



## **MINUTES FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING**

**held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 7 O'clock at St Mary's, Allithwaite**

**Those in attendance:** David Edmondson (Chair) Pam Brook (Secretary) Liz Lewis (Treasurer) plus 14 members. A total of 17 present.

**Welcome and opening prayer.** David began by thanking St Marys for their hospitality. Hazel then read a hymn about creation from the United Reformed Hymn book.

**Apologies** were received from Sue Nicol, Mike Fieldhouse, Lynne Bowan, Martyn Coe & Ruth Briddock.

**Correspondence** - None

**Minutes of last meeting** – this being the 2023 AGM they will be approved and signed at the 2024 AGM.

### **Matters arising:**

**Website** – Penny Ward reported that she had spoken to Ben Crossley, and he doesn't want to give up responsibility for the website. A discussion followed; mention was made that the website not been updated despite articles being submitted. It was still felt it to be useful, in that social media is not enough. Jo suggested a static website (i.e., one that doesn't need updating) which would signpost people to each church's own website. Whilst this was felt to be a good solution, it was decided to persist with the website for now.

**Name of the group** – the minutes of the 2019 meeting had been circulated, as requested by John at the last meeting, informing the meeting of the discussion that had taken place previously regarding the change of name. It showed the narrow margin by which the meeting voted. Votes for retaining the name 'Churches Together in Grange & District' 7; votes against 6 with 0 abstentions.

The meeting decided to adopt the name '**Cartmel Peninsula Churches Together**' This was unanimously agreed.

**Action: David & Pam will attend to advising the insurers and any other relevant bodies.**

**Liz will contact the bank to change the name on the cheque book.**

## **Financial update**

Liz reported that there is still one Church subs outstanding, otherwise, all are paid up.

The Insurance will now be paid by direct debit, going out on 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Our insurance payment has stayed the same.

The Balance in Hand is £1319.10p

Liz was thanked for her work as treasurer.

## **Vice chair vacancy / Chair job description**

A Vice chair is still needed. David had produced a Job description and it had been circulated prior to the meeting as agreed. David said that we now need someone to fill it!

## **Youth Trust update**

Hazel reminded people about the Summer newsletter, which had been circulated amongst all the churches. She said if anyone wanted an emailed version to contact her. Andrea Mason has been appointed as the new Community and Youth Worker, there is an invitation to meet Andrea on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in the Methodist Church Hall. Andrea will have been in post for a month and so will be able to talk about her future plans.

**Priory Day 3<sup>rd</sup> October.** 142 Y5&6 will be attending learning about the Little Kingdom Parables.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023** at St Paul's Church at 11 O'clock will be the commissioning service for Andrea.

A vacancy for a trustee still exists for the C.T Youth Trust, the next meeting is on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## **Looking back**

### **Pentecost event on St Charles' field**

People enjoyed the event, some felt the band could have been nearer to the audience, others liked the informal distancing.

John Tindale felt the events should move around the Peninsula, Jo explained that it is important to be where people pass by; whilst John thought it raises the profile of other churches if we go round. It was remarked that it is important to have events to which all feel invited, comfortable and welcome, not just church people.

**Action: Put the issue on the agenda for the next meeting, meanwhile churches consider how they could do something for Pentecost, or for another celebration, that is in a public place.**

Pentecost next year is 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## **Praise on the Prom**

Thanks were expressed to everyone who supported this. It was only rained off once and was much enjoyed by everyone including a lot of passers-bys.

Should it remain on the Prom or move to St Charles' field? Prom – 'Praise on the Prom' has a good ring to it. The Council needs 8 weeks' notice of such an event. The electricity from café gets cut off at 5pm which the owners generously pay and for which we are very grateful.

It was decided to continue on the prom, the band concerts in the park finish at 4pm so Praise on the Prom starts at 4.30pm.

Jean & Mick have permission to park at Claire House, so equipment can be taken over the bridge, this means that next year we can operate during Prom Art Sundays as well as the other Sundays.

Jean was happy for it to be held all of July & August.

Thanks were expressed to St Pauls for the invitation to Songs of Praise, whilst it wasn't a CT event, it was a chance to say farewell to Revd Jonathan Brewster and his family.

## **Looking forward**

### **Remembrance**

There will not be a march from St Paul's to the cenotaph, the police no longer can offer support for this kind of event.

The organisation of the event will be left with the British Legion and the Council. The Band will be at war memorial and the service.

### **Advent quiet morning**

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** Sue Nicol had agreed to this at the last meeting, and she will lead and organise it.

### **Advent carols**

#### **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**

Charles Edmondson will coordinate it, (he will waive his fee) Charles has organised his ladies only choir.

It is hoped that Boarbank will be able to host it, Liz says they will, providing nothing untoward occurs.

There will be 6 Advent congregational hymns, 5 Christmas items by the lady's choir, plus lessons.

### **Action: David will be in touch with Sister Eileen regarding arrangements**

### **Other events occurring in our area.**

- For 3 Sundays in December 2pm-3pm a meditation around the stained-glass windows in St Paul's led by Penny Driver
- URC are having a Carol service in December.

➤ Week of Prayer for Christian unity 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Jan

Last year 4 churches volunteered.

Liz remarked that if the times revolve around communion, then the Catholics cannot be involved, which be a shame as it's Christian unity week. It was agreed that this could be avoided. Dates suggested were:-

**St Pauls Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**St Charles 19<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**URC Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>**

**St Marys Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan**

**The Methodist Church will fill one of the gaps.**

Check with Haverthwaite or Filed Broughton to see if they could fit something in.

St Mary's hold a community lunch following worship which doesn't include communion so something could revolve around this.

## **Lent**

This can be sorted at the December meeting.

Ash Wed is 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Easter Sunday is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

At the next meeting It will also be decided to whom we send the money, it might be easier to have one that we all support, with a different one each year.

**Action: members to come to the December with dates they could host a Lent Lunch.**

## **Easter project**

David shared an idea for 2024 Easter. It would involve having a QR code in shop windows which would activate a scene, it would be a family friendly trail with a visual symbol displayed that linked to the story.

Using QR codes means they could be in churches/shops/villages, this would help to involve village churches. Could be in shop windows &/or churches at the same time.

Stories would be stories of the resurrection as we would do it after the school holidays due to the date of Easter and the school holidays.

Jo & Andrea will form a sub meeting to plan it & would welcome others. They will ask Grace, who does the Youth Panto, if she would be responsible for undertaking the organisation of the acting. It would be of greater interest if local youngsters were involved and alleviate copyright problems downloading things from the web, which couldn't be an option.

### **Any other business**

**World Day of Prayer** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Pam has approached Field Broughton to see if they would like to host the service but hasn't yet had a reply. The material has arrived with Pam and if St Peter's can't host it, the Methodist church will.

Penny asked which churches are fairtrade &/or eco churches.

### **Date and venue of next meetings**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7pm venue St Charles Grange

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 AGM May St Paul's Grange 7pm