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Leeds Mission and Care Group

Mission & Care Group Meeting 7th March 2017 at URC in South Leeds, Belle Isle

26 folks were present representing 10 churches and 8 apologies were received.

Anne opened our meeting with prayer and gave a very brief update on the work of Trinity Network (the church's charity), the activities in the church section - scouts, guides etc. and on the **M & C open day at Belle Isle on the 18th March** - hot food, coffee/tea etc and a tour and brief history which is our **next Partnership Visit**.

Notes for the Diary: April 1st Community Cafe at West Park, Leeds 10.30 to say 1pm

May 20th Christian Aid 'Big Brekkie' at Wigton Moor 9.30 to 11.30.

12th May Quiet Day organised by Headingley St Columba at Parcevall Hall places still available (see leaflet)

25th April Christian Aid event at Headingley St. Columba (see leaflet)

14th May Charity Concert (Good in Parts) and (Roundhay Ukulele Group) at Headingley St Columba (see leaflet)

10th June Summer Fete at Roundhay St Andrew's

Well Done the Vacancy Group! And a Big 'Thank You' to Geoff Ellis.

I had 'pen poised' ready for action to amend the draft proposal regarding the working relationship/line management between the LMCGP, Local Management Group and Mission and Ministry Enabler - and not a word was changed nor punctuation altered! Amazing. **Well Done The LMCGP** at the meeting for not wanting to make changes for changes' sake! Amazing. More of that later . . .

To prepare for the above Geoff led a discussion on the logistics of Clare's Induction. The date is still Saturday 22nd July - we have a time: 3pm at Headingley St. Columba. The Terms of Settlement have now only to go to Headingley's Church Meeting for agreement and they will be ready for signing by the beginning of the Induction service. It was agreed that a 'bring and share' would be appropriate for refreshments and Headingley will coordinate this. It was also agreed that the invitations would be on behalf of Headingley St. Columba and LMCGP and Headingley would supervise this in conjunction with Clare. RSVP for numbers. It was suggested that a 'symbol' from each church might be presented at the service (e.g. a candle) and it was thought that Kevin and Clare might like to have some input about this. And Angela said she would speak on behalf of LMCGP with regarding "The Call". This was welcomed! We understand that Clare will lead worship on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at Headingley and will be available to lead worship within LMCGP on the other Sundays (holidays excepted). Clare will be moving into Leeds on the 3rd July and be employed here from the 1st of July. This will give her some time for getting to know the area. Of the £5400 needed regarding expenses £5200 has been pledged.

Back to our lead news . . . After discussion it was agreed that a group consisting of: Alex Walker (Wigton Moor), Sarah Oldknow (URC in SL), Jenny Poulter (LEPs), Angela Hughes (Synod Pastoral Elder), Geoff Ellis (processes and a

clear head!), Sheena Dudley (St. Andrew's) and a representative from Headingley St. Columba would give a good diverse representation of our churches. The Line Manager would come from within this group.

Other possible events in the offing: 1) Alex's LMCGP 'Pilgrimage by bus' around the churches in the Summer and Jessica has agreed to liaise with her bus knowledge! 2) Autumn Event - Christian Dancing with Clare 3) M & C event at Dewsbury Road church building 4) Wesley Road weekly coffee morning (Saturday 10 12) – Angela will contact them and ask when it would be convenient for some of us to join them one Saturday.

Jenny spoke to us about the Actual and Virtual Prayer Walks from the first ideas to how this will influence Christ Church's prayer and community life. I would like to reproduce a piece sent by Moira Gallagher for LMCGP: Extract from an article which I submitted for our Wigton Moor Church magazine.

"One of the actions agreed by the M&C Group last year was that there would be a monthly event at one of the churches to which everyone would be invited in order to help us to get to know each other. The event in January was at Christ Church, Halton and was a virtual prayer walk. This was a very interesting evening when we heard about the 6 prayer walks undertaken in the local area and how this has resulted in a prayer diary for use by all members of the congregation.

The walks started and finished with prayer in the church and the walks involved the group looking at and talking about the local area, sometimes seeing things that they had never noticed before. We certainly knew more about Halton by the end of the evening, having been shown a selection of photos to illustrate the talk.

The resulting prayer diary "Praying for our Community 2017" is divided into 6 themes:- Recreation, Residential, Education, Health and fitness, Commerce and Churches. There is a short comment about each theme along with photos, an appropriate Bible reading and a prayer. Members are asked to pray for each theme in turn for a month from January to June and then to repeat this cycle for the rest of the year.

The resulting prayer diary will provide a very useful resource for the congregation at Christ Church and may well trigger similar activity in other churches as we all need to be praying for and engaging with our local communities. Sharing ideas is one of the benefits of working together."

Ecumenical Matters: JPIT (Joint Public Issues Team) Yorkshire A meeting of about 80 people was held on 4th March. John Battle is the Chair of this committee with representations from the denominations. This is intended as a way to encourage people in the churches to make their voices heard and find a way for the churches to speak to National Government. It is hoped that other faiths will also be represented.

'Gathering' had a meeting in St George's - Christian connecting with other Christians working in e.g. health, education, commerce and supporting them. The next meeting is 9th March at 6pm.

Cottingley 2nd Saturday in the month Community breakfast (22 attended) Last Sunday in the month 'Praise Be' service. WWDP was well supported and enjoyed. Thanks to all who came and/or helped with the 'Big Brew' at **Beeston Hill United Free Church** £50 donation was made to Traidcraft and around £250 goods sold for Traidcraft and Hadeel.

Next Meeting 11th May and Stainbeck - and we closed with sharing The Grace

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