

**Churches Together in Leyland**  
**Minutes of the meeting at St Ambrose Church**  
**on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm**

**Present**

Greek Orthodox	Rebecca Higgs	St Mary's	Teresa Smith
Leyland Methodist	Malcolm Thomson		Martin Smith
Midge Hall	Eileen Cuerden	St James'	Maddy Parkinson
St Ambrose	Duncan Clarke		Nerys Brown
	Robert Haydock	St John's	Rev Nick Procter
	Eileen Haydock	United Reformed	Rev David Coaker
St Andrew's	Margaret Dixon		Linda Barnes
	Edna Finch		Eddie Reynolds

**Apologies**

Greek Orthodox	Father Dionysios-James	St John's	Peter Fitton
Midge Hall	Millie Worthington		Rev Alistair McHaffie
	Deacon Ellen Monk Winstanley		Rev Barbara Wilson
St Mary's	Fr Jonathan Cotton	United Reformed	Ann Gill

**1. Welcome and prayers**

Margaret welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Rev Duncan Clarke opened in prayer.

**2. Attendance and apologies**

As above.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

Item 5. Treasurers report. Subs were going to rise to £150 from £100. After discussion it was decided they would rise to £120 from September 2014.

Item 8. Women's day of prayer. The time had changed to 7.00pm from 4.00pm. The minutes were then approved as being an accurate account of the meeting.

**4. Matters arising**

None reported.

**5. Treasurers report**

Robert Haydock, treasurer, reported there was £1,035.50 in the account and £649.94 in a special account.

**6. Update on groups**

**Furniture scheme** – (fuller report attached). The floor to the van has now been repaired. Costs have been met by the Rotary Club. Volunteer needed in the future to replace existing co-ordinator plus two driver volunteers are also needed. Lancashire County Council have given the scheme £169 recognising that goods have been recycled rather than going to the dump.

**Tools for self reliance** – No report

**One voice choir** – The choir continue to practice weekly and have event at St Mary's on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**Credit union** – Rev Dave Coaker reports the CU has two to three people each week coming in for loans and six people are currently paying into it. There are enough volunteers but always room for more and the scheme is going well.

**Food bank** – (fuller report attached). Food bank is open Monday to Friday. 10.00am to 12.00noon and Saturday and Sunday 12.00pm to 1.00pm. More food is needed as is publicity for the need for food.

Ideas of ways to support the food bank were discussed;

1. Supporting of the scheme say 50p per week. Teresa Smith to get in touch with Lesley Raven about standing orders for this.
2. An open letter to local supermarkets asking them if they have any ideas as to how they can support the food bank.
3. Letter to the Guardian publishing the foodbank.

Margaret Dixon as Chair said that these ideas will be taken to the Exec.

**Web site** – (fuller report attached). Agenda item.

## 7. Past Events

**Christmas with South Ribble** – very well attended with lots of children in and around the URC from 2.00 to 4.30pm. The Christingle at the URC was exceptionally well attended.

**Carols at Hazel House** – at least 20 to 25 people from different churches attended. The singing lasted for around 30 minutes followed by chatting to the residents. The staff were very positive and asked us to come back.

**Carols at Market Square** – around eight to 10 people from different churches stood outside the front of the market hall for about an hour. Mince pies and chocolates were handed out. Rev Phil Gough played guitar, a good time was had by all.

## 8. Future events

**Women's day of prayer** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Midge Hall Methodist, 7.00pm. Ten people were needed to do the reading, these people were duly found from different churches and asked to arrive there slightly earlier to practice. Eileen gave out posters for church noticeboards.

**Good Friday** – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. The idea is to congregate outside Leyland fish and chip shop at 10.00am. The walk will commence in that area, walk across the zebra crossing, past Tesco, around the back of Tesco and cross over the road to St Andrew's for a 10.30am service. Stewards are needed for this and the following people were asked to find two stewards from their respective churches:-

St Andrew's – Margaret Dixon  
St John's – Rev Nick Proctor  
St Ambrose – Robert Haydock  
URC – Linda Barnes

St James' – Maddy Parkinson  
Midge Hall – Eileen Cuerden  
Leyland Methodist – Malcolm Thomson

Each church were asked to check their insurance and not to put the above route and details in the church notices just yet. Margaret reported that the route and timings will be given out in good time. Would people please let Margaret know who are going to be the reps and if they have high visual jackets.

**Leyland summer festival** – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Rebecca had just attended a meeting organised by the Council for those wishing to have floats in this year's festival which has the theme of the world. It was suggested that representatives go back to their churches and talk about ideas for this and report back at the next meeting. Rebecca reported that booking forms need to be in by 5<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **9. Constitution Review and Update**

The review and update will be emailed to representatives before the next AGM. The exec propose two changes which will be helpful. The review needs updating every five years the next one being due in 2018 co-incides with CTL being 50 years old.

#### **10. Brochure**

The CTL brochure needs updating as some church times have changes and there are different ministers. Margaret asked if people knew of anyone in their churches who would be willing to obtain three quotes for the design and printing of the brochure. The said person would report back to the exec before going ahead.

#### **11. Website**

Martin Smith asked if anyone had experience of web design to let him know as soon as possible. It was decided that CTL would look at local companies also and find out costs of running a website. Ideas would be taken to the exec. Again as with the brochure items are out of update and need updating.

#### **12. Week of prayer**

Rev Dave Coaker reported that he was still waiting confirmation from three churches. He gave details of churches and dates:-

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm – joint service at St Mary's

12 noon services lasting 30mins followed by light refreshments (unless otherwise stated):

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	- St James CofE, Slater Lane
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	- St Andrews CofE, Worden Lane
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	- St Mary's RC Church, Broadfield Drive
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	- at all churches within regular services
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	- Leyland Methodist, Turpin Green Lane
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	- Leyland URC, Hough Lane
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	- Midge Hall Methodist Church, Longmeanygate
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	- Orthodox Church, Leyland Lane
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	- St Ambrose CofE, Moss Lane

#### **13. Any other business**

Rev Nick Proctor asked if anything had come about of the idea of having outreach in Hough Lane at the time of the week of prayer. Nothing had been organised and was decided to discuss this next year.

**14. Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, United Reformed

**15. Closing prayer** – Rev Dave Coaker closed in prayer