

Churches Together in Leyland
Meeting Minutes for 14th June 2022 at 7.30pm
Venue St Ambrose Church, Moss Lane

Opening Prayer (Teresa)

Welcome to Pastor Adam Sanders, Church of the Nazarene as an observer.

Attendance

Leyland Methodist	Rev Gill Welsh, Kath Grannell, David Marston, Brenda Marsden
St Ambrose	Fr Paul Robinson, Mother Mo Baldwin, Janet Singleton, Louisa McFarlane
St James	Nerys Brown, Maddy Parkinson
St John's	Rev Barbara Wilson, Diane Barnard
St Mary's	Martin Smith, Teresa Smith - Chairman,
United Reformed Church	Christine Holmes - Vice Chairman

Apologies

Leyland Baptist	Pastor Liz Hamilton
Midge Hall Methodist	Deacon Ellen Monk-Winstanley, Muriel Butler
St Ambrose	Rita Braithwaite
St John's	Rev Andy Meeson, Peter Fitton - Treasurer
United Reformed Church	Eddie Reynolds

Welcome to Mother Mo Baldwin, a new clergy member from St Ambrose Church.

Matters Arising

Lancashire Sings Christmas 2022 - Christine Holmes offered the URC as a venue for 2022. More advertising is vital.

CTL Safeguarding post – If we are unable to appoint a Safeguarding Officer then the Safeguarding Officers at each church will also need to cover CTL activities. We have a Safeguarding Policy to comply with the insurance policy. There is no need for the safeguarding officer to attend CTL meetings. Gill Welsh will ask one of the safeguarding officers at LMC, to cover this post.

CTL Social. Maybe we could hold this in the Autumn as a Fund Raiser. Teresa will discuss with Barbara Wilson.

Adam Sanders introduced himself. He is an associate minister at the Church of the Nazarene in Bolton. He hopes to plant a church in Leyland in March 2023. Events to start in September. They will meet in Moss Side Community Centre. He hopes the newly planted church will eventually join CTL, but this may depend on whether their church belongs to Churches Together in England.

Past Events

Good Friday - all agreed this was a good event. All the left over refreshments went to the asylum seekers at the Leyland Hotel.

Leyland Festival - Teresa read Liz Hamilton's report. See attached file. Liz was disappointed by the lack of support from the churches but has learnt several worthwhile lessons and has recommended several changes for next year.

It was noted that reps should report requests for help back to their churches. It is important to reply even if the reply is that no one can help.

The organising was very hard work and it was very sad that there was so little support when CTL is now involved in less events.

Upcoming Events

2022 AGM is to be held on **Wednesday 14th September** at the URC at 7.30pm.

Fr Jonathan leaves Leyland on 5th September. No details yet of his Farewell.

Pastor Liz Hamilton's ordination is on Saturday 1st October 2.30pm at the Baptist Church followed by refreshments. Numbers needed. Teresa will mail out the invite.

Updates

Refugees / Asylum Seekers – Teresa read Liz Hamilton's report. See attached file. Liz detailed what has been achieved so far. She asked for volunteers to teach English, to run a music group and to run a chess group.

General discussion followed. English Language classes currently at Midge Hall Methodist church, hope to move to Leyland Methodist Church, which is easy walking distance from the hotel.

To clarify: Those housed at the Leyland Hotel are asylum seekers.

The Ukrainian refugees are living in family homes.

Asylum seekers are not allowed to do paid work or be paid in kind. Any 'Add Hock' help they do we can give them food etc. as long as the help is not replacing a paid position. Mother Mo Baldwin has expertise in this area from a previous project.

A small group are being helped by, possibly more than one church, whereas others may be having no help from any churches. Greater co-ordination needed.

Discussions / Looking forward to next year

Members were invited to join one or more of 5 groups.

Good Friday Christine Holmes, Louisa McFarlane

Leyland Festival Rev Barbara Wilson, David Marston

2023 Joint Worship/Service Fr Paul Robinson/ Mother Mo Baldwin, Diane Barnard

Refugees / Asylum Seekers Fr Paul Robinson/ Mother Mo Baldwin, Janet Singleton,
Martin Smith, Brenda Marsden, Kath Grannell

Teresa will contact members not present for their choices.

Each group can meet as often as they wish and should invite other members to their meetings. Notes should be taken and circulated after each meeting.

Fund Raising – This group is urgently needed for the Furniture Scheme van, the van insurance and Public Liability insurance. As no one chose this group, all reps will be members of this group.

Fr Paul Robinson asked if we should meet to pray? And to listen to God? What does God want us to do? He said he will set aside a date and time monthly when St Ambrose church will be open for prayer for CTL and all will be invited. First time is **Wednesday 6th July 10am** for CTL prayer.

It was suggested that CTL should hold one meeting each term plus the AGM with time for prayers and to hear back from groups. January, April, June/July with AGM in September.

AOB

Diary date 6th July 7.30pm One Voice Choir Concert at St Mary's Community Centre. Posters and tickets were distributed.

Teresa suggested sending a card or letter to Fr Jonathan to let him know how much we have appreciated his support and to send him good wishes on his retirement.

The meeting closed by all joining in the CTL Prayer.

Future meeting dates

AGM Wednesday 14th September at the URC at 7.30pm.