

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SCARBOROUGH

Minutes of a meeting of the Steering Group of Churches Together in Scarborough held at Northstead Methodist Church, Givendale Road, Scarborough on Tuesday, 21st. January, 2020 at 12 noon.

PRESENT:- Reverend Richard J. Walker (Chairman) (St. Mary's with Holy Apostles), Reverend Emma Morgan (Vice Chairman) (Northstead, Wreyfield Drive, Scalby & Queen Street), Mr. Bruce Clark (Vice Chairman) (Burniston), Mrs. Ruth Dale (Secretary) (Northstead), Mr. Colin T. Adamson (Minutes Secretary & Treasurer) (Westborough), Reverend Steve Blower (Sidewalk), Mrs. Ros. Brewer (St. Mark's & Scarborough Deanery), Mr. Joe Coates (St. Mary's with Holy Apostles), Mrs. Catherine Dufton (Faith in Scarborough Schools & Ebenezer), Mrs. Margaret Finch (Albemarle), Reverend Mike Leigh (St. Mark's), Reverend David Nellist (Maranatha), Reverend Graeme D. Parkins (Elim), Mrs. Kate Tate (St. Martin-on-the-Hill & Churches on South Cliff) and Mrs. Mary Walker (St. James with Holy Trinity).

20/01 OPENING DEVOTIONS:- The Chairman opened the meeting with a reading from St. John 1 : 35 and a prayer.

20/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- Apologies were received from the Reverend Geoff. Bowell (Scarborough Christian Fellowship), the Reverend Neil Douglas (Ebenezer), Mrs. Rachel Jameson-Firman (Burniston) and Mrs. Hester Miller (Quakers).

20/03 MINUTES:- The Minutes of the last Steering Group meeting held on Tuesday, 17th. September, 2019; having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

20/04 ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA:- From the Minutes Secretary and Rev. Graeme Parkins.

20/05 MATTERS ARISING:-

a) **Syrian Refugees** - (19/37 a)) - The Chairman reported that a document had been submitted to North Yorkshire County Council together with the Safeguarding and Safer Recruiting documents. No further response had been received.

b) Past Events

i) **Spring Tide** - (19/37 c) i) - This had been a good time and the managing group is now praying about what should follow.

ii) **Annual General Meeting** - (19/38) - There had been a good attendance. Thanks were expressed to Queen Street. The

venue had been good and has been booked and confirmed for 2020.

- iii) **Carols by Candlelight at Christmas Sparkle** - This had been good and well attended by a lot of non-church attenders. It had been well received.
- iv) **Christmas for link with Scarborough Schools** - (19/37 c) ii)) - Eight schools and 200 children over the two weeks had bene involved.
- v) **Town Hall Carol Service** - The Chairman reported that this arose out of the links between the Scarborough Borough Council and St. Mary's who had requested the Carol Service. Councillors and Council employees had attended.
- vi) **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - (19/37 c) iii)) - Thanks were expressed to the Reverend Geoff. Bowell and Scarborough Christian Fellowship for the C.T.I.S. service on Sunday, 19th. January, 2020
Mrs. Kate Tate stated that the South Cliff churches are meeting daily at different churches during the week.

c) **Future Events**

- i) **World Day of Prayer** - (19/37 c) iv)) - This will be on 6th. March, 2020 at St. Mark's, using the material provided.
The 2021 service 5th. March, will provisionally be held at St. James.
- ii) **Good Friday Walk of Witness** - This will be held on 10th. April, 2020, assembling at ALMA Square from 9.30 a.m., then a walk into the town and a pause opposite the Brunswick Centre for a drama presentation, worship and prayers and then continuing down the precinct and up to the Castle for a short service on the headland. Support has been received from Scarborough Borough Council, North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Highways. Reverend Graeme Parkins asked that the event be made known and arrange participation. Eight to ten church leaders are required to help with stewarding. Thanks were expressed to Ms. Anita Hill for all the arrangements in co-ordinating the drama. More actors are required.
- iii) **Pentecost Service** - This will be held on Sunday, 31st. May, 2020 at St. Peter's at 6.30 p.m. It was presumed that arrangements are in hand.

iv) **2020 Mission to Scarborough** - (19/37 c) v)) - The managing group is waiting, thinking and praying.

v) **Plans from the Churches**

Ebenezer is having a Holiday Club at Easter.

Sidewalk is having a Festival of Skate Parks on 23rd. August, 2020 from 12 noon to 5.00 p.m. and the Reverend Steve Blower requested a visible presence from the churches, particularly to engage with the children.

Mrs. Ros. Brewer stated that there is to be a Mission across the Northern Diocese with events from 12th. to 15th. March across the Deanery. There is a vacancy at St. Laurence's, Scalby. The Reverend Mike Leigh has been appointed Chaplain at Scargill House, Kettlewell and will leave in September.

At Scalby Methodist Church, there is an Escape Day on Friday, 7th. February from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Northstead has an Easter journey from 24th. to 26th. March.

The South Cliff churches have a Passover Meal on 1st. April at South Cliff.

Faith in Scarborough Schools has Messy Church in the Park.

The Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell will be installed as the 98th. Archbishop of York in July.

20/06 TREASURER'S REPORT:- The Treasurer reported that the Bank Mandate has been submitted but progress is slow. The Bank requested detail regarding the governance of C.T.I.S. and this was given by telephone conversation. Regarding the bank account, there is little change since the A.G.M. There had only been seventeen churches pay a contribution for 2018/9. It was agreed that the Treasurer sends a letter to all Church Treasurer's requesting a contribution for 2019/20.

20/07 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

i) **Christmas Advert** - (19/40 iii) - The Treasurer stated that the North Yorkshire Cost Methodist Circuit, Circuit Support Manager has intimated that some churches have still not paid for their advertisement. Those outstanding will be appropriately followed up.

ii) **North Yorkshire Police** Chaplaincy - The Reverend Graeme Parkins reported that he had been a North Yorkshire Police

Chaplain since January, 2004 but is gradually relinquishing his various roles. It is noted that the Reverend Adrian Moore (Kingdom Faith) is now the Chaplain to Scarborough Police Station and that the Reverend Jo Parker (Church of the Nativity, Eastfield), will shortly be the Eastfield Police Chaplain. Regarding the North Yorkshire Police Chaplaincy, the Lead Chaplain position has been vacant for over five years, but this has now been filled by the Reverend Father Philip Rogerson, from his office at Police Headquarters in Thirsk. He will include the roles in the North Yorkshire Police Eastern Command, co-ordinating the local Cluster of Chaplains together with the Chaplaincy training, mentoring and supporting the Eastern Command area of Scarborough, Ryedale, Whitby and Filey. The Reverend Graeme Parkins expressed thanks for the Lord's enabling and the opportunity to have served in these ways and asked for prayers for the new appointees and for the anticipated launch of a Scarborough branch of the Christian Police Association.

- iii) **Community Liaison with Scarborough Borough Council** - The Reverend Graeme Parkins reflected on the voice that C.T.I.S. has had with Scarborough Borough Council in the zoned residential parking arrangements that ensured Sunday morning church services would be free of hourly parking zone legislation and also securing the opportunity for Ministers and Leading Church Workers, who need them for their visiting duties, to have annual All-Zones Parking Permits. This has been a good arrangement and helpful to Scarborough Borough Council and flags up our Christian community activities in a public arena. It was formally agreed that the Reverend Graeme Parkins be appointed to continue representing C.T.I.S. for formal liaison arrangements to Scarborough Borough Council for both the Good Friday Walk of Witness as well as the Parking Permit processing.
- iv) **E.C.G.** - This ecumenical event will take place at Scarborough Spa from Tuesday, 14th. to Sunday, 19th. April, 2020.

20/08 DATES OF THE MEETINGS:- It was confirmed that the dates of the Steering Group meetings in 2020 be held on Tuesdays, 17th. March, 9th. June and 15th. September at Northstead Methodist Church at 12 noon. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd. November at 6.30 p.m. at Queen Street.

There being no further business, the meeting closed, with the Grace.