

AGM of Churches Together in Lancashire October 16th 2018 Whalley Abbey

AGENDA

Apologies: + Tom Williams, + John Arnold + Philip, Revd Andrew Mills, Revd Liz Jewitt, Revd Martin Duerden, Mr Jim Fisher (Treasurer)

Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday 19th October 2017, Blackburn Cathedral

The meeting took place in the Crypt following a well attended Commemoration of the Reformation in the Cathedral.

+ John Arnold was appointed chair.

The County Ecumenical Officer delivered a report on behalf of the Trustees and a financial summary pending publication of annual report. (circulated)

Mr Jim Fisher was received as the new Treasurer of Churches Together in Lancashire and thanks were given to Mr Keith Slater.

+Julian closed with prayer.

Signed: Anton Müller (Chair of Meeting) 16th October 2018

2.30pm “Relating to New Churches:
A presentation by Richard Bradbury: Ground Level

3.00pm The AGM of Churches Together in Lancashire

Annual Report given by the Revd Anton Müller Ecumenical Officer CTL
Finance Report, Year ending December 31st 2017 Circulated &
summary of 2018 presented

Matters arising from the reports.

Appointment of Trustees: To include representative(s) from local groups.

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Report of the behalf of the Trustees of Churches Together in Lancashire

The last 12 Months in brief:

October 2017: Churches Together in Lancashire has presented a commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of Reformation. This was attended by 250 people and took place in Blackburn Cathedral. Presentations were given by the Archbishop of Westminster's Ecumenical Officer, Fr John O'Toole and Pastor George Samiec, Vice President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Britain.

December 2017: Lancashire Sings Christmas. About 100 gatherings took place around the County; this year the announcement to Mary by the Angel Gabriel was read from the Qur'an and read by Waseelah Smedley, President of the Lancaster University Islamic Society. More local groups reported going out in small groups to those unable to go out as part of a strategy to reach out to the socially isolated members of our community. Lancashire Sings Christmas will take place on Thursday 20th December this year. The focus will be Poverty and Hope and a continuing focus on social isolation. It is hoped to have input from the MP for Loneliness Tracey Crouch and a message from a senior church leader.

January 2018: Many groups held a service for the week of Christian Prayer and Unity.

Lent/Easter 2018: Many groups reported holding Lent Lunches together, walks of witness and sunrise services of Easter Day. Churches Together in Scorton raised over £1,200 which was added to the Lytham Churches collection for Christian Aid projects and benefitted from an EU supplement of x5 of the total amount raised.

October 2018: Building on the work with LancashireMIND last October, CTL & LancashireMIND ran pilot presentation exploring how to support and promote good mental health for church leaders and workers. The pilot of "More Tea Vicar?" took place at Thornton Methodist Church on October 10th, World Mental Health day and was attended by thirty people. This will now roll out to other parts of Lancashire in the New Year.

LEP news: The Revd Susan Seed has been appointed to Slyne with Hest, an Anglican/URC shared building LEP; Knott End and Preesall Methodist/URC has come together to form the Lighthouse Community Church; St Mary's and St Margaret's Anglican/RC shared buildings agreement in progress; Christchurch Nelson (RC/Methodist) review under way;

Lancashire Theological Society and CTL partnership: planned events for June with Professor Keith Ward did not happen, but will take place Jan 30th-Feb 2nd 2019 for a programme entitled "Stewardship v Dominion". Events are planned for June and November 2019 also with Professor Keith Ward.

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Ecumenical Project Funding: (£4,631)

New Neighbours Together in partnership with Churches Together in Burnley £1,000
Working to support asylum seeker families and children. ¹

Christchurch Longridge & Inglewhite Congregational Church – Catering Oven £1,000
“Round the Table” bringing parents (some single and some with partners) and children (some with challenging behaviour) together to cook food, enjoy being family and to have intentional conversations regarding Christian Faith matters.

CT in Scorton – RC/Anglican/Methodist “Calder Vale Mission Hall” £1,000
Providing simple food and hot drinks, drop in and chat space for young people and weekly coffee morning, food bank drop distribution and community hub.

Muslim Encounter – programme held at Blackburn Cathedral £500
Toward the cost of hospitality/catering for a programme of dialogue and mutual understanding.

Leyland Churches Together 50th Anniversary. Catering & Speaker expenses £300

Churches Working Together in Burnley:
Catering and hospitality for the Royal Wedding Garden Party at St Mary’s RC Church as part of “Thy Kingdom Come” Celebration £300

Fairtrade Lancashire stand at Lancashire County Show £231

Meeting of the Church Leaders: The Church Leaders for Lancashire have welcomed to their meeting Pastor Ron Farrington of Crossgate Church Preston to represent the “New Churches” in Lancashire; Rex Ambler for the Lancashire Society of Friends; Bishop Paul Swarbrick, the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster and Bishop Jill Duff, the Suffragan Bishop of Lancaster in the Diocese of Blackburn. The Church Leaders are continuing their conversation on what form an ecumenical county of Lancashire could take. A 24hr residential will take place in February facilitated by the President of Churches Together in Cumbria

The CEO has held regular meetings with the Denominational Ecumenical Officers who take responsibility for raising the ecumenical agenda in their denominations with their denominational lead; encourage and guide ecumenical partnerships and activities. The CEO has represented the County of Lancashire at national Churches Together in England gatherings and with the DEOs attended the Northern Ecumenical Offices Conference in Ilkley, the National Forum at Swanwick and the Farewell service for the Revd David Cornick, General Secretary of Churches Together in England, held at Lambeth Palace. His successor is the Revd Paul Goodliffe. A significant outcome is the report “A new framework for local unity in mission”

¹ Our main expenditures include ESOL costs for class based and home lessons, travel costs for our asylum seekers who are compelled to travel for official appointments to many of our large cities**, hospitality for our sessions and parties/activities to mark cultural and seasonal occasions, local outings, help with providing school uniforms for children etc. We have had to acquire a very small office in the CVS Centre to allow for secure/confidential storage of personal records and admin, and so that there is a private space available for our people to come and talk confidentially about problems they need help with etc.

Signed:.....*Anton Müller*.....Date 16th October 2018
Chair of Meeting

Churches Together In Lancashire

Statement Of Accounts For The Year Ended 31st December 2018

Independent examiner's report on the accounts of Churches Together in Lancashire

Report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed..... Date.....

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Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st December 2018

Churches Together in Lancashire	2018		2017	
<u>Income</u>				
General Denominational Contributions		28,470		9,099
<u>Other Income</u>				
ACOS	500		22,716	
Bank Interest	20		7	
Caf Gold Interest	0		47	
Reformation	-		500	
CEO/DEO Meetings	-	520	70	23,341
Total Income		28,990		32,440
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Ecumenical Development Officer:				
Salary and Pension	15,090		14,717	
Travel and home telephone	3,371		2,688	
Consultations, courses and resources	-	18,461	13	17,417
HMRC Payments - PAYE, Tax,& NICs		1,411		1,346
Forums, conferences & local review expenses		3,725		2,173
Office Costs:				
Equipment	348		240	
Insurance	364		333	
Rents	1,200	1,912	350	924
ACOS grants		5,630		4,600
Lancashire Agricultural Show		231		207
Donations		2,600		5,000
Bank Charges		40		-
Other Expenses		1,233		876
Total Expenses		35,244		32,543
Income Less Expenditure	-	6,254	-	103
Cleared Liabilities from previous year		-		19,512
Profit for the year		- 6,254		19,408
<u>Assets</u>				
HSBC Current Account	80,068		82,739	
HSBC Deposit Account	13,358	93,426	18,124	100,863
CAF Cash Account	1		1	
CAF Gold Account	-	1	10	11
Churches Together In Scorton		1,194		-
		94,621		100,874
<u>Liabilities</u>				
General contributions received in advance		-		-
Net Assets		94,621		100,874
<u>Represented by:</u>				
Last years general funds		100,874		81,466
Balance of Income and Expenditure for the year	-	6,254		19,408
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