



**CHURCHES
TOGETHER**
in SWINTON & PENDLEBURY

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 21st September 2011
Holy Rood Church, Swinton.

Present:

Chich Hewitt, Allan Roberts and Dot Fair

Ann Hackett

John Nunn and Eileen Rigby

Sheila Hollington

Jeremy Sheehy

Richard Yates, Pam Smith and Pat Barratt

Dorrie Crier

Christine Kennedy and Elaine Rogers

Mrs Marie Kidd (Guest)

ETA PAUL SMITH

Holy Rood

Worsley Road Methodists

Manchester Road

St Peter's All Saints Saint Augustine's

St Charles

St Marys'

Salvation Army

ST. CHARLES

Apologies:

Jeff Walker

Bob Daly

Jenny Bond

LILLIAN JACKSON

Worsley Road/Manchester Road

St Mary's

St Charles

ST. ANNE'S

1. The meeting was opened with a prayer from John Nunn.
2. Minutes of meeting held on 5th May 2011 were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising were listed on the agenda.
4. Marie Kidd, a parishioner from St Charles, attended the meeting by invitation to express her concern at the siting of the alcohol unit at Morrison's in Swinton, which she feels has been sited so that it is not possible to bypass it.

She had written to Morrison's on two occasions and received letters expressing the fact that they complied with the current legislation.

A discussion took place which covered other stores in the area. Finally it was agreed that the Government should be encouraged to look at pricing promotions and other issues of accessibility to alcohol for young people and to that end the convener will write to our two local M.Ps.

Mrs Kidd then left the meeting.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes.

Jenny bond had made contact with Jean Molineaux at U.R.C., as had John Nunn. It is hoped that U.R.C. will join Churches together.

6. Easter Services.

John Nunn produced a procedural guide lines document. John hoped that volunteers would prepare a revised document with some new ideas. Alternatively we would continue with the current one.

Elaine Rogers suggested introducing hymns well known to passers by, e.g. The Old Wooden Cross, with the aim of encouraging them to join in the hymn singing.

Rev. Chich would try to find volunteers.

Dorrie Crier suggested that we seek ideas from our parishes.

6. Finance

Shelagh Hollington had been in contact with G.M.Ch.T. with regard to members fee payments. The rule is that each member church pays a subscription. Shelagh had drawn up a balance sheet which showed that their policy would provide sufficient revenue for current commitments. Subs will be reviewed at the A.G.M. in 2012.

7. The issue of the constitution was discussed and it was resolved that Father Jeremy, Father Paul and John Nunn would meet to review the document.

C.T.S.P. leaflet.

Dorrie confirmed that libraries would be prepared to display any leaflet which we produced. John circulated a sample leaflet from Melbourne Derbyshire. Father Jeremy felt that it was

much easier for a small rural community to produce such a document given the limited space available. It was suggested that the leaflet should make clear the style of worship.

Chich would ask Jenny to produce a sample.

Father Paul has a list of hotels in the area which would display our leaflet. These would be posted when available. Details necessary to produce our Advent leaflet should be available by 15th November.

8. Advent Prayer Station.

A rota was circulated and agreed.

A sample of a prayer card was circulated.

Discussion took place on the need to make it clear that petitioners need only provide as much personal information as they wished. It needs also to be made clear that prayers need only be requested and not composed.

It was agreed that Father Jeremy would produce 500 No. prayer cards.

9. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. 22nd January 2012.

Rev. Chich informed the meeting that this would have a Polish theme based on the statement 'We shall be changed'.

U.R.C. would be asked to host. John Nunn would contact.

St. Charles would provide back up if U.R.C. not available.

John would contact Roger Stubbins, who had Eastern European contacts, in the hope of producing a Polish speaker.

10. Web Site.

John informed the meeting that it was not being used very much other than Methodist Church and Holy Rood.

11. Outreach.

It was hoped that leaflets in hotels would provide some outreach.

12. Clergy Fraternity.

Not well supported due to problems of agreeing a date when last minutes business can mean attendance not possible.

13. Prisoners of Conscience.

Churches still enthusiastic.

14. Next meeting 31st JANUARY 2012 at Manchester Road Methodists. Prayer leader Dot Fair.

15. Rev. Chich closed the meeting with a prayer.