

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARKET HARBOROUGH FORUM

HELD ON 15th JANUARY 2018 @ the Baptist Church

Present: Lin Ball, Rev. Nick Cook, Rosie Coveney, Maureen Douglas (Chair), Brian Dowdall, Dilys Few, Nessa Graham, Rev. Stephen Haward, Rev. Barry Hill, Mary Hill, Rev. Colin John, Jill Mann, Rev. Andy Murphy, Dawn O'Connell, John Pearse, Trevor Roach, Paul Rhodes, Keith Rugg, Martin Russell, Sandy Ward, Rose Williams and Angela Zemlak.

Apologies: Rev. Pep Hill, Theresa Kendrick, Patricia Kneale-Buxton, Fr. Owen O'Neill, David Palmer, Rev. James Pickersgill and Rev. Bryony Wood.

Welcome: Maureen Douglas

Devotions: Rev. Nick Cook (Mark Ch. 2 Vs. 18-32).

1. Previous Minutes

Previous Minutes: No comments from the Forum. Signed by Maureen Douglas.

Matters arising from the minutes:

- a. Associate Members will be given 2 years grace of the normal fee. Fullness of Life, Living Rock, £20 for 2yrs. Rural Missions the same. This is a 'beginner's fee' to see if they want to become full members of CTH. Fees to be paid from AGM 2018.

2. Review of Past Events

2.1. Homeless Vouchers

No update available.

2.2. Christmas Fayre

Lantern Parade organised by Sandy Ward went very well with over 50 Lanterns made by the children. Paraded from the Memorial Gardens to the Stage. Carols were sung by all.

2.3. Peace Vigil

This went well - good support.

2.4. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Dates, Venues and Prayer suggestions circulated. Our Lady of Victories at 10am to mark the end of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Communion Service and Children's Liturgy for 3-7yrs of age.

3. Interim Reports, Future Events and Notices

3.1. Holocaust Service

Holocaust Service at the Methodist Church on 26/01/18 at 10.30am. All faith or no faith, all welcome to this short reflective service by Rev. Andy Murphy.

3.2. Loneliness

A Meeting with Neil O'Brien, our MP, on Loneliness at the Methodist Church on 26/01/18 2.30pm.

3.3. Good Friday Service

Good Friday Service in the Town Square on Friday 30/3/18 at 11.15am. Barry will do this as an Evangelistic Outreach. He has asked for help from the existing clergy. Working Group: Rev. Barry Hill (Chair), Maureen Douglas, Rev. Stephen Haward, Rose Williams, and Sandy Ward. The meeting will include Helen Nichols HDC. Rev. Nick Cook will help with the music. OLV Music Group will be involved too. This will be less like a service. It will be the Fullness of the Easter Story and not just the Easter Day.

3.4. Pentecost

A fresh approach, something different - do Pentecost. Before the next forum there is need to get and present a 'Brief' Pentecost at the Cube? 20/5/18. Let's wait for the Roy Crowne visit as he might present us with some ideas. Lots of Outreach.

3.5. Hope 2018

Roy Crowne. This visit is taking place on 6/2/18 at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Congregational Church.

3.6. Purple Hulls Concert

Purple Hulls Concert. - Brian Dowdall. He has been running concerts for a number of years. His interest is in Gospel Music. Brian has invited two ladies to England from America. They call themselves the Purple Hulls. Brian Dowdall has suggested a concert of Gospel Music including these ladies to be brought to MH. This has been arranged for 3/6/18. A Sunday Evening concert at 7pm. Brian will do all the advertising, posters, tickets, HFM slot. Tickets £10 for adults. £5 under 16's. Can be used as Outreach. Bring a friend or neighbour along. This was formally proposed CTH endorses this event and has our Logo.

3.7. Sight Loss Friendly Church

Paul Rhodes is Development Officer for Torch Trust. Large print service sheets, notices etc Torch Trust will print anything for CTH in large print for free. There are 3,220 sight loss people living in our area.

3.8. The Cube

Dawn O'Connell spoke briefly about developments at the CUBE. Tony is joining the CUBE - he is a good networker. Friday Night Youth Work is to be relaunched. A Director of Finance has been appointed. Network of Building Christian Expression. Working closely with the Community Church. They want to be more Ecumenical and Outward Looking.

3.9. Street Pastors

Angela Zemlak: More Street Pastors and Prayer Support workers needed.

3.10. Holidays at Home

Barry is stepping down due to personal reasons. Holidays at Home needs reformatting.

3.11. Fashion Conscious or Fashion Conscience

Lin Ball: Make this your Lent challenge. Where do you buy your clothes? Baptist Focus Group Thursday February 8th at 7pm. Talk and discussion on 'Fashionable and Fair' Leaflets available.

3.12. Summer in the Forest

'Summer in the Forest' The Octagon Film Group have agreed to show this film for us. It will be on 27/3/18 at 7.45pm in MH Theatre. Tickets £7 for non members, £5 for members available at the door on the night or online. Quinns will sell them to members only who must display their registration number.

3.13. Message in the sky

Message to appear in the sky. John Pearce spoke to the forum about this. A banner will be flying from aircraft saying - 'Jesus loves every one of you'- all over Britain.

3.14. Women's World Day of Prayer

02/03/2018 at the Congregational Church 7pm.

Rev. Nick Cook reminded us all what an exceptional person John Farnsworth was - a member of CHT for many years and worked tirelessly for many causes. Prayers for his family please.

Date of next meetings – Thursday 1st March - 7:15pm for 7:30pm – St Dionysius Church

Thanks expressed to the Baptist Church for hosting the Forum meeting. Meeting closed with Prayer given by Maureen Douglas