



Minutes

IN GRANGE AND DISTRICT Of the meeting held on
Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 7pm

at St Charles Borromeo Church Grange-Over-Sands

1. **Revd David Edmondson welcomed 15 members** and opened the meeting with a prayer. He remembered those at other meetings who were unable to attend this one and asked God's blessing on us all as we sought to do his will.
2. **Apologies** were received from Judith Shapland, Margaret Ratcliffe, Janet Mardon, Revd Jonathan Brewster & Revd Jane Maycock.

There were no communications.

3. **The Minutes of Meeting** held on 28th September 2021 were approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising** - there were none that weren't already itemized on the Agenda.
5. **Financial report & update** – there was no update as nothing had happened due to the continuing Covid restrictions.

David informed the meeting that Ms Pat Taylor had stepped down from her role as treasurer to this meeting. He thanked Pat, in her absence, for her diligent work. David also thanked Sue Nicol for collecting the material from Pat and for giving her a plant.

6. **Appointment of Treasurer** – The meeting unanimously gave their approval for Mrs Liz Lewis to take up the role as treasurer. David thanked Liz for taking this on again and said recognition & thanks to must be sent to Pat. Pam said she would send a card to Pat from the meeting and Mike suggested that we send a piece of paper round for members to sign who were at this meeting and this was facilitated.

Action: Pam to send card to Pat

Some churches had not paid their subscriptions and it was briefly talked about whether we should be chasing them up in the light of not having been able to do much. It was agreed that a reminder be sent to churches who have not paid, when telling them whom the new treasurer is, and that the subs be reviewed next year.

7. Looking Backwards

- Advent Quiet Morning – this had to be cancelled due to a power cut. Sue Nicol said she is prepared to do it next year and this was received with appreciation. The 'Walking Nativity' was postponed due to lack of interest/time/covid uncertainty, but it would be hoped we could do it next year.
- Christmas Carol singing – this went ahead, and we were grateful to Keith Waller for playing the trumpet. People who passed by seemed to appreciate the carols.
- The Men's breakfast has begun again, usually on the first Saturday of the month.
- Penny Ward commented on the Joint Methodist/ Anglican communion service which had been appreciated by both congregations.

8. Looking Forward

- **Lent** (*begins Wed. 2nd March 2022*)
Sue Nicol has offered to lead a Lent Quiet Morning on Saturday 12th March at 9.30 – 12 at the Methodist Church and this was gratefully accepted.
- **Lent lunches,**

The Lent lunches are as proposed, subject to final confirmation from the churches.

Friday 11th March – St Charles

Friday 18th March – St John's Flookburgh

Friday 25th March - St Paul's Grange

Friday 1st April – Grange Methodist Church

Friday 8th April - URC

The format will be, 12 noon – 1pm a simple soup & bread lunch with tea/coffee 1.00-1.15pm a short time of devotions led by the host church.

- **World Day of Prayer** (*Fri 4th March 2022*) This is being organized by the URC. Margaret Popper queried the starting time and the meeting agreed that 2pm was a good time. She asked that somebody from each church could take a booklet & poster and give to whoever is helping in their church. Margaret will then convene a meeting next month. Janet Mardon will do the display and Margaret requested some flags of the countries of Great Britain if anybody has any. There are Children's activity sheets, and Helen Hoyle agreed to take them into schools.

Action: reps to take material from this meeting to their churches.

- Easter Sunrise service – Penny said this usually starts in Hampsfell Road car park, with refreshments, including Hot Cross Buns, afterwards at St Paul's. This will be on 17th April with people gathering from 6am in readiness for the worship when the sun rises. David was asked to lead the service, to which he agreed.

- **Christian Aid** (*15th – 21 May 2022*)

David felt that the Week of prayer for Christian unity should be a priority for next year, in the hope that something could be arranged in better time.

Action: Added to Pending List

Meanwhile, Jo Rand informed the meeting that there is a quiz prepared by Christian Aid. This could be a public event held somewhere other than a church e.g the Victoria Hall as people support CA even if they aren't church people. There was some discussion about the logistics of it. Jo suggested that a small group be formed to arrange this. Jo said she would convene the group and Helen and Kath Canning volunteered to join her. It was proposed that 7pm would be a good time subject to the availability of the venue.

Mike Fieldhouse generously offered that 'The Lantern' could cover the cost of the hire of the hall so that Christian Aid gained from more of the profits.

Action: Jo, Helen & Kath to form an action group.

- **Penetecost & Platinum Jubilee** – 5th June. Penny said that St Paul's had already talked about this at their meeting. It was proposed that an Ecumenical Joint service be held on 5th June at 11am followed by a lunch at the Victoria Hall but the hall is already booked for an exhibition. David said that the service was an excellent idea with St Paul's being an ideal place for a Civic service and it is intended that this goes ahead.

The Band will be playing in the park on that day.

Then there followed a general discussion with lots of ideas being floated. These included, a large screen showing of the Saturday night concert; Jo suggested a free fun day with a story telling tent, with a bring- your- own picnic. Perhaps a Baking competition which is eaten at teatime. A Competition- make your own crown for a procession.

Father Philip gave permission for the field to be used at St Charles and David said that in the event of bad weather, the Methodist Church could be used.

Kath asked Father Philip if we could use the marquees from the social group. Mike again said that the Lantern could support event if it was needed, and David said we could also use Churches Together funds as this type of event is what they are available for.

Jo, Hazel, Kath offered to head up this event and this was gratefully accepted.

Action: Jo, Hazel & Kath to form an action group.

- **Praise on the Prom** - Mick & Jean are keen for this to continue. The meeting was delighted with this suggestion and Mick and Jean will be asked to organize 6 consecutive Sundays, except on Prom art days, ending with the Bank Holiday in August. Possibly 5pm – 6pm starting on 24th July but we will be guided by Mick & Jean.

Action: Talk to Mick & Jean - David

9. Reports

- Grange Youth Trust

Mervyn Hull gave the report, with contributions from Helen Hoyle. Naturally, their work had been hampered by Covid, for example, they had not been able to go in Cartmel Priory School. Helen's biggest success was her work in Primary schools. Out of the 6 schools on the Cartmel Peninsular, Helen goes into all of them apart from Flookburgh and this was in hand. Helen is involved with leading Collective Worship and assisting with RE lessons. Her work is very much 'hands on' and she feels she has a good relationship with Heads, children & staff.

The Friday evening youth groups start back on Friday 21st Jan. alternating at St Mary's Allithwaite and Haverthwaite.

Mervyn said there is a small group of trustees who work in partnerships with churches, he is keen to involve, broaden & enlarge the group with church representatives of a wider age & gender range. He asked the meeting to talk to their churches about this & contact him. David thanked him for sharing this report with us and for all the work they do. Hazel asked if a newsletter will be going out and he said he hoped this would be the case.

Action: Ask if our churches could provide a rep. for the trustee board. ALL

10. Any Other Business

Hazel informed the meeting that a young person is trying to form, through the PEAT group, a young people's discussion group on climate change. Church people might be interested to know that in case any young people connected with churches wanted to link up with it.

11. Dates of next meetings & Venue: AGM Tuesday 24th May 7pm at St Paul's

12. David thanked the people from St Charles for their hospitality and the meeting closed with prayer.

Items pending:

- Review subs at the May AGM 2022
- Walking Nativity 2022
- Christian Aid events for 2023