

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH AGM

Held on 16th May 2016

Present: Donald Clinton-Smith, Mary Daniels, Phillip Danks, Brian Davies, Maureen Douglas, Dilys Few, Stephen Haward, Christine Hodgson, Patricia Kneale-Buxton, Jayne Lewis, Sue Macdonald, Jill Mann, Dawn O'Connell, Owen O'Neill, David Palmer, John Pearse, Keith Rugg, James Shakespeare, David Tomlin, Sandra Ward, Brian Wilde, Rose Williams, Angela Zemplak

Apologies: Shiela Armstrong, Jeff Bonser, Jadz Bower, Gary Brown, Deborah Chaloner, Nick Cook, Mary Danks, Jo & John Farnsworth, Brian Kennard, Andrea Kenny, Barry Osborne, Andrew Quigley, Mel Stride, Gordon Temple, Alison Tomlin

1. WELCOME - JS welcomed everyone to the CTH Forum & AGM with special thanks to Our Lady of Victories Church for hosting.

2. Opening Prayers & Worship – Father Owen opened the worship time with the hymn - 'Walk in the Light'. Phillip Danks read from 1 Corinthians 12 regarding different Spiritual Gifts. Father Owen reflected on the reading and linked it to God's love shown within CTH through sharing our gifts and witnessing within our town. He expressed thanks to JS for his spirit, wisdom, love and ongoing friendship and extended a welcome to Maureen Douglas as she takes on the role of Chair for CTH. He prayed for the Holy Spirit to strengthen the body of Christ within Market Harborough and communities beyond. Prayers were also said for those who are lonely and continued by sharing the Lord's Prayer. The Worship times was closed by singing 'Spirit of the Living God'.
JS mentioned the Leicester Parade for the football celebrations this evening.

3. Reports from Groups

Bower House - CH reported that Jadz and herself will be stepping down from leadership and an advert will be circulated to give others opportunities to lead.

The Cube – DO'C reported that decisions from the Bowdens Charity are awaited regarding funding and prayers are requested. The Cube is being used within the community. A new Youth Worker (Louise Tompson) is to start imminently.

Street Pastors - AZ reported that it had been a good year and thanked the Bower House for the use of their building. The AGM and Open Forum had been held.

Holiday at Home - Keith Rugg asked that as many of our churches be represented on the committee. The event is to be held during week commencing 8th August 2016. Sue Macdonald had finalised the accounts and she reported that a donation from Waitrose was still awaited. JS thanked KR for taking on the Chair.

Jubilee Foodbank - nothing other than the report

Justice & Peace - DT thanked Maureen Douglas for chairing the J & P Group over the last period and he also thanked Janet Smith for the information received regarding injustices to women. He reported that Israeli military forces continue to demolish Palestine homes at a greater rate since 1947. The project for the coming year may be for local travellers and it is hoped to have a speaker to emphasise their struggles. He asked for more volunteers for this group.

Publicity Officer – In Jeff Bonser's absence JS expressed thanks for the dedication over the years as he steps down from this position.

Rural Missions - In Barry Osborne's absence JS thanked him for the work which he undertakes, the networking and training.

Chair's Report - JS thanked all the agencies which support CTH. He thanked the existing committee (MD, JB, SM & RW) who had supported him. He referred to Erica Hall's report on Homelessness and hoped that we can respond further to the information given. There is more work still to be done with regards to the Syrian Crisis. He commented that he was amazed at the work which was being carried out within all our churches and as CTH together and also the ongoing involvement with the Local Authorities and HFM. Revd Stephen Hayward and Revd Jane Lewis joined us during the year and celebrations for Father Owen for his 50 years of Service was celebrated. He concluded that he had set out with four main tasks during his two year as Chair (rooted in prayer, to continue to build friendship between our Churches, to do a few things well and to serve the vulnerable). Canon Richard Brand also left Harborough for Winchester. He prayed for the Christian Aid collections which were happening this week. He concluded in prayers for the future of our CTH and may it continue to be blessed by God for the furtherance of His kingdom.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of S.Macdonald JS asked for the acceptance of the now audited accounts which were available to the AGM. SM was thanked for compiling the accounts for the CTH and also the Holiday at Home accounts.

5. **Election of Officers**

Position	Person	Proposer	Seconder
Chairperson	Maureen Douglas	James Shakespeare	Sandra Ward
Vice-Chair	Stephen Haward	Keith Rugg	Dave Tomlin
Secretary	Sandra Ward	Maureen Douglas	Dawn O'Connell
Publicity Officer	Patricia Kneale-Buxton	Maureen Douglas	Jill Mann
Treasurer	Rose Williams	John Pearse	Mary Daniels
Christian Aid Coordinator	Rose Williams	James Shakespeare	Owen O'Neill
Accounts Examiner	Katherine Bentley	James Shakespeare	Rose Williams

6. **Closing Prayers-**

End of AGM

A short interval was held before the start of the Forum