

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHESHIRE

JUNE 2019

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.

Churches Together in Cheshire continues to support and encourage a variety of enterprises in many parts of the county 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, co-ordinating a Pan-Cheshire Strategy in respect of Modern Slavery, agreed by all the local authorities and Cheshire Police. There is close co-operation with The Clewer Initiative, the Church Of England's national response to this issue, and the Ecumenical Development Officer works with the Diocese in rolling out the Initiative's training and awareness programme across the county.

A number of the events and activities of Churches Together in Cheshire are shaped by the regular expectations of the church calendar. Therefore the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is promoted and a service held this year hosted by the Churches of Frodsham with Fiona Bruce, one of the county's MPs giving the address. The service followed the format prepared by the churches of Indonesia who had chosen the theme of 'Justice and only justice you shall pursue', which the speaker was able to address.

Active links are maintained with other non-denominational bodies such as Salt of the Earth, 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 local church leaders get together in prayer and fellowship, marking and reflecting the essential common basis of their Christian faith. 'Thy Kingdom Come', the national prayer initiative which runs between Ascension Day and Pentecost has been a growing focus for the work of the Ecumenical Development Officer as the initiative enters its fourth year with an increasingly ecumenical emphasis. Churches Together in Cheshire is also part of Churches Together in England and has been represented at the Tri-ennial Forum of CTE and other 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. It is now possible to appoint an Assistan Chaplain to help with the growing caseload of the Lead Chaplain. The Management Committee has met regularly, under the Chairmanship of Revd. Peter Barber, the Chairman of the Stoke and Chester Methodist District and a Charity 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.

In the last year the formal responsibilities of the Trustees in respect of Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) within the county, have changed, in the light of decisions of Churches Together in England with recognition and oversight now being a matter for the participating denominations, no longer needing collective recognition by the Intermediate Body.

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. The commitment over the years of Revd. Peter Barber and Rt Revd. Peter Forster, Bishop of Chester to the work of Churches Together in Cheshire is also appreciated and should be recorded as they retire from their respective positions.

Revd Phil Jump
Chairman of Trustees

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHESHIRE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2018

			<u>INCOME</u>		<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>
			2018		2017		2018		2017
COUNTY ECUMENICAL OFFICER GENERAL FUNDS							COUNTY ECUMENICAL OFFICER GENERAL FUNDS		
		£	£		£		£		£
Denominational Contributions:-							Annual Subscriptions (CTIE etc.)		
Baptists North West			630.00		600.00		Insurance		
Diocese of Chester			3937.50		3750.00		Cathedral Service expenses		
Diocese of Shrewsbury			4179.00		3980.00		General Fund expenditure		
Methodist Church Chester & Stoke			1102.50		1050.00		Treasurer:-		
Methodist District Liverpool			325.50		310.00		Honorarium		
Quakers Wirral & Chester			325.50		310.00		Expenses		
Salvation Army Central North Div			315.00		300.00				
URC Mersey Synod			1260.00				COUNTY ECUMENICAL OFFICER		
			12075.00		1200.00		Salary		
							Expenses		
Bank Interest			28.22		8.69				
CEO GENERAL FUNDS		TOTAL	12103.22	TOTAL	11508.69		CEO GENERAL FUNDS		12633.54
									12656.43
AGRICULTURAL CHAPLAINCY			<u>INCOME</u>		<u>INCOME</u>		AGRICULTURAL CHAPLAINCY	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Donations & Grants:-							Subscriptions		
Donations from individual groups			23269.88		32625.96				
Fund Raising Events income			932.30		9130.51		Fund Raising Events expenses		
East Cheshire CCG			1885.00		7540.00		Agricultural Chaplain & P.A. :-		
South Cheshire CCG			3320.00		9960.00		K Ineson:-		
Vale Royal CCG			2064.00		2064.00		S Mayer		
Western Cheshire CCG			5333.32		2400.00		Salary		
Diocese of Chester					7500.00		Pension		
Diocese of Shrewsbury			2000.00		2000.00		Expenses		
Methodist Church Trustees					7500.00		National Insurance		
URC Mersey Synod			4500.00		4500.00				
Gift Aid Tax Refunds			432.60		851.72				

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<u>Donations & Grants:-</u>						<u>Rimmer R</u>			
						Consultancy Fees	5700.00		11135.00
Brightlife Project			4630.00			Expenses	859.76		776.47
Trips			904.00			Pension	45.90		1040.40
Gay Farmers Grant			1784.80			National Insurance			174.72
Annual Dinner			2225.00			<u>Associate Chaplains</u>			
New Chaplain Grant			10300.00			<u>Honoraria:-</u>	630.00		525.00
						<u>Expenses:-</u>			
						Hawkins S	168.65		124.10
						Haworth C	1163.85		802.24
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						<u>Rutter H</u>			107.90
						Consultancy Fees	£2,174.00		
						Expenses	£649.53		
						<u>Graham S</u>			
						Consultancy Fees	£3,178.00		
						Expenses	£519.11		
						General Fund expenditure	2835.60		1347.84
						Gay Farmers			
						Welfare	490.54		621.84
Benevolence Fund			120.00			Brightlife Project	£2,219.55		
						Trips	£904.00		
						Capital Expenditure	£182.46		
AGRICULTURAL CHAPLAINCY	TOTAL		63700.90		86072.19	AGRICULTURAL CHAPLAINCY	53564.77		45636.65
						BIG LOTTERY FUND			11107.71
<u>TOTAL OF ALL INCOME</u>	TOTAL		75804.12	TOTAL	97580.88	<u>TOTAL OF ALL EXPENSES</u>	66198.31		69400.79

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

<u>Opening balance 1st January 2018</u>				<u>1st January 2017</u>	
		£	£		£

CAF CASH		£36,216.94		18045.54	
CAF GOLD		£25,750.18	61967.12	15741.49	33787.03

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<u>Ag Chap Funds</u>	1/1/2018		39599.30
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