

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND
Minutes of meeting held on 29th October 2018
at Midge Hall Methodist Church

PRESENT:

Greek Orthodox	Rebecca Higgs
Leyland Methodist	Kathy Lamb, Kathryn Grannell, David Marston, Linda Barnes
Midge	Eileen Cuerden, Muriel Butler
St Ambrose	Rev Graham Ashworth
St Andrew's	Margaret Dixon, Edna Finch
St Mary's	Martin Smith, Teresa Smith
St James'	Maddy Parkinson, Nerys Brown
United Reformed	Eddie Reynolds

APOLOGIES

Greek Orthodox	Fr Christodoulos Fyles, Fr Dionysios-James
Leyland Methodist	Rev Phil Gough, Deacon Sylvie Phillips
Pentecostal	Pastor Ian Winstanley
Midge Hall	Deacon Ellen Monk-Winstanley
St Ambrose	Rev Duncan Clarke, Rev Pat Belshaw, Robert & Eileen Haydock, Rita Braithwaite
St Andrew's	Rev Matthew Cook
St Mary's	Fr Jonathan Cotton
St James'	Rev Marc Wolverson
St John's	Rev Barbara Wilson, Peter Fitton
United Reformed	Christine Holmes

- 1) Welcome and Prayers – Chairman Teresa Smith read from Matthew 18 vs 19-20 and the CTL prayer was said by all present. Teresa welcomed Linda Barnes as a new Rep from Leyland Methodist Church
- 2) Attendance and Apologies as above
- 3) Minutes of the last meeting 2nd July
- 4) Matters arising – Teresa noted that Christine Holmes name had been spelt 'Christ' in apologies ! The minutes were then signed.
- 5) Election of Vice-Chair – One nomination had been received - Christine Holmes proposed by Eddie Reynolds and Seconded by Eileen Cuerden, passed unanimously by the meeting.
- 6) AGM Feedback – Thanks were expressed to the Pentecostal Church for the welcome and refreshments, there had been a good turn out and everyone had enjoyed the time spent together. Teresa had asked for e-mail responses to the format – should it be daytime, evening, shorter, to keep it interesting a different format, change of venue, etc. the meeting were in favour of a week-end AGM every other year. 2019 AGM 23rd September 7.30pm venue to be announced.
- 7) African Children's Choir – literature received requested financial support for the Choir, but this was out of date having been received at the AGM in September with an August deadline.
- 8) Future Events
 - a) Winter Festival – Christine Holmes meeting with South Ribble Council and Town Team awaiting confirmation for events on 24th/25th November. The One Voice Choir are expecting to be singing on 23rd November, time not yet confirmed.

- b) Tesco Fareshare – 29th & 30th November David Marston has contacted CTL reps with times to cover these dates.
- c) Lancashire Sings Christmas – Thursday 20th December 7–8pm at Tesco Café which will remain open until 7 p.m. Flyers to be put in Food Bank parcels with the offer of a free drink in the Café at 6.30pm, which would be funded by CTL, before the carols are sung.
- d) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – A discussion about dates and times was held and the following dates and times were agreed with Maddy

	Friday	18 th January	St Ambrose	12 -12.30
<u>Main Service</u>	SUNDAY	20 th January	Leyland Methodists	2 – 4 pm
	Tuesday	22 nd January	Midge Hall	12 – 12.30
	Thursday	24 th January	St James	7 pm

Posters will be emailed out in the New Year for printing and display in churches.

NB - A Change in practice

In an attempt to be greener and to reduce the need for one person to travel around Leyland delivering posters (with the exception of Advent and Easter posters) all others are to be the responsibility of the reps. *Please can the reps for each church discuss together and nominate one rep for your church to Print and Display the posters which will sent out by email.*

- 9) GDPR - CTL completed a Self Assessment and as a result did not need to register, but it was noted that often CTL reps would receive e-mails as the sender used reply to all, instead of just the person they were replying to. Please try to avoid reply to all if not necessary.
Good practice would be to use BCC when e-mailing CTL members.
 The e-mails to be sent out to CTL reps are to go via a member of the Exec. Committee not be sent out by individual reps please.
 It was acknowledged that there are various levels of IT knowledge in the group, Martin Smith offered to create a CTL e-mail group, however this would still have the same issues unless reps use good IT practice, it was not decided to be necessary at this time.
- 10) Outreach – The suggestion from Dave Champness had been to give information to the Sales Offices. The present CTL leaflet is out of date so needs re-designing, a leaflet circulated by Horwich & Rivington CT was passed round the meeting. Linda Barnes, Margaret Dixon and Martin Smith offered to form a focus group to look into this.

AGM follow up – How could we be better together?.....As a group we provide Food Bank, Furniture Scheme, Credit Union, and access to Debt Advice services, but are we addressing the root causes of poverty?

We are addressing practical needs – we do things in the name of Christ, but do we say it? Do we meet spiritual needs as well as the physical? Simply giving someone a bit of time can help.

Rev Graham Ashworth suggested a flyer with the simple message saying 'Given with love'. Margaret Dixon suggested a Christmas card in Food Parcels, would be a good way to send this message, the group agreed. As a group we need to look forward and this item will be on future Agendas.

11) AOB

Peter Fitton asked if Christmas Service flyers could be put in Foodbank parcels, also through letterboxes of new housing developments. The group thought that there were already 2 publications detailing the church Christmas services and a Christmas card going into the Food parcels this was felt unnecessary as the information was available.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm with a Prayer from 100 Days of Peace and Hope

The future meeting dates and venues, all meeting start at 7.30pm

Tues 5th February - URC

Wed 8th May - Leyland Methodist

Thurs 4th July - St Ambrose

AGM Mon 23rd Sept - St Andrew's