

Churches Together in Settle and District AGM Minutes
Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 7pm
Friends Meeting House

Present: Stephen Normanton (Chair), Joy Orwell (Vice Chair), Sally Waterson (Secretary), Keith Waterson (Treasurer), Fr Frank Smith, Tony Hayton, Denise Hayton, Stephen Dawson, Maggie McSherry, John Diggles, Edith Diggles, Dan Bavington, John Lewis, John Raubenheimer, Judith Allinson, Richard Pike, Alison Tyas, Marian Mc Nichol, Derek Hewitson, Mary Hewitson,

Opening Devotions: The meeting began with a time of open prayer of thankfulness for our churches together group, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

1. **Apologies:** Stuart Stobart, Chris Yates, Lesley Emsley, Hilary Young, Ruth Bavington, Barbara Daley, Mark Houston, Debbie Marshall, Saida Simmons.
2. **Minutes of last AGM meeting:** Held on 19 October, 2016. These had been circulated, and were approved and signed.
3. **Secretary's Report, given by Sally Waterson**

Reps' Meetings: 19 October 2016, 17 January 2017, 9 May 2017.

'Forget the former things ... See, I am doing a new thing!' Isaiah 43:18,19

Our Church leaders have met regularly, and seem to have been inspired by this text, as they have led us to put down some things we have been doing, and embrace new ventures.

We have had our usual wide range of 'Together' activities, with spiritual, social and service to the community events.

Our 'Regular events' have been:

- The monthly Prayer meeting (1st Monday) gathers to pray for the activities of CTISAD. This is still not well attended, but lays a foundation for our endeavours.
- Justice & Peace Group (2nd Wednesday) is thriving, with speakers and discussions on various topics of interest, this year including the closure of our local Castleberg hospital which catered for short term respite and end of life support. They also plan our One World Week event.
- Settle Big Breakfast (3rd Saturday) served its last breakfast in May, having run for 7 years. We look to see if there is a 'new thing' to replace this social event.
- Messy Church (3rd Sunday) continues to attract mainly unchurched families for an informal church experience, building relationships with hospitality.
- Limestone View Songs of Praise (3rd Thursday) continues to be a blessing to both residents and others who join them in the Lounge.
- Anley Hall service (last Sunday) is in its third year, with volunteers planning and running it. Residents and their visitors attend the simple service, as well as folk from the town.
- The 'monthly events' notice is sent out with ctisad happenings to remind us all!

Through the year we have marked the Christian calendar together:

- We have publicised our Christmas greetings on CPO Publicity Posters: Love came down. We used a short greeting on the posters, with each church name printed. The main Services information was published in the local Community News.
- We held Community Carol singing outside Ye Olde Naked Man, using our Bethlehem Carol sheets, on the last Tuesday before Christmas (Market day). Judith Allinson organised a Christmas Day lunch again.
- Lent was marked together by 4 reflections on our different faith traditions.
- The main Easter witness was the Good Friday 'Journey to the Cross' passion play, with a new Jesus and an expanded script, again with the final scene in the Parish Church grounds.
- We delivered an Easter greeting card to most households in the area, with matching church posters and information posters.
- We celebrated together at the Easter dawn service in the Millennium Garden, with the brazier providing a focal point as we sang. A simple breakfast was enjoyed at the Friends Meeting House.
- Pentecost was not celebrated together this year.

We have also had the opportunity to join in various events through the year, and bring our friends:

- The Justice and Peace group organised the One World Week simple meal, with a talk by Shelagh Fawcett from Christian Aid on the theme of acting together for world peace.
- The Week of Prayer Unity Service, at St Peter's Stainforth, had an illustrated talk by Stuart Stobart on his visit to Israel. There were several prayer events and gatherings through the week, including a simple lunch at Holy Ascension, with monies donated to Christian Aid.
- The Barn Dance was held at the Catholic Hall in May. 36 people came. Profits of £133.50 were given to a rainforest linked project which Judith Allinson suggested.
- We organised a local Hustings with the main General Election candidates attending. Stephen Normanton chaired the very successful and popular community event in St John's Church.

- £2708 was donated by our local communities (including the villages) during Christian Aid Week. CTISAD achieved this through envelopes, Coffee Evening, street collection, quiz sheets & Big Brekkie!
- A Day of Healing Prayer, organised by our leaders, was held at the Catholic Church in July. Sr Maria Natella led us through a very informative and memorable day of blessing.
- The usual summer Holiday Club, was replaced by a new family-centred venture. Awesome Afternoon Activities in August was a family drop-in over 4 afternoons in August, with activities, refreshments and games as well as guest visitors who were invited to speak for 30mins. 4 to 9 families attended over the 4 weeks.
- Songs of Praise was not held. It will be replaced by something new in the future.
- The updated Ponder as you Wander leaflet is being taken from various venues around the town.
- Zion Church has given us the use of their notice board on Duke St, near to Cheapside.
- The churches' information leaflet has been updated. It is available at Tourist Information & God loves you phone box.

Our website continues to be well used. www.ctisad.org

*Let us continue to be God's children who will embrace the new things He is leading us into: **together.***

4. Treasurer's Report, given by Keith Waterson

CTISAD Accounts Summary					
From 1st Sept 2016 to 31st August 2017	Income	Expenditure	Net Income	Budget	
	£	£	£		
Subscriptions and donations	1186.45			800.00	
Donation to CAFOD		50.00	1136.45		
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity					
Unity leaflets and posters		86.25			
Collection at Unity service	85.00				
Total	85.00	86.25	-1.25	100.00	
Barn Dance					
Ticket sales, donations and raffle	336.50				
Expenses Caller and food		203.00			
Profit to rain forest project		133.50			
Total	336.50	336.50	0.00	150.00	
Holiday Club					
Expenses claimed for Aug 2016		31.99			
Donations Aug 17	23.16				
Expenses claimed for Aug 2107		3.50			
Total	23.16	35.49	-12.33	-150.00	
Messy Church					
Donations	186.43				
Expenses for food and craft materials		135.14			
Total	186.43	135.14	51.29	-150.00	
Lent and Easter					
Hire of microphones Good Friday		105.00			
Donation for coffee	4.00				
Total	4.00	105.00	-101.00	-150.00	
Advertising for Christmas and Easter		343.60	-343.60	-300.00	
Insurance		201.45	-201.45	-180.00	
Justice and Peace Group					
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Admin and Miscellaneous					
Postage stamps/laminations/paper/ink		26.60			
Lamberts printing Ponder Wander leaflet		366.00			
Total		392.60	-392.60	-40.00	
Totals	1821.54	1636.03	135.51	80.00	
RECONCILIATION					
Opening Bank balance 1st Sept 2016	630.39	Closing Bank Balance 31st August 2017	618.25		
Opening Cash	15.18	Cash in hand	18.46		
Cheques presented from 2015/16	-144.37	Cheques not presented by 31st Aug 2017	0.00		
Surplus from 2016/17	135.51	Funds available 31st Aug 2017	636.71		
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Examined and approved by Ken Barton					
Signed					
Date					

Keith reported that the healthy balance reflected the fact that the Ponder Wander leaflets were paid for entirely by sponsorship from Settle Rotary & Stories in Stone.

Adoption of the Accounts was approved nem con. Our thanks to Keith were recorded.

Subscription Rate:

It was decided to keep the subscription rate the same this year (£50/£25) but to request an additional donation at each Church's discretion in order to cover our extra costs.

5. Web Editor's Report, given by Judith Allinson

The main substance of Judith's report is largely the same as last year.

www.ctidad.org.uk We currently receive 4 visits a day or 120 visits a month (100 in 2011, 150 in 2007). (St John's Methodist Church website gets 6 visits per day or 160 visits per month.)

Website and Emails

We continue to use free space allowed us by Daelnet, which is now spelt Dalenet (Their office is near Hetton).

Since October 2016 I sent out

- 5 (5) "CTISAD news emails" to people on my "Church contacts" (slightly different to Sally's list)
- 18 (20) "Events emails" to my long list (This includes people with secular interests as well as church interests, so is an opportunity to publicise a few selected events). This list is then copied onto <http://www.settle.org.uk/category/local-news/>

If you are not on my "Church contacts" email list I would be happy to add you. This is a separate list to the one Sally has for the CTISAD committee. I am happy to add people to my Events around Settle list.

I have been running the website since 2000.

Please tell me if you want to publicise events on the website or in my news email, and I would like to help if I have time. The events need to be church events that you would like CTISAD people to come to – they don't have to be an official CTISAD event.

Please tell me how you would like to see the website updated, and tell me if you see mistakes.

We have to pay c£10 for the domain name ctisad.org.uk every two years – next payment due April 2018

6. Chair's Report:

Stephen Normanton said he felt that our focus should be to have influence in the community. The danger is that of ctisad becoming a 'parallel church'. However, together we *are* the church of Christ here and have opportunity to exercise our gifts corporately. Indeed, the strength of ctisad is that our diversity of gifts within individual churches can be maximised by getting together with others from other churches. Stephen encouraged us to have a *shared vision*, to *share our gifts* and *share our passions*. This is because he believes that *we do have an influence in our community*. He commented that at a recent Messy Church training day in Bradford Cathedral, we were the only churches together group, rather than an individual church group. We maximise our ability to serve our community by being together.

Stephen thanked everyone involved in Churches Together in Settle and District for their contribution to making our inter-church group work effectively. 'May God bless all our work and may it grow from strength to strength!'

Stephen is standing down after just one year as he will be leaving our area next summer to pursue his involvement with the charity Peertalk which he established with his wife Philippa. Peertalk seeks to support people who suffer from depression.

7. Election of Officers:

Chair: Joy Orwell (proposer Ruth Bavington, 2nder Dan Bavington) was elected.

Vice-Chair: As no-one has volunteered to stand, we will seek a nominee & appoint in February if possible.

The current **Treasurer, Secretary, Examiner & Web Editor** were re-elected:

Keith Waterson, Sally Waterson, Ken Barton, Judith Allinson

8. Date and venue of next AGM Meeting:

**Tuesday 16 October 2018
7pm at the Friends Meeting House, Kirkgate, Settle**