

## **Churches Together in Leyland Meeting Leyland Baptist Church 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm**

### Attendance

Leyland Baptist	Pastor Liz Hamilton, Ade Michael
Leyland Methodist Marsden	Kath Grannell - Minute Secretary, David Marston, Brenda
Midge Hall Methodist	Deacon Ellen Monk-Winstanley
St Ambrose	Fr Paul Robinson, Janet Singleton, Louisa McFarlane
St Andrew's	Margaret Dixon
St James	Nerys Brown,
St John's	Rev Andy Meeson, Rev Barbara Wilson, Peter Fitton - Treasurer
St Mary's	Martin Smith, Teresa Smith - Chairman,
United Reformed Church	Christine Holmes - Vice Chairman, Eddie Reynolds

### Apologies

Leyland Methodist	Rev Gill Welsh
Midge Hall Methodist	Muriel Butler
St Ambrose	Rita Braithwaite
St James	Rev Marc Wolverson, Maddy Parkinson
St John's	Diane Barnard

**Opening Prayer** - Pastor Liz Hamilton opened the meeting with prayer.

**Matters Arising** - Churches Together in Leyland policies (Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Lone Working) will be distributed with the minutes. Teresa thanked those that helped with the development of the policies.

Within the Safeguarding policy it cites that a CTL Safeguarding Officer is required. CTL will be looking to try to fill the post after a discussion at the next meeting. Training for the Furniture Scheme and Foodbank volunteers in Health and Safety and Safeguarding will take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Past Events** -

*November* - Tesco Fareshare Thank you to those who helped with this

One Voice Choir sang at the Christmas Lights switch on at the Cross

Christmas in Leyland was delayed by one week due to bad weather.

*December*- - One Voice Choir raised £99.31 for the Furniture Scheme singing at Tesco

Lancashire Sings Christmas was cancelled in person and everyone was encouraged to join from home due to high Covid 19 infection rates.

*January* - - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We were unable to have the first service of the week at URC because building work commenced. The main service was at St Mary's and the final service at St Ambrose.

*March* - World Day of Prayer a much better attendance than previous years. Some ministers had encouraged attendance others came to pray because of Ukraine.

## **Upcoming Events –**

*April* - Good Friday Witness 15<sup>th</sup> April led by St John's church. Refreshments after will be at St Mary's Community Centre.

*June 2<sup>nd</sup>* - Leyland Festival on Worden Park, entrance free. Theme 'Great British'. This is a good opportunity with the general public and to raise the profile of Churches Together in Leyland. Pastor Liz hopes a group of volunteers will help her with a 'messy church' activities. A sheet was passed round to gauge possible help.

If you can help please contact Liz at [pastor@leylandbaptist.org.uk](mailto:pastor@leylandbaptist.org.uk)

## **DISCUSSION**

Everyone formed a large group to follow up on comments and suggestions from the last meeting.

It was suggested we should appeal to the youth via a Facebook page. No-one present was able to take this forward.

There was general acceptance that everyone wanted CTL to continue however ministers are busy in their own churches and CTL is extra.

A service for Ukraine was suggested

Suggested that every church had a poster listing what CTL does Foodbank, Furniture Scheme etc. and ask for volunteers.

At present there is a vacancy for a CTL secretary, as no-one stepped forward this puts a lot of extra work on Teresa.

CTL's strength is its differences.

How well the churches work together is seen in the way the Foodbank works with the volunteers from all the churches

Good Friday at the Cross is a better witness than the old walks between churches.

Perhaps we should *concentrate on fewer things done very well*. This was accepted by the group as a way forward.

Good Friday and Leyland Festival are occasions when the public can be told. About CTL.

## **DECISION**

To drop World Day of Prayer and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity as both these are mainly attended by CTL ministers and Reps, with only a few congregation members attending (These services may be too structured, too liturgical for some churches and congregations).

It was acknowledged that the Harvey's service was good. A suggestion that CTL organise a memorial service involving all funeral directors was discussed, not in November when other churches have remembrance services.

However after the idea was thought through this was thought to be impractical as all churches would also want to do their own service, so it would double up the work!

It was suggested that the AGM was kept in its current format and other meetings would be topic based, like sub-groups.

It was seen as essential that CTL had a **fund-raising group**. For a newer Furniture van and for other items needed e.g. messy church items.

It was suggested to have a Social Evening which could be a fundraiser.

CTL next year will not do WDP and WPCU

CTL will do Good Friday, Leyland Festival.

Clarify if CTL will do Lancashire Sings Christmas.

## **Refugees**

Pastor Liz spoke about Ukrainian refugees. The Baptist church wants to do something for refugees. But what is clear is that there needs to be co-ordination between the churches to ensure that all the provision from churches does not happen on the same day.

A sheet was circulated to find out what if any provision was being planned by other churches. Teresa had sent the form to Holy Apostles church and the Pentecostal church. As Liz finds out more information she will advise Teresa who will circulate to the group.

There is a question about provision for other refugees who may come to the town.

## **AOB**

Teresa advised that there had been a request from Pastor Adam Saunders, Church of the Nazarene who wanted to join CTL. He intends to plant a church in Leyland later in the year. He will be invited to the next CTL meeting and his details will be sent to Rev Barbara Wilson who has agreed to invite Pastor Adam to the next ministers breakfast meeting.

## **DATES**

Thursday                      2<sup>nd</sup> June                                      Leyland Festival, Worden Park.

Tuesday                        14<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm                              CTL Meeting at St Ambrose

*\*\*NB change of date due to changes at St Mary's on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.*

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September @ 7.30pm AGM at URC** (including social for Fr Jonathan leaving Leyland)

The meeting closed with everyone singing to 'We Seek Your Kingdom', a prayerful / thoughtful hymn with words on the video.