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Leeds Mission and Care Group

Mission & Care Group Meeting 23rd January 2017 at Wigton Moor

31 folks representing 9 churches gathered and celebrated Communion together. It was a good start to 2017!

Peter gave an update on Wigton Moor particularly as 2017 will be the first full year of "Leading Your Church Into Growth" (LYCIG), which process they started in September 2016. Peter reminded us of the **4Ps: Presence, Proclamation, Persuasion and Prayer** with Prayer undergirding all. In a challenging calendar of events they have **Feb 11th** Cafe/Tea-room; **March** a special Messy Church - also **March** a special meal out and **March 26th** a special Mothers' Day Evangelical Service. There will be special **Easter Services** and at the **end of April** Ashley Evans is invited to lead worship. **This is the 20th anniversary year of Peter's Ordination and Induction to Wigton Moor.**

There are regular prayer meetings and Bible study and one evening a month a group goes to the local pub quiz night to interact there. **Presence:** in Aug/Sept the whole frontage of the church will be changed as the Play School which uses this area every weekday will be using new premises. **All are invited to their BIG BREKKIE for Christian Aid on May 20th 9.30 - 11.30.**

Getting Ready to Welcome Reverend Clare Davison.

Headingley/Leeds Ministry & Mission Enabling post.

Geoff was very pleased to officially advise that Rev. Clare had accepted the Call issued. As is inevitable "the formalities" concerning Clare's induction as half-time Minister with Headingley St. Columba and half-time LMCG Partnership Ministry & Mission Enabler need to be completed properly. The date for the Induction will be 22nd July as Clare completes her work in the Halifax Group at the end of June. What needs to be done?

The Terms of Settlement are being prepared - who should sign on behalf of the LMCG Partnership?

The Manse is provided by Headingley St Columba

How should LMCGP's share of expenses be collected? Headingley St Columba's treasurer will contact each individual treasurer with a system of payment as per 2016's document.

*Management Group job description needed and a group to be formed

*Line Manager's job description needs compiling meanwhile churches might pray about who might have the skills for this.

*Vacancy group will explore these.

Peter then led us in prayer . . .

After the visit of Rev Ashley Evans - What Next?

Peter had met with Ashley earlier in the day and Ashley offered various opportunities: **a) Come to a meeting** Elders/Church or Elders/Church Away Day **b) Mission & Care** 1/2 day training LYCIG - Evangelism and Outreach **c) Lead an Evangelistic Service** for churches to invite non-Christians and he can bring a worship group

d) LYCIG Annual Conference Event in November. Anglican event for others too! Paid for by Synod with 20 places provisionally booked by Ashley "A great conference for teaching and fellowship" "Churches of all flavours". This will be an item at March Synod. Contact Ashley for more details: ashleymtevens@hotmail.com

Ecumenical News There are a lot of changes due to the withdrawal of funding: Leeds Churches Together in Mission (LCTiM), West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council (WYEC) and Churches Regional Commission (CRC) are all no more. **New Initiatives: West Yorkshire Churches Together** bringing together church leaders and Ecumenical Officers of 11 major churches. A new website for WYCT westyorkshirechurchestogether.com The administrator is Nick Shields. **Yorkshire Regional Joint Public Issues Team Launch Conference Sat 4th March Civic Hall.** YRJPIT will focus on local issues and feed information into the national debate. Speakers include Ed Cox, Caroline Hughes and John Battle. **Network Leeds Partnership** should be the 'go to' place for news of churches in Leeds "Network Leeds is about internal communication within the Christian Community. It's a website space for congregations, people and projects of all denominations .." **Leeds Lent Prayer Diary 2017 - let every member of your fellowship use this in Lent.** You can order on line www.lcct.org.uk/leedslentdiary

SHARING NEWS: *St. Andrew's* are hosting refugees **January 23rd to 30th** giving them a hot evening meal, friendly conversation and a warm bed each night. WYDAN are vetting the refugees and overseeing as the groups stay at different faith venues. Please pray for them especially as there has been 2 significant bereavements in the fellowship. *St. Mary's in the Wood* continue with their Memory Cafe and on **Shrove Tuesday (28th Feb)** will be ringing the Pancake Bell and enjoying hot pancakes. *Headingley* expressed their pleasure and delight at the acceptance of Rev Clare Davison and advertised their Tenebrae Service on **Maundy Thursday** at 9pm. **4th May at Leeds Grammar School** there is a production of Jane Bower's Daddy's Diaries. **12th May** a Quiet Day at Parcevall Hall in North Yorkshire - places still available. **14th May** Ukulele Band and Choir Concert and afternoon tea with donations in aid of Wheatfields Hospice. *Carriageworks* performance of Kiss Me Kate **21/23 March** Tony Lee has joined the Company. *Stainbeck* have new flyers for their Community Cafe 'Call in, catch up, fill up and relax in great company'. And have a Tenebrae service on **Maundy Thursday**. *Christ Church Halton* They updated us on the overwhelming 'Host of Angels' in their Nativity and their over 200 knitted angels all went to good homes and parents enjoyed the Christmas Messy Church short service. *Cottingley* 2nd Saturday in the morning Coffee Morning and Community Breakfast. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party and service for 50/60 school children. Mothers' Day Special Service and Cooked Meal for Cottingley Mothers and their children.

Monthly Visits: **30th January: Christ Church Halton** their Virtual Prayer Walk at 7.30pm.
February 28th: St Mary's in the Wood Pancake Bell and pancakes 11am Every one is welcome.
March 18th: URC in South Leeds Belle Isle Community Cafe 10.30 - 12.30

Dates and Venues of next meetings: 7th March 2017 at United Reformed Church in South Leeds, Belle Isle and 11th May at Stainbeck.