

## Minutes of CTWM meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 held at St Andrew's, Melton

**Present:** Mary Addington, Mike Astbury Roger Bridgeman, Katherine Eyre, Diane Giffard, Freddy Guest, Paul Hambling, John Horsley, Clive Howard, Christina Kent, Virginia Marshall, Kevan McCormack, Lyn Spall, Barbara Stear & Jean Wallace.

**Apologies:** Rachel Bass, Penny Bird, Gill Coventry, Martin Dawes, Alan Hill, Karyl Woolgar & Doug Waller

### **Welcome**

Lyn welcomed everyone especially Virginia (new Quakers representative) and Mike (standing in for Doug), and gave thank you cards to Katherine, for her and Gill who are both standing down. Alex was hoping to attend in place of Rachel but is unwell and Rachel asked if we could pray for him. Kevan opened with a prayer.

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

These were agreed and signed.

### **Election of Officers**

As nobody wished to take over any of the roles Lyn Spall Chairperson, Freddy Guest Vice-Chair, Diane Giffard Secretary & Roger Bridgeman Treasurer were re-elected for another year unanimously.

### **Brief Report of Recent Events**

#### Hustings

It was decided that there should be a prayer team, as we have prayer teams for ever other occasion we organise. There was an incident before the hustings started which Lyn phoned the prayer room about. All the candidates were told prior to the start that there was a prayer team, and 2 of them thanked Lyn afterwards for this. There was also a policeman who had been told to attend the hustings, he was told about the prayer team and was a little dismissive until Lyn pointed out that none of the town pastors would go out without a prayer team. Clive had correspondence after the event, that was very appreciative that ours was well run with respect being shown to and from all the candidates.

#### Advent Service

Everyone remarked how lovely it was that we had a Taize service for advent, and Lyn thanked St Andrew's for organising.

#### Christmas card distribution

Lyn asked everyone to thank the members of their churches for distributing the cards, something we think is a very important service to our community. Lyn was asked again this year about having smaller cards as it is difficult to get the cards through some of the older letterboxes, we have looked into this before and it just isn't very practical and is more expensive. It was mentioned that at the Methodist church as many of the congregation come from the outlying villages, they are asked to take the spare cards and deliver to their neighbours.

#### Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

It was agreed that this was another lovely service, Jean thanked everyone for coming.

#### Healing on the Street

Recently Lyn had been approached by HOTS and asked if she wanted prayer, which she gratefully agreed to because of some worries, she hopes that if people saw her sitting and being prayed with it would encourage others.

#### Open the Book

Katherine reported.

The OtB team are currently presenting the story entitled In the Beginning, the story of The Creation, Genesis 1-2 from the expanded 2008 version of the Lion Storyteller. The introductory music is Jupiter

from The Planets. They have already been to Woodbridge Primary School and St Mary's and will be at Kyson this week, they have again been asked to present their story at the former Abbey School now part of Woodbridge Prep. The story has, as in the past been well received by the children and they have joined in with enthusiasm and enjoyment.

The next story will be 'A Sad Day', being the story of The Fall, Genesis 3.

Melton OtB is at present in abeyance.

#### Town Pastors

Barbara has passed onto Diane an email from their property person at St Mary's about the state of the box in the tower, which is to do with the Town Pastor radios. Diane has passed this information on to the 'technical team'.

Although there were slightly less people on the Market Hill on New Year's eve, the hot chocolate provided from the kitchen of St Mary's church hall was well received. **Please can all churches pass on thanks to those that helped.**

#### **Finances**

The balance at present is £455.74. This is after £1107 paid for the Christmas cards and £24.48 for presents for the winners of the Christmas card design. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> party public liability insurance is due soon.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

##### Lent

St Mary's lent course is entitled 'Gifted to us not Lent' – an explanation of faith and the environment. The course starts on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm (I think).

##### Lent Lunches

Tony Waller has said this will be his last year organising the lunches, although he is willing to help a new person next year. **Please advertise for a volunteer.** Lyn will send thanks from CTWM to Tony for all his hard work over many years.

##### Good Friday Walk of Witness

Quay have offered to organise the service after the walk. Lyn thinks she maybe away over Easter and asked for a volunteer to organise. Freddy offered to find and distribute the readings, and Roger offered to stand up at the beginning to welcome people. After a discussion it was felt that we should really encourage people to do this as a silent walk this year, with maybe a hymn sung during part of the walk as last year. Lyn will ask Alan if we can borrow the portable microphone.

##### Sunrise Service

Lyn will ask Alan if the Salvation Army will be willing to organise the Sunrise Service, 6am start. Roger will organise using the club house for refreshments afterwards and people to help.

##### Christian Aid envelopes

Melton although not wanting to put through doors require 60 envelopes for their own church.

Jean requires 30 for St Thomas.

Lyn will find out about St Mary's and St John's.

##### Regatta Service

Due to the tides this year the regatta will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> May (bank holiday weekend) starting at 11am, the service will be 11.30-12. **Please ask if any members of your church would like to join the musicians.**

##### The Kingdom Come

This is a 10-day period between 21<sup>st</sup> May Ascension day and 31<sup>st</sup> May Pentecost set aside for prayer, now celebrated worldwide. We are asked to pray each day for 5 people who you would like to become Christians. Lyn would like to us to organise an event, suggestions were breakfast and prayer, a 24 hour prayer room in the thoroughfare, maybe something involving Healing on the Streets.

**Please put into your notices/pew sheets a request for any individuals who would like to help organise this.**

### Prayer Walk

Details to follow

### Big Family Day Out

A planning meeting for this event was held last week and Doug has asked all churches to get involved. It was agreed that we would donate the same sum to this event as last year.

### **AOB**

This years World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's world day of prayer) will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm at St John's and 6.30pm at St Andrew's. This year material has been produced by Zimbabwe.

Lyn will be representing Clive in Bury St Edmunds, at an event helping to 'take our faith into our communities' in Market Towns.

### **Minute News**

#### St Mary's

They have held a Candlemass service incl. Christingle. 9<sup>th</sup> February is Kevan's last service before he retires. The interviews for a replacement for Kevan have taken place, and now it is in the hands of the Bishop. 2 members are going forward for ministry, 5 adults are working towards their first communion, and 6 new elders have been appointed. George Carlo (1768) a Sabbatarian wanted to be buried in his garden with a rent of 20 shillings to go to providing bread for the poor, this was re-enacted last month.

#### Quay

Doug is leading an Alpha course, to which 25 people attend. They are presently advertising for a families minister, a buildings manager and an admin person. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm they will be hosting a performance of a Passion Play called Centurion.

#### St Andrew's

They are presently discussing how to use their church building, including an idea to take out the north side pews to create a space that could be used for children or for new toilets and office, they are also discussing extending the church hall. Bishop Mike will be talking about stewardship this Sunday. Messy Communion is changing its name to messy Sunday, as some people felt they could not attend a communion service as they were not confirmed. The little free pantry offered in the church porch, has been filmed and is on a blog, they are however still supporting the Salvation Army food bank. At present they have 1 person training to be a Lay Elder.

#### Salvation Army

No report.

#### St Thomas's

Jean again thanked everyone for their attendance at the service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

#### St John's

During the last year they have been holding 'Who let the Dad's Out' on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, a chance for Dad's and toddlers to connect, this started slowly but now sees between 10-15 Dad's most of whom are not church members. They are running 2 alpha courses, a youth course and one at Suffolk Place. They are also running a marriage preparation course. Every Monday they hold a coffee morning, and once a month this includes a 'repair workshop'. Mon-Wed during half term they are running a holiday club on the theme 'Wild West'. Clive is on Sabbatical later on in the year.

#### Methodists'

They have been running a children's club on Saturday mornings in the run up to Christmas, one of the families attending had just had a baby who was very well behaved as baby Jesus in the nativity; the club has now resumed hoping to get the children involved in some other activity during the year. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month, a computer club is running alongside the normal coffee morning, which offers help to anybody not just members with using phones, laptops etc. Martin's

Sabbatical will be April-June, but he will be hosting the manse open day on 23<sup>rd</sup> May for all you train buffs.

Quakers

This month's appeal is for The Childhood Trust, which has been set up to help children in impoverished circumstances. If you would like to know more about this please email Katherine and she will put you in touch with the gentleman who made the appeal.

An event will be held at Ipswich Meeting House, Fonnereau Road at 7pm on 19<sup>th</sup> February, entitled The Culture of Judaism at the time of Jesus. This will be presented by Nick Feldman and is open to all.

Waldringfield Gardens and Greener Waldringfield have arranged another visit to Wakelyns Farm, the best example of agroforestry in the East of England. The cost is £5 per head with a minimum cost per party of £100, If you would like to take a party please go online for Wakelyns Farm to book.

**Next Meeting**

**CHANGE OF DATE**

Due to all the C of E people being otherwise engaged on the original date selected, I suggest that we meet on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May – Methodist Church. Please let me know if this is ok asap so that I can book the room.

Lyn closed with the grace.

Signed.....

Date.....