

Minutes Churches Together in Settle and District

Tuesday 11th February 2025

7.30pm at St John's Methodist Church, Settle

Present:), Julie Clarkson (Vice Chair), Sally Waterson (Secretary), Keith Waterson (Treasurer), Judith Allinson (web editor), Vicky Jenkins, Kathy Grieve, Phillip Hinde, Catie Jones, Dan Bavington, Jonathan Jackson, Richard Pike, Angela Barton, Maggie & Kevin McSherry, Mark Houston, Tim Fenner. Tom Ridgeon was present as a visitor.

Apologies: Barbara Daly, Marian McNichol

Opening Prayer: Julie Clarkson [acting Chair]

1. Notice of items of AOB

- Youth Report
- V.E. Day celebrations, 8th May

2. **Minutes of last meeting, 22 October 2024** These had been circulated, and were signed as an accurate record of what took place.

3. **Matters arising** None not covered by the Agenda.

4. **Finances** Keith took us through the accounts, showing no financial problems. *Please see the table of accounts at the end of the Minutes.*

5. **Lent programmes:** We will join the Anglican Deanery course again, running **7-9pm, Tuesdays 11, 18, 25 March, 1, 8 April at Settle Parish Church**. A refreshments rota was made: 11th St Alkelda's, 18th SSMM Catholics, 25th Langcliffe St John+, 1st St John's Methodist, 8th Holy Ascension. PLEASE BRING MILK & CAKES.

Sally Waterson offered to lead a daytime course at **SSMM Catholic Church Hall, 11am start, on Tuesdays 11, 18, 25 March, 1 April**, using the booklets from the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. She has collected up a number of booklets to use. This was agreed.

6. **Eco Explorers Club** The fortnightly after school club is starting again, after a break over winter. Angela Barton now helps Judith & Sally. Small numbers, but appreciated.

7. **Justice & Peace Group** Maggie reported that the One World Week event [planned by J&P group] had been a success, with about 40 people listening to Jo Rhodes speaking about Timebanks and her visit to some of them in USA. The evening was very interactive and interesting. The group members are now focussed on different supportive action, including a fortnightly vigil over the concerns about Gaza in the Market Place.

8. Review of recent activities:

- a) Christmas Publicity + Advent kings: Successful, with more than 200 distributed. Julie is planning Mary & Joseph this year, telling us that Joseph by himself looks too much like a shepherd! Double the knitting required!!
- b) Community Carol Singing + Beer & Carols: Successful, with new musicians at The Talbot.
- c) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The Service, café church style at Settle Parish, was well attended. The booklets were distributed to the different churches at the Service. The events during the Week weren't well attended, but it was felt that it was good to offer them. It had been a bad week weather-wise.

9. Planning for forthcoming activities:

- a) Journey to the Cross production, Good Friday 18 April Rehearsals will start in March, with a full cast & permissions in place. We agreed to buy either 100 St Matthew's gospels @50p each, or perhaps an explanatory tract of Good Friday, for free distribution.

Easter Day, 20 April:

We have chosen the image 'He is risen' with 3 crosses & a sunrise background. It will be printed locally for our churches and events posters. *Image below*

Publicity for Community News will be submitted. our new Facebook page will carry events, shared with Settle Chat.

Dawn Service, 7.00am next to Quaker's building & breakfast at QMH is arranged.

- b) Christian Aid Week, 11-17 May: This will hopefully include envelope delivery, street collection & events. Notice will be submitted for the Community News.
- c) Pentecost Sunday, 8 June: Dan Bavington shared his desire for us to plan an outreach event together, held in Victoria Hall, with an evangelist. A steering group was established to further this idea. The first meeting is arranged for **Thursday 27 February, 7pm at Dan's home: 7 Falcon Close, Settle, BD24 9AZ**. If you would like to attend, or know someone who would, please phone Dan on 07591 192576.
- d) Social events: Sally sends invitations to different church social events. These are also put on our Facebook page & shared with Settle Chat. Please send her yours!

10. A.O.B. items

- Jon Jackson & Tom Ridgeon shared with us about the continuing success of the Settle Hangout. After a very small start, numbers have reached 16 but are smaller now as some are involved in a school drama. They have a tuck shop, games, craft & a devotional message. Jon says, 'It's tough, but blessed!' They hope to take the youth on an outing in the summer & welcome any financial donations to support this.
- V.E. Day celebrations, 8th May: The Town Council hope for local support for this national event, when braziers will be lit and street parties are anticipated.

11. News from the Churches & Prayer: Kathy spoke about our **ctisad monthly prayer** time, which she now heads up. The possibility of changing the day was discussed at the last prayer time, as Tuesday conflicts with the Quaker meeting & fellowship lunch. Those present decided that the **first Thursday at 1pm** would be suitable, keeping the venue at the **Parish Church**. We would incorporate a time of fasting for those wanting to, with a focus on God moving in our community. It was agreed to adopt this recommendation.

Keith reported that Pastor Tony Hayton, **SCF**, will be travelling to Tanzania visiting the children's home, in March. Some of the boys are now working & contributing to running costs.

St Alkelda's have received the Faculty for installing solar panels.

Holy Ascension will have re-ordering of the rear area, with work commencing on 12 May. It will create a larger Lounge area.

SSMM Mark reported, "This is a Year of Jubilee for the catholic church, with the Pope calling it 'Pilgrims of Hope'. It commenced on 24th December 2024 and finishes on 14th December 2025. It is an invitation to showcase the hope of our christian faith to peoples right across the world".

Also, Settle & Bentham churches are now joined as one Parish: **Parish at Our Lady & St Boniface**. **Quakers** New Resident Friends, Ann Hindley & Alan Robinson, will replace David & Louise Tinsley [who are moving to New Zealand for a year] w/c 24 March. Our thanks & good wishes to David & Louise.

The World Day of Prayer service is taking place at Settle Parish Church this year, **7pm on Friday 7 March**. All welcome.

12. Date and venue of next meeting: 7.30pm Tuesday 10th June at St Mary & St Michael Catholic Church, Tilman Place.

Closing Prayer: We shared the Grace.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

CTISAD accounts Summary			
from 1st Sept 2024 to 31 Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Net Income
	£	£	£
Subscriptions	600.00		600.00
Donations	20.00		
Total	620.00	0.00	620.00
Advertising			
CPO Christmas posters		38.90	
Total	0.00	38.90	-38.90
Week of prayer for Christian Unity			
Booklets		87.50	-87.50
Total	0.00	87.50	-87.50
Lent and Easter			
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eco Explorers			
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance		269.67	-269.67
Justice and Peace Group			
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00
Admin and Miscellaneous			0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	620.00	396.07	223.93
Opening Bank Balance 1st Sept 2024	856.06		
Chq not presented from 23/24	-134.67		
Cash dep not entered in bank account	70.00		
Cash in Hand 1st Sept 2023	36.39		
Net Income	223.93		
Present Balance	1051.71		
Current Bank Balance 31 Jan 2025	1015.32		
Chq not presented			
Cash in hand	36.39		
Total	1051.71		

Main evening Lent Course

The Churches of the Bowland and Ewecross Deanery with Churches Together in Settle and District, Bradford Cathedral and The Peace Museum, Saltaire invite you to

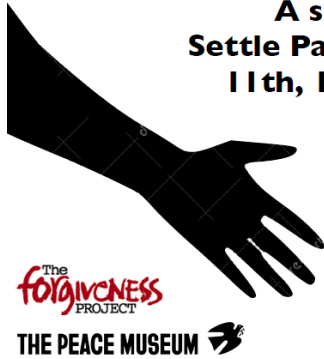
PEACE IS A DOING WORD LIVING PEACEFULLY IN A WORLD OF CONFLICT

A series of meetings for Lent 2025
Settle Parish Church :: Tuesdays, 7.00-9.00pm
11th, 18th, 25th March, 1st and 8th April

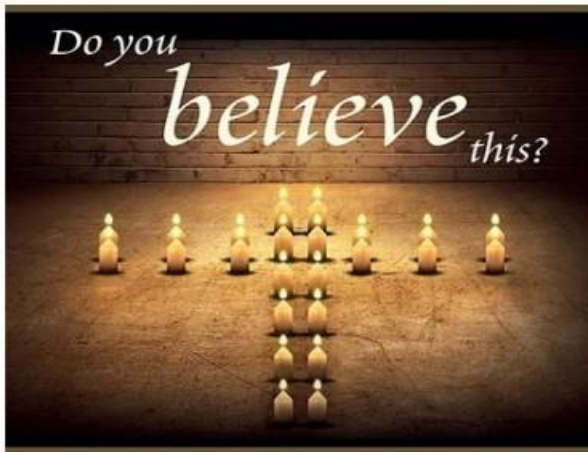
What does peace mean to you?

A series of meetings aiming to *open up our understanding of 'peace'* and all it entails; *to encourage us that peace is possible* (as demonstrated through history and experience), and that we *can all be peace-makers and peace-builders.*

If you are troubled by conflict - whether on the international stage or close to home - and want to play your part in overcoming it, this series is for you.
Everybody is welcome. The meetings are free. Refreshments are served.



Daytime Lent course



Tuesday mornings at
Catholic Church Hall

11am for an hour

11th, 18th, 25th March, 1st April

All very welcome

Booklets provided



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Led by Sally Waterson

Our Easter poster

