

CHUCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 14th November 2019 at Leyland URC

1) Welcome and Prayers

Chairman Teresa opened the meeting and welcomed new Clergy
A Prayer from Methodist Prayer Handbook was read by Muriel Butler

2) Attendance:

Baptist Church	Michael O'Donnell
Leyland Methodist	Rev Gill Welch, Kathryn Grannell, David Marston
Midge Hall Methodist	Deacon Ellen Monk-Winstanley, Eileen Cuerden, Muriel Butler
St Ambrose	Eileen and Robert Haydock
St Andrews	Rev David Whitehouse, Edna Finch
St Marys RC Church	Teresa and Martin Smith, Mike Cowburn
United Reformed	Christine Holmes (V/Chair) and Eddie Reynolds
St James	Rev Margaret Jones, Maddie Parkinson, Nerys Brown
St Johns	Peter Fitton, Diane Barnard

Apologies

Baptist Church	Sandra Crawford, Liz Hamilton, Carol Stunell
Holy Apostles	Rebecca Higgs
St Ambrose	Rev Duncan Clarke, Rita Braithwaite
St Andrews	Margaret Dixon
St James	Rev Marc Wolverson
St Johns	Rev Andy Meeson, Rev Barbara Wilson

3) Minutes of the 4th July 2019 were read and signed

4) Matters Arising There were no matters arising.

5) Past Events

Quiz Night in September had been well attended and enjoyed
Rev Anton Muller, Churches Together in Lancashire County Ecumenical Officer had led
Worship at URC 29th September the service had been broadcast on Leyland Radio
Ecumenical service for the Country at St Mary's had been well received by those attending.

6) Future Events

- a) **Tesco Fare Share Thursday/Friday 21-22 November** 2 helpers only from each Church
- b) Christmas Lights switch on at The Cross 5pm Thursday 21st November, Lostock Hall Band and **One Voice Choir** will sing, refreshments in St Andrews Hall, then Carols with Band and Choir in Church
- c) Leyland Christmas Festival 23rd Nov – **Christingle Service 4.30pm at United Reformed Church**
- d) **General Election - Hustings** - Venue will be URC dates yet to be confirmed.
- e) **Leyland Band and One Voice Choir Concert** at Vehicle Museum Saturday 1st December, Tickets £10.00 includes Mince Pie and Mulled Wine
- f) **One Voice Choir at Tesco 11-12 Saturday 7th December**
- g) **Christmas Decoration Workshop at Leyland Methodist Church Saturday 7th December** request for Cakes and help with Coffee Bar, and Raffle Prizes needed - to be taken Wednesday 4th morning to Brenda Marsden of Flower Group
- h) **Lancashire Sings Christmas Thursday 19th December** – Radio Lancashire will be at Tesco Extra, Towngate Leyland introducing the 'Godly Play Bus.
Midge Hall Church at The Lodge, Buckshaw Village
- i) **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Main Service 3pm Sunday 19th 2020 at St James - Tues 21st 12 noon at St Johns – Thurs 23rd 7pm Leyland Baptist Saturday 25th January 12 noon at St Mary's RC Church** – all Services will be followed with light refreshments. *Poster to be sent out by email after Christmas.*

j) Extra food is always donated to the Food Bank during November and December because of this additional help is needed to move food from Tesco to St Mary's – **Volunteers needed** contact Teresa if you can help.

7) **OUTREACH LEAFLET** – Martin Smith circulated the final version, decision needed on how many to print, where and how they will be distributed – David Marston and Peter Fitton will join Martin to look at this. Mike Cowburn was thanked for his artwork in producing the leaflet.

8) **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LANCASHIRE** – Teresa sends on any information she receives

9) **FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION** - Teresa asked the meeting how do we impact from what we are doing as Churches Together in Leyland?, how do we spread the word? make an impact? We need to look at 'Holiday Hunger' 2020 in the New Year to address this situation.

Some Churches have a dedicated CTL noticeboard with names of Reps, CTL is included on their meeting Agendas, printed in weekly and monthly Newsletters, their congregations regularly give to the Food Bank. CTL organise Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer, and Good Friday Service which attracted well over 100 people this year.

Our 3 new Clergy members were invited to give their impressions of CTL:

We may have differences, but we have more in common, Witness and Outreach, Worship and Praying together, a suggestion of **Quarterly Services** was proposed and accepted and the following dates were offered: **Sunday 16th February at Leyland Methodist Church – May at St James, August St Mary's and October at St Ambrose** – *Dates and times to be confirmed*. Teresa thanked Rev Gill, Rev Margaret and Rev David for their input. CTL groups to be invited to attend future CTL meetings and explain what they do.

10) **AOB** - Robert informed the meeting that St Ambrose Harvest Festival evensong was broadcast on Leyland Radio.

Teresa apologised that the One Voice Choir annual report was not included in the AGM reports. Teresa informed the meeting that she had had correspondence from Sandra Roberts from Blackpool Street Angel Volunteers but felt it had reached her in error and no further action was needed.

A card was signed by the meeting, sending best wishes to Past Chairman Margaret Dixon

11) **CLOSING PRAYER** - The meeting joined together to say the CTL Prayer and The Grace.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2010 ST AMBROSE – Diane Barnard to give opening Prayer

MONDAY 1ST JUNE BAPTIST CHURCH

AGM THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER LEYLAND METHODIST CHURCH