lots of prayers were hung on the prayer tree compared with last year when there were none. A very special thanks was given to Barbara Lang co-ordinator of the Messy Church. It was reported that South Ribble no longer organise the pitches and wrist bands this is now being outsourced to a company in Preston.

6) SLEAP

Stella Stansfield, Trustee of SLEAP gave CTL the history of SLEAP. In the past homeless people would knock on the doors of clergy asking for overnight accommodation. This was some 25 years ago. The clergy got together and asked how they could give a Christian response. The Council intervened and asked them to set up a charity and SLEAP was set up (Support in Leyland for Emergency Accommodation for Young People). SLEAP need more Trustees and Stella asked CTL members if they would like to be Trustees and asked CTL to publicise the need within their congregations. She left leaflets about being a Trustee. They currently have five Trustees.

Rebecca Seward has worked three years for SLEAP. They have been awarded three years of funding from the lottery. She explained that there is a gap for housing of homeless people aged 18-24. There are two types of support. One is support lodging where homeless people live in members of the community houses with the aim of moving onto independent living and the other support is help with benefits, CV's etc. SLEAP is the bank TSB's charity of the year and has connections with Fairshare. At the moment there are 7 people being housed. Rebecca asked CTL to pray for more staff, for the young people and fundraising. She also mentioned that donations of shampoo, soap would be gratefully appreciated. Rebecca left leaflets about SLEAP for CTL. Margaret thanked Stella and Rebecca.

7) Joint outreach

Dave Champness works for the Diocese of Blackburn in their leadership team. He started off by asking CTL if anyone had moved into a brand new housing estate and what was it like. A few people had and said they wanted to feel part of the community. Dave gave out a map of proposed new housing in the Leyland area.

He asked as a church what is our response to new housing – we could:-

1. Ignore it.
2. Introduce ourselves – perhaps put together a leaflet with all of the churches in Leyland in it. Dave showed a leaflet where this had been done. It included a general history of the area and was nicely put together.

3. Dave encouraged an existing family to move onto the new estate.
4. Look to start a church plant.

Dave concluded by stating that he wanted to give CTL an opportunity and challenge to think about the new housing in our area. Margaret thanked Dave.

8) Furniture scheme

The furniture scheme had put in a proposal to SVP Society for a replacement of the scheme van and had been successful with a cheque for £6,000. This sum would need to be spent within the next 5 years. To buy the same kind of van that is currently used second hand and 1-3 years old would cost £20,000. Martin Smith said that a volunteer would be needed to fundraise for the van and that Teresa had kindly volunteered to do this. Margaret asked CTL if this is something they would like to do. She asked for a show of hands and it was unanimously decided yes.

9) CTL future

Margaret reported that at the celebration she was asked “where were all the young people of our churches?” She said that thought was needed for the future of CTL. She would be stepping down as Chair, Robert Haydock will be stepping down as Treasurer and Rebecca Higgs stepping down as Minute Secretary. She asked for nominees of these positions to be sent to Rebecca.

10) Any other business

Fr Paul from St Mary's is leaving and moving to Ambleforth.

One Voice Choir have an event on 20th July at St Teresa's in Penwortham.

St Ambrose are holding a musical hall concert on Friday 19th October at 7.30pm. Tickets £10.

11) AGM – Saturday 22nd September 11.00am – Pentecostal church

As a result of a generous donation from the Pentecostal church, Margaret met up with Pastor Ian and he offered to host the A.G.M and Margaret thanked him and his congregation for this. This year it will be on a Saturday and will have the following format - short Bible study and reflection, lunch and AGM.

Margaret asked for help with organising the Bible study and Rev Phil Gough and Rita Braithwaite kindly offered.

12) Closing prayer

The meeting was closed by saying the Grace to each other.