

Minutes of the AGM held on Tues 6th Nov 2018 at St Mark's.

Present

R Dale, C Adamson, A Laws, A Brien, Rev E Morgan, Fr A Schembri, M Grant, J Coates, M Coates, R Brewer, Rev G Morgan, C Ryan, A Hill, Rev P Abell, Rev M Leigh, Rev G Parkins, J Parkins, M Gurney, Rev G Bowell, Rev N Douglas, S Blower, A Holles, Rev D Nellist, M Finch, C Finch, T Quinn (NYCC) B Raper, Mary Walker, Rev R Walker, Rev S Moray

Apologies

Rev H Dean, C Dean, R Firman, Rev D Dixon, Ros Brewer

Devotions John 19, verses 19-38

Thanks were expressed to the stalls who had provided information prior to the meeting

MINUTUES of last AGM were accepted and signed

MATTERS ARISING there were no matters arising that were not covered by the agenda

Election of Officers

After discussion where we thought about lay representation in the officers, we all felt it was better for the perception of CTIS in the community that the Chair be a member of the clergy, but that we would like to see a lay representative in the vice chairs. It is also important that not more than any one post was held by the same denomination. It was suggested that Ruth Dale be asked to be a lay vice chair but decided to leave this over until next year as that would mean 2 methodists were serving together. Rev Emma Morgan will have served 3 years by next year

All chair posts are for a maximum of 3 years but reappointed annually

The following were unanimously voted on for 2018-19

Chair Rev Richard Walker

Vice Chair Rev Emma Morgan

Vice Chair Rev Fr Albert Schembri

Ruth has been trying to retire as secretary for a few years, having held the post on and off for 25 years. Mr Colin Adamson offered to be the minute secretary and Ruth will continue to co-ordinate emails etc. This was agreed unanimously

Minute Secretary Mr Colin Adamson

Co-ordinating Secretary Mrs Ruth Dale

Mr Raper was happy to continue as treasurer for one final year, but we do need to appoint a new treasurer for this time next year. This was agreed unanimously.

Treasurer Mr Brian Raper

Steering Group

It was disappointing that not all churches were represented. We all work really well together in Scarborough. All churches should have a rep (see below). Ruth to emphasise this when the minutes are sent out.

The Council shall appoint annually a steering group, being composed of one clergy and one lay rep from each denomination in CTIS and such persons as have been co-opted on for their relevant skills, and to which each church in CTIS is both entitled and welcome to either send their own clergy and lay representative, or chose to be represented by those appointed.

The steering group will meet as required, and will work with and support the chair, and can be called to act on behalf of CTIS when the need arises, such need and action to be reported fully at the next CTIS meeting.

Chairman's Report Fr Albert based his report on "What is the word of God to us?"

The church is born from the body of Jesus.

Jesus gave his Spirit into the world. Usually at crucifixion they broke the bones in the legs of the victim, but in Jesus' case they did not break any part of his body. The Church is the body of Christ, so any brokenness comes from the evil one and not from God. We as churches together are different, but not broken. Division fuels nationalism, and we need to listen to the heart of Jesus. We need to work to become more and more one. We need to share our gifts and charisms. We together are the Body of Christ. We need to support one another, and the Chair is there to encourage unity. We can only work together if we know our identity. In Malta Fr Albert was a Catholic. When he came over here he discovered he was a Roman Catholic. CTIS has helped him to become a better Roman Catholic – not different but being a witness. He learnt that here he needs to wear a clerical collar to help him be a witness. CTIS helped him to have a deeper understanding of who he is in the community.

There are 2 levels of Ecumenism: Theological – and Parochial ie working together for the Kingdom of God. This must be our aim.

Fr Albert commented that, although other faiths obviously cannot join CTIS, fear is what divides us as people. Are there things that we can share with other faiths that would hopefully lessen that fear.

Handing over of the Bibles Fr Albert handed over the 2 Bibles, one English and one German, to Rev Richard Walker to hold during his time as Chair.

New Chair Richard readily accepted the role as Chair of CTIS, and the meeting welcomed him. He is working with the Council on the 100 year Remembrance event so can involve CTIS on that. He looks forward to working for us.

Treasurer's report

Church's contribution to CTIS this year. It was agreed to keep this at £15. Ruth to send out reminders

Reminder that CTIS collections go to our charities.

Annual Donations to our charities Because the collections from the services earlier this year went to outside charities, there is no money available this year to support our own charities. The steering group will look at this when money comes in from the churches.

SPEAKERS

The following new members introduced themselves

Rev Sheena Moray who is working alongside Rev Mike Leigh

Catherine Dufton – FISS

Steve Blower – Sidewalk

Last year things had been looking bad, but it has been a whirlwind year. A big thanks is due to CTIS for our continued support, and to some churches for their generosity. One to one Work with young people in schools has increased from 50 to over 100. Sidewalk now does detached youth work 3 times a week.

Last year there was Steve and 4 assistants, now there are 2 extra workers.

Thanks were expressed to Rev David Nellist and Rev Geoff Bowell. Sidewalk desperately need more trustees. They also need a treasurer so if you know of anyone please let them know.

Finally if your church would like to hear more about Sidewalk please let Steve know.

Community Angels – Michelle informed us that the Community Angels show God's love in action – not just words.

They go into people's homes and fill the gap between external agencies.

The council did an investigation into the Street / Youth / Community Angels – they wanted to know if they were of any social value. In Scarborough, the CTIS initiative has an excellent reputation. So this secular report has said that the Angels are a very effective group meeting in the community, and therefore public funding can be awarded.

We really need more volunteers from all denominations to share practical love together.

Community Cohesion Officer – Tony Quinn.

Tony introduced himself to the meeting. He is a former chief inspector, but in his new role was looking for a way to reach the community. He saw this AGM advertised so came along. He will send his details to Ruth to circulate to see how the churches can help – we are already doing so much in the community that can be built on.

CHRISTMAS ADVERT -

Ruth reminded everyone about sending in the details for the advert and will send out the email again

Dates and Venues of annual events

Remembrance Sunday is in hand – at Queen Street.

Christmas events

Indoor Market – Rev Emma Morgan is involved with arrangements.

Christmas event at OAT – CTIS will be forming a choir. Ruth will send out details

YMCA Carol Service – this will take place and attempts to put the Christianity back into YMCAA

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan 18-25th 2019

Week of Prayer SERVICE Sun Jan 20th at the Salvation Army

World day of prayer Fri 1st March – 10.30 venue to be confirmed

Good Friday Walk of Witness – Friday 19th April 2019

Details to be announced

Pentecost Service. SOUTH CLIFF Sunday June 9th

Spring Tide – Prayer for Scarborough. The next Sunday Evening is due on 11th November – Thoughts for next year. It is suggested they will meet the second Sunday each month next year.

We are a church in Scarborough. The church leaders meet each week, and we are together in heart.

Summer Songs of Praise. Are we having one? Check availability of SA band and decide at the next steering group meeting.

Any Other Business

Timings of meetings – 12.30 caused problems as it runs into the afternoon. It was agreed that we revert to 12 noon on a Tuesday.

Date and times of next meetings Steering Group meetings . Tues 15th Jan 2019 ; Tues 19th March 2019, Tues 11th June; Tues 17th September all at 12.00pm at Northstead Methodist Church.

AGM Tues Nov 12th November at Queen Street