

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARKET HARBOROUGH FORUM

HELD ON 20th NOVEMBER 2017 @ OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH

Present: Quentin Appleton, Rev. Nick Cook, Maureen Douglas (Chair), Dilys Few, Rev. Stephen Haward, Mary Hill, Theresa Kendrick, Jill Mann, Rev. Andy Murphy, Fr. Owen O'Neill, John Pearse, Rev. James Pickersgill, Keith Rugg, Judith Snaith, Sandy Ward, Pat Weldon, Susie Weldon, Rose Williams, Rev. Bryony Wood, and Angela Zemplak.

Apologies: Jeff Bonser, Donald Clinton-Smith, Rev. Pep Hill, Patricia Kneale-Buxton, and Rev. David Tomlin.

Welcome: Everyone. Welcome back Rev. Nick Cook from Sabbatical, and sincere condolences to Nick on the recent death of his Dad. John Pearce, Rev Bryony Wood and to Quentin Appleton.

Devotions: Fr. Owen O'Neill.

1. Previous Minutes

Previous Minutes: Several points brought up by Rose Williams (not edited in minutes). Signed by Maureen Douglas.

Matters arising from the minutes:

1. Christian Aid (shortfall) - any new ideas to boost donations? Nothing decided.
2. Associate Members. Nothing decided on fees. Rev Stephen felt that this needed proper conversation'.

2. Review of Past Events

Nothing to report.

3. Guest Speaker: Susie Weldon 'Faith in Water'

Susie spoke passionately about the lack of clean water especially in Africa. Slides were shown of poor conditions and dirty water/ toilets, and the lack of sanitary products for girls. Susie spoke at length. Her full report will be circulated to the Forum when available.

4. Interim Reports

4.1. Homeless Project

Jane White spoke at the Homeless Meeting. The Voucher Scheme is being updated. All vouchers will be numbered, a better track can be kept on them. There aren't any sleeping bags available. Can Churches donate any? No issues at present with Homelessness. Sandy reported seeing and speaking to Amy outside the HSBC Bank. The Voucher System was explained, and offered to her. She was playing a Tin Whistle, people were giving her money.

4.2. Bower House

A report provided.

4.3. Street Pastors

Angela Zemlak gave a Street Pastors Report. Ministers have been given an invite to Patrol or be Prayer Support. SP are very short on these.

4.4. Refugees

They are settling in well. A radio has been offered by Mary Ann and is available for collection in Great Bowden in the family would like it.

4.5. Churches Together in Harborough Policy for Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk.

Document Distributed and written by Rev. S. Haward and Angela Zemlak.
Safeguarding Officer Appointed Annually. Proposed by The Forum. Adopted by ChTog AGM.
Document proposed by Rev. S. Haward and Angela Zemlak. Seconded by Rev. Nick Cook.
Accepted by The Forum.

5. Future Events and Notices

5.1. Holocaust Memorial Day

Rev. Andy Murphy. Short service of prayer and reflection. 26/01/2018 10.30am at the Methodist Church.

5.2. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 15th-21st January 2018, 11.30-12noon

Prayer Station in each Church.

Mon 15 th	Harborough Community Church.
Tues 16 th	Baptist Church.
Weds 17 th	Congregational Church.
Thurs 18 th	Methodist Church.
Friday 19 th	Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church
Sat 20 th	St Dionysius Church. Prayers.
Sun 21 st	Service at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church 10am

5.3. Christmas Fayre

1st December.

5.4. Peace Vigil

MH Town Square 05/01/2018 @ 5pm.

5.5. Home Alone Christmas

25/12/2017 Congregational Church, Cost £5 each

5.6. 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2017

A Service of Prayer, 27th November 2pm at St. Dionysius Church.

6. AOB

6.1. Pentecost Service

A discussion from the floor about a Pentecost Service in the Square - Family Fun Day? At the Cube?

Good Friday in the Square should be more family orientated.

We need to see what Roy Crowne needs to do without us putting on anything different (Pentecost).

Date of next meetings – Mon 15th January - 7:15pm for 7:30pm – Baptist Church

Meeting closed with Prayer given by Maureen Douglas