



## **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHESHIRE**

**JUNE 2020**

The work of Churches Together in Cheshire continues to be maintained in two spheres of operation:

- The work of the Ecumenical Development Officer, Revd. Andrew Taylor, focuses on the responsibilities of the Trustees as The Intermediate Body in relation to uniting churches and the encouragement of both cross-denominational co-operation and activity and wider networking amongst Christians of all backgrounds within Cheshire.
- The Trustees also continue to be the sponsoring body for the Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy, which has continued to provide a crucial service to the farming community of the county. The Chaplaincy is well-regarded and valued within the farming community.

Revd. Helen Kirk, who took up appointment as Chair of the Chester and Stoke Methodist District in September 2019 has replaced Revd. Paul Barber as a Trustee of the Charity. The Rt. Revd. Peter Forster retired as Bishop of Chester, and as a Trustee in September 2019 and to date no successor is in post.

Churches Together in Cheshire continues to support and encourage a variety of enterprises across Cheshire which involve and require working across different church backgrounds and traditions. These include: food banks, street pastor schemes, winter night shelters, CAP projects, as well as other occasions when, as part of the faith community, there is active engagement with local government and statutory bodies. The engagement of Churches Together in Cheshire with issues of Modern Slavery continues and the charity is represented on the Cheshire Anti-Slavery Network. There is close co-operation with The Clewer Initiative, the Church Of England's national response to this issue, and the Ecumenical Development Officer has worked with the Diocese in rolling out the Initiative's training and awareness programme across the county.

Events and activities of Churches Together in Cheshire are shaped by the regular expectations of the church calendar. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is promoted and a service held this year in Chester Cathedral, attended by all church leaders and addressed by Lord Alton of Liverpool. The service followed the format prepared by the churches of Malta who had chosen the theme of 'Unusual Kindness'. The service included the involvement of children from a local primary school

Active links are maintained with other non-denominational bodies such as Linkup, and Pause for Hope, which, whilst not sponsored by Churches Together in Cheshire, mark an encouraging ecumenical spirit. In addition there are many times of shared worship, study and discussion, and a growing number of occasions when church leaders in the various towns and villages in the county get together in prayer and

fellowship, marking and reflecting the essential common basis of their Christian faith. A growing emphasis has been given to the period of 'Thy Kingdom Come', the national prayer initiative which runs between Ascension Day and Pentecost, and the Ecumenical Development Officer has taken on responsibility for promoting and supporting this as the initiative enters its fifth year. There has been a deliberate emphasis of activities and events being local and ecumenical. Churches Together in Cheshire is also part of Churches Together in England and has been represented at the CTE's national ecumenical gatherings whilst continuing to work closely with the other ecumenical bodies across the north west of England.

A quarterly newsletter is circulated throughout Cheshire giving information, both of ecumenical activities within the county, and of wider ecumenical developments across the country.

The Trustees continue to monitor the financial condition of the charity. This includes the funding of the Agricultural Chaplaincy, and in the past year the Chaplaincy has received a number of significant grants and donations to support its work. This has both helped to ensure a more secure financial future for the Chaplaincy and been the basis on which the Chaplaincy has been able to expand its operations and grow the numbers within the team. The Management Committee has met regularly, under the Chairmanship of Revd. Peter Barber, and now Revd. Helen Kirk on behalf of the Charity's Trustee. The Chaplaincy also continues to receive financial support from denominational church bodies and individual churches, as well as from Health Authorities mindful of the support the Chaplaincy gives to isolated and stressed farmers vulnerable to mental health conditions.

The Trustees are grateful to Andrew Taylor, to the team of Agricultural Chaplains for their work and to Derek Pearce for his efficient work as Assistant Treasurer..

Revd Jacky Embrey

Chair of Trustees

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHESHIRE**

**ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

		<u>INCOME</u> 2019		<u>INCOME</u> 2018		<u>EXPENSES</u> 2019		<u>EXPENSES</u> 2018	
COUNTY ECUMENICAL OFFICER GENERAL FUNDS		£	£	£	£	COUNTY ECUMENICAL OFFICER GENERAL FUNDS		£	£
Denominational Contributions:-						Annual Subscriptions (CTIE etc.)		350.00	350.00
Baptists North West		650.00		630.00		Insurance		365.95	1073.51
Diocese of Chester		4060.00		3937.50		Cathedral Service expenses			
Diocese of Shrewsbury				4179.00		General Fund expenditure		437.00	242.00
Methodist Church Chester & Stoke		1135.00		1102.50		Treasurer:-			
Methodist District Liverpool		340.00		325.50		Honorarium		750.00	600.00
Quakers Wirral & Chester		170.00		325.50		Expenses		371.82	242.56
Quakers East Cheshire		170.00		315.00					
Salvation Army Central North Div		325.00		1260.00		<u>COUNTY ECUMENICAL OFFICER</u>			
URC Mersey Synod		1300.00				Salary		7,772.49	7543.62
						Expenses		2,390.90	2581.85
Bank Interest		83.71		28.22					
<b>CEO GENERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		8233.71	12103.22	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CEO GENERAL FUNDS</b>		12438.16	12633.54
<u>AGRICULTURAL CHAPLAINCY</u>			<u>INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>AGRICULTURAL CHAPLAINCY</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>
<u>Donations &amp; Grants:-</u>						Subscriptions			
Donations from individual groups	28940.48			23269.88		Insurance		731.89	
Fund Raising Events income	16258.16			932.30		Fund Raising Events expenses		4958.00	1809.05
East Cheshire CCG	9425.00			1885.00		<u>Agricultural Chaplain &amp; P.A. :-</u>			
South Cheshire CCG	10000.00			3320.00		K Ineson:-		2604.80	2043.05
Vale Royal CCG				2064.00		<u>S Mayer</u>			
Western Cheshire CCG	4000.00			5333.32		Salary		21957.48	21313.47
Diocese of Chester	7500.00					Pension		1317.45	1278.81
Diocese of Shrewsbury				2000.00		Expenses		3172.44	2556.44
Methodist Church Trustees	15000.00								
URC Mersey Synod	4500.00			4500.00					
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	2979.50			432.60					

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**BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES**

Opening balance 1st January 2019	£	£	1st January 2018	£
CAF CASH	15794.53		£36,216.94	
CAF GOLD	55778.40	71572.93	£25,750.18	61967.12
Income for year	2019	131795.05	2018	75804.12
Expenditure for year	2019	89566.20	2018	66198.31
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Signed

Date

26 May 2020

Name of examiner

Andrew Carter

Address

5 Copper Wood Cuddington Cheshire CW8 2UN

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CEO Funds	31/12/2019		17633.05
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