

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARKET HARBOURGH FORUM

HELD ON 25TH MAY 2017 @ CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Present: Deborah Chaloner, Donald Clinton-Smith, Rev. Nick Cook, Maureen Douglas (Chair), Rev. Stephen Haward, Rev. Barry Hill, Colin John, Fr. Owen O'Neill Rev. Barry Osbourne, David Palmer, John Pearse, Sylvia Saunders, Keith Rugg, Rev. David Tomlin, Sandy Ward, Mans Yousuf, Nathaniel Yousuf and Angela Zemplak.

Apologies: Linda Begley, Jeff Bonsar, Gary Brown, Moya Callum, Mary Danks, Phillip Danks, Rev. Brian Davies, Patricia Kneal-Buxton, Jill Mann, Rev. Andy Murphy, Dawn O'Connell, Rev. Alison Tomlin, Rose Williams.

Welcome: Maureen Douglas.

Devotions: Rev. Stephen Haward

Previous Minutes

Minutes of The Forum from 20th March 2017 approved and signed.

Matters arising from the minutes:

- Harbrough by the sea 30/07/17. Helen Nicholls approached Ch.Tog: Small group needed to organise with the Sunday Service (1hr). Request 2/3 from each Church to help. Baptist will be involved with music. Harbrough FM will be there. Service from 10-11am. Maureen has requested that St. Dionysius not ring the bells during 10/11am - Rev. Barry Hill will look into this.
- Christian Aid. Commissioning Service very poorly attended - needs a rethink. No news on amount collected.
- Holiday at home 2017. 14th to 18th August. Will follow the usual format - request that all Churches get involved this year.

Review of Past Events

Good Friday in the Square and Walk of Witness

Feedback is 'The Best Yet'. Good for the purpose it is intended. Not many took part in The Walk of Witness from The Park Cafe. Rev. Andy Murphy, Rev. and Rev Stephen Haward walked with a cross from the Congregational Church to The Square. It was asked - should this service be happening in The Square? Should we do a Pentecost Service as well? It should continue as an Act of Witness but it is not an Evangelical Event. A Pentecost Service could start in The Square go to the Park. Look into all of this in our September Forum. Needs to be a working group.

Lent Lay Led Lunch Time Talks

Held in The Baptist Church. All went well. Well attended.

Lent Course

Went well - thanks to Rev. Brian Davies.

Future Events and Notices

Hustings

I Love Mkt. Harborough.

1st July 2017

Any Other Business

- Elderberries - David Palmer leaflets circulated.
- ECO Church- Rev. Brian Davies.
- Teddy Bears Picnic - 21st July 9.30-11am at Welland Park Café (Debbie Chaloner).
- Thy Kingdom Come (See website). Millions around the world will be praying. Prisons involved.
- Cube Event on 2nd September (afternoon) - volunteers please.
- Fullness of Life Church - Mans Yousuf. Friday night meetings 7.30-9.00. Emphasis on Evangelism. Fullness of Life Church welcomed officially as a Non Affiliated Member of ChTog - proposed by Maureen Douglas, seconded by John Pearce.
- Thanks were given to Angela Zemplak for all the hard work she put in for the Good Friday in The Square Service.
- Thanks were given to Sylvia Saunders for the many years she has been a Ch.Tog Rep. Sylvia has now stood down.

Thanks were expressed to the Congregational Church for hosting the meeting.

Date of next meetings –

Thurs 7th September - 7:15pm for 7:30pm – The Fathers House

Meeting closed with Prayers by Maureen Douglas