

Minutes of CTIS steering group meeting held on 18/9/18

Present Ruth Dale, Rev Emma Morgan, Mary Walker, Rev David Nellist, Joe Coates, Catherine Dufton, Margaret Finch, Rev Mike Leigh, Steve Blower, Rev Fr Albert Schembri, Rev Geoff Bowell

Apologies Rev Richard Walker, Ros Brewer, Rev G Parkins, Colin Adamson

Welcomes. We welcomed Catherine Dufton, who has taken over from Bruce Clark at FISS

Devotions were very sensitively led by Rev Fr Albert Schembri, from John 8 with the text “The truth will set you free”.

Minutes of last meeting were approved and signed

Matters arising

DATA PROTECTION Ruth needs email addresses of all new clergy and reps, and will send all emails out “blind copy” so addresses cannot be seen. She will also send out an email giving folk the opportunity to be removed from the list if they so desire.

Christmas advert. As per email. Ruth to send out email and all churches to get their details to the Circuit Office by the agreed date.

Updates on events

Other events – do we want to plan any? How can we be more visible in the town?

There is to be a big Christmas event at the OAT? Rev Mike Leigh will check if we can be involved and report to the AGM

Town centre Lights Switch On. Can CTIS create a Flash Mob and hand out post cards of Christmas services? Rev Geoff Bowell will investigate and report to the AGM

Indoor market – Rev Emma Morgan will ask if we can take in Knitted Angels and report to the AGM

YMCA join Carol Service. We need to publicise this and emphasise the “Christian” element. Rev Mike Leigh will ask Hillary Watts to email Ruth.

WED 10th oct at SCF 6.30pm the FISS agm and farewell to Bruce, and a welcome to Catherine. Ruth to circulate details.

11th November – Rev Richard Walker is at the Spa event. Youth organisations are invited. There will be a Lantern parade from the Grand.

There will be a Service at Queen Street on the Sun Morning at 9.30 then parade down to the lifeboat house for the service there

Olivers Mount will be the venue as usual for the Town Remembrance parade

Election of officers at AGM

Election of Officers

Chair Fr Albert would like to stand down but is happy to be elected as a vice chair

Vice Chair Rev Mike Leigh is happy to continue or stand down if there are others who would like to serve

Vice Chair Rev Emma Morgan is happy to continue

Secretary Ruth will continue, but would much prefer if someone else would like to be the minute secretary for the meetings.

Treasurer Brian Raper is happy to continue

We had a discussion about the Chair being a lay person. Years ago it was felt that clergy carried more weight to non-church goers than did lay. Do we still feel this?

It was agreed that we ask certain people, and that this be decided and voted upon at the AGM.

It was also agreed that we recommend that the Chair and Vice chair are one year appointments voted annually with a maximum of 3 years.

To be decided at the AGM

At the end of the meeting, Joe Coates commended Fr Albert for your very fine chairmanship over recent years, during the meeting. Fr Albert has shown some wonderful gentle leadership, with very appropriate devotions, gentle authority alongside wisdom . Thank you for all you have contributed . It's been much appreciated.

The meeting closed with grace

AGM –

Agenda

Coffee and viewing the stalls from CTIS organisations from 6.30p. Meeting from 7 – 8.30p.m.

MEETING

Devotions

MINUTUES of last AGM AND MATTERS ARISING

Election of Officers

Chair

Vice Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Steering Group - 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

Treasurer's report

Decide on church's contribution to CTIS this year. Reminder that CTIS collections go to our charities.

Annual Donations to our charities to be confirmed. Are there any funds this year?

SPEAKERS

New clergy introduce themselves

Catherine Dufton – FISS

Steve Blower - Sidewalk

CHRISTMAS ADVERT -

Dates and Venues of annual events

Remembrance Sunday

Indoor Market

Christmas event at OAT

Switch on of Christmas lights

YMCA Carol Service

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

Week of Prayer SERVICE Sun Jan 20th at either the Salvation Army or SCF. Tbc

World day of prayer Fri 1st March – 10.30 – ask St Mary's

Good Friday Walk of Witness – Friday 9th April 2019

Arrangements to be announced

Pentecost Service. SOUTH CLIFF Sunday June 9th

Summer Songs of Praise. Are we having one? Check availability of SA band

Any Other Business

Timings of meetings – 12.30 causes 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

Suggested dates

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 5th Venue tbc.