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Leeds Mission and Care Group

Mission & Care Partnership Meeting Tuesday 18th July 2017 and St. Andrew's Roundhay

On a sunny evening we met with 23 people representing 9 churches with apologies from 9 others.

We were welcomed by Sheila Telfer on behalf of St. Andrew's and we heard a modern-day parable: The Parable of the Quilt, and were led in prayer.

The update from St. Andrew's shared the good news that **Revd. Tim Lowe** has been called and has accepted the call to Roundhay. He will be moving from Coventry and the Induction will be at the end of October. The church with their Anglican and Methodist colleagues have **recruited a 'Time for God' volunteer** on a 1-year project and the church is looking to recruit a **part-time temporary (for the moment) Church Administrator**.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

After 62 years of providing entertainment The Stainbeck Players have performed their last!! This means that all their costumes will be offered for 'reasonable' donations probably. 24th AUGUST 11am to 9pm with an opportunity for lunch in the cafe. Flock to Stainbeck church and don't miss out .

Comings, Goings and Doings

Clare's Induction Final details were shared: hand in cakes as you arrive; there will be car-parking stewards and the area immediately around the church will be for less-able walkers and disabled car-badge folk. The preacher will be Rev Jason McCullough; there will be a dance group and if there is no representative from a particular church Geoff will light a candle on their behalf. Thanks were expressed for the help Headingley St. Columba's has received during the process.

Summer Bus Pilgrimage As we are not sure what preparations have been made this may not happen but someone will check with Alex.

News from Kevin Synod has appointed 2 new Youth and Children's workers. Both candidates for the post were impressive and inspirational. One has worked on projects in San Diego and the other wants to get alongside children and young people as they develop their faith. One lives in S. Yorks and the other in N. Yorks and they are there for us to call upon for training, advice etc. The appointment is for 2 years to begin with we understand. A weekend away at Marrick Priory is being planned for 11-16 yr-olds.

Cottingley told us about their well-attended Mothering Sunday community meal and their 'Passover' meal. They have a Bible study group and continue with Tuesday Morning Prayers. At the Community Cafe local MP Hilary Benn and his wife Sally were guests. Cottingley asked for any **musicians** to contact them if they can help with the **Praise Evenings** which restart after the Summer break. The untimely death of **Janet Neville** was a shock to the fellowship. But they are looking forward with new hope for new beginnings. Beeston Hill United Free Church as part of Church Together in LS11 have sponsored (with other churches) **535 'It's Your Move'** Scripture Union **booklets** to year 6 pupils in all the 10 schools in the area. The sad news that tonight (18/7) is the last meeting of the long-running **Boys Brigade 7th Leeds Company** at

BHUF and there will be a thanksgiving service in the Autumn. **2 young people** from the church will be joining Morley Community **Youth Camp as leaders**. The church has been having talks with the **Baptist Union** re future mission and ministry. There has been a **92nd birthday** and they are taking part in the Lytham St. Annes trip with the Methodists. **Stainbeck** church are involved in a pilot scheme as part of the Church Life Review process called “**Inviting Forward**” under the umbrella of Appreciative Inquiry. Hopes and dreams shared in a series of conversations with anyone loosely connected to the fellowship are being collected and will be shared in worship later in the year. Mid-week worship has been including “**Come and Read**” to listen differently to the Bible. **2 barbecues** have happened one (for the last time) in Angela and Donald’s garden and the other a **Messy Church Barbecue**. **Peter Clarkson** has been facilitating meetings between a small group of M & C folk and Jewish friends for listening with a view to better understanding. **West Park** are sorry to be losing Anne and will be grateful for any positive responses to preaching requests. A joyous service for the blessing and dedication of three children with a faith lunch and their parents will be marrying in a fortnight’s time. A joint anniversary was held in the afternoon with URC in South Leeds when Anne was thanked followed by a lovely tea. **Wigton Moor** are awaiting permissions for the **big alterations** to the front of the church. Help has been received from St. Andrew’s Roundhay and Bolton Villas with grant funding applications and **Peter** is on **Sabbatical** from 1st October. News of the death of **Bunny Sapherson** was received with sadness. **Headingley St Columba** are making final preparations for Saturday. The Tuesday Guild very much enjoyed a talk by Pat and Hans Van Lemmen on their **volunteer work at Caring for Life** and the Guild will **visit** the farm on 25th July. **Vandalism** has occurred using coping stones to break the windows. **United Reformed Church in South Leeds** reported on the re-energising of **Churches Together in Leeds 10** and the good meeting they had. There is a **church breakfast** every other month during the summer which is slowly ‘getting off the ground’ Equally sad to be losing Anne. **Christ Church Halton** are building on their ‘**Virtual Prayer Walk**’ experience which includes letting the shop-keepers know about prayers for them “that they will be treated with respect”. A **Come to Church Sunday** is being planned for 1st October concentrating on new people and the church meeting next Sunday will encourage everyone to be part of this. A **Summer Meal** provided by a couple in their 80s is coming up. **There was a Service of Thanksgiving for the Windermere Centre** when some of the anger and sense of loss was acknowledged, **URC Comms Facebook** has a video of the service.

Clare’s Management and Support Committee. They are set to meet next week and would like to hear from folks as to what they feel Clare’s priorities should be at the start of her ministry here. **Ideas** were asked for and these included going round the churches when they are doing their ordinary things as well as when events are happening. From Clare we heard that she will be getting to know the churches with a view to helping partnership working together. You can email your thoughts to Clare. Her work email is: revclare.urcleeds@gmail.com and **her work phone is: 0113 278 4483** due to be operational in a few days time.

The questions were asked “Are we continuing with our monthly events?” and “How will Tim Lowe and the 2 new Children and Youth Workers fit in the melting pot?”

Today was the celebration of **20 years of Ordained Ministry for Angela**. From Stainbeck “Every second has been valued and appreciated”.

The next meeting is at Headingley St. Columba to be advised (probably 12/13 September)