

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND
Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 5th February 2019
at The United Reformed Church

1 Welcome and prayers.

Christine Holmes read from Corinthians the passage about us using our gifts. She then led us in an 8th century Celtic prayer.

A welcome was extended to the new minister at St John's.

Teresa has sent a letter to Rev David Gibb, who has now retired, thanking him for all his help and for allowing CTL to use his churches premises.

At each committee meeting we will need a volunteer for the prayers at the start of the meeting. Volunteer for 8th May: Peter Fitton

2. Attendance and apologies. See attached sheet.

3. Minutes of the meeting 29th October 2018 were agreed and signed by Teresa as chairman.

4. Matters arising.

a) We have started using blind copying (BCC) for e-mails and will continue.

b) Thanks to Rev Graham Ashworth and Margaret Dixon for their input into the Christmas cards which went into the food bank parcels. Special thanks to all the volunteers who help the food bank in whatever way. It was suggested a 'Thank you' notice be put up at all the collection points.

Action – Teresa to take this suggestion to the Food Bank organiser.

Extra donations of food for Christmas are very welcome though they are really needed in early December.

c) Christmas Services and Events flier and Leyland Leader. Information went to the Leyland Leader this year but it need to be completed much earlier.

To look at this at the AGM and all churches to provide the information by the middle of October.

Action – Teresa and Peter / AGM agenda

5. Past Events

a) Winter Festival. We would prefer to call it the Christmas Festival. Christine Holmes reported that both events had gone very well. She thanked St Andrew's for their hospitality on the Friday. The URC made an amazing total of over £1,200 on the Saturday with lots of people coming into the church. There was disappointment with a dying Christmas tree and fused lights.

b) Tesco Fareshare - David Marston reported that this had gone well. About as much as usual collected. People were very generous in their donations to the Food Bank - schools, individuals, churches and companies. Christine Holmes spoke of the gratitude of the food bank recipients.

c) The One Voice Choir raised over £110 singing at Tesco.

d) Lancashire Sings Christmas at Tesco. David Marston reported that due to Health & Safety we were not allowed to provide hot drinks. We gave out cold drinks, mince pies & biscuits. There was positive feedback that people had really enjoyed it.

e) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Maddy Parkinson reported that it had gone well. Possibly the Sunday service at 2pm was too early for people who had attended a morning service. Possibly 3pm on the Sunday was a better time. Not many young people, and people tend to attend only the service in their own church. The format of 4 services was good.

Action The layout of the poster to be considered for next year.

6. Future events.

a) World Day of Prayer. Friday 1st March 7pm. Margaret Dixon handed each church a poster and booklet for readers. Margaret needs a Rosemary bush.

Unfortunately it clashes with the Dine & Disco fundraiser by Holy Apostles Orthodox Church (posters for this were distributed).

b) Good Friday 19th April. St Mary's organise this event at Leyland Cross. Teresa suggested that churches take turns to lead the worship. St Ambrose 2019. CTL have resources which can be used so don't purchase items without checking so as not to duplicate items.

There are many willing helpers. Jemma Gough has offered to play for the singing. The letter to the supermarkets and shops for hot cross buns is ready to go out.

Refreshments will be in St Andrew's hall with helpers from other churches.

To keep costs down instead of hiring amplification can we borrow some? Teresa will e-mail out specifying what we would like to borrow.

Action – Teresa

Posters for Good Friday will be e-mailed out the beginning of Lent.

c) Leyland Summer Festival. Saturday 15th June. Theme 'Music from the Shows'. Eileen Cuerden will arrange the marquee for the Messy Church. Barbara Lang will set up a meeting to organise the event. E-mails will go out to all churches concerning the Messy Church and leaflets. Last year the Prayer Tent may have had more people because of the atrocious weather. It is to be decided if we will have one this year.

Action – Barbara Lang / Barbara Wilson

7. Accounts.

Peter Fitton has opened a new current account for the Furniture Scheme, transferring in £2,500. This account will pay all the Scheme's expenses: MOT, services, insurance etc. relieving St Mary's. The van is more expensive as it gets older. It is much used and is a good advert for CTL.

As part of the project for a new Furniture van Teresa will investigate if any firm could supply a van.

We need a group to fund raise for all the CTL projects. Robert Haydock volunteered. Other volunteers required who need not be CTL reps.

Action – Teresa

8. Outreach leaflet.

Martin Smith spoke at length. He, Margaret Dixon & Linda Barnes had investigated this. He showed several mock ups. The option preferred by the meeting was 2 folded sheets making a 4 page leaflet costing possibly £150/1,000 to print. All agreed to go ahead and produce leaflets. Thanks were extended to Martin, Margaret and Linda.

NB. The sales offices at the new housing developments will not display our leaflets.

Action - To discuss later how to deliver them.

Martin will e-mail out a sample leaflet for churches to supply a photo, address, web site, land line number, 20 word description and 150 word explanation - in one month. This would be to produce a discussion document not the final leaflet. If your church cannot supply it in this time please let Teresa know. **Action – All churches**

Following a discussion about publicising CTL, all the churches are asked if they have an expert who could display our information on Facebook.
If Martin is given links to churches' web sites he will put them on the CTL web site. Also he encouraged reps to contribute Gospel messages for the website.

9. Dementia Friendly Churches.

Christine Holmes gave out sheets detailing how to sign up to the charter. The council is keen to get all the churches involved. There are simple inexpensive things we can all do to help members of our congregations or visitor who have dementia.

10. Churches Together in Lancashire.

Anton Muller, Churches Together in Lancashire Ecumenical Officer has offered to take any service on the 5th Sunday of the month. 29th September 10.30am at URC. He would like it to be an ecumenical service, all are invited.

11. AOB.

a) Brian Ashman of Leyland Radio would like more people to consider having services broadcast from their churches, URC, St James', and LMC are all looking into doing this. All other churches are also asked to consider participating.

b) Food Bank. Two requests to be publicised.

- i. Can all food be dropped off at St Mary' between 10am -12noon.
- ii. A plea for carrier bags for distributing the food.

12. The meeting closed with the CTL prayer.

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

Wed 8th May – Leyland Methodist

Thurs 4th July – St Ambrose

AGM Mon 23rd Sept – St Andrew's