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Leeds Mission and Care Group

Mission and Care Leeds Partnership meeting held at Wigton Moor Church on January 22nd 2020

30 of us representing 9 churches together with Jon Steel the new Synod Children and Young People Development Practitioner made our way through the fog to be welcomed by Dr Moira Gallagher. We began by remembering with thanks the life and work of John Tilbury, member at St Mary's in the Wood who had played an active part in the Synod and led worship in many of our churches.

Dr Gallagher then led opening worship using materials written for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Alex Walker, Church Secretary gave a comprehensive update of the current activities taking place at the church noting in particular the increasing community involvement which has been greatly enabled by the weekly 'Coffee Stop' each Tuesday and the successful monthly Saturday Soup Lunches. A popular Chair Exercise class has also been initiated. The church are engaged in negotiations with Synod regarding their plans to redevelop the kitchen and frontage of the building.

Update from Rev'd Clare Davison

- Churches who have not yet responded to Clare regarding the proposals for a Leeds Mission and Care Group covenant to form **The Leeds Partnership** are asked to please do so by **January 31st**. The proposals will help to shape the future of the partnership. It was noted that the proposals are not 'watertight' – future decisions will be made by all the churches.
- A job description is being drawn up by the Management Team to call a further Stipendiary Minister to the Partnership
- In February the Team will ask to meet with church representatives to check that the needs of the churches are being met.
- Clare would be happy to visit/ revisit elders' meetings and lead worship where possible. Please invite her.
- Clare keeps a Sunday prayer diary for each church using newsletters and magazines which she receives but would appreciate the specific names of worship leaders. She also has a midweek prayer time in which she prays for the activities which each church undertakes. It would be helpful if she could have an update on these where necessary - secretaries will be contacted.
- There are plans to set up a monthly Dance Group on Saturday mornings after Easter thus using her particular gifts. Information to follow.
- Suggestions for a choir are on hold for the moment.

Churches' visions for the coming 12 months

- **Headingley St Columba:** Pop up events for the Headingley Pub Run [water and food provided]; Continuing monthly 'Worship@4' on Sunday afternoon; Ecumenical Messy church – initial meeting in February; Meals for needy families in the Summer Holidays; Develop more links with students
- **Christ Church Halton;** Working with Inviting Forward facilitators for the next 6months; Plans to re-energise Messy church; Introduce opportunities for alternative worship, quiet reflective times; Continue to encourage the successful Tuesday night Guild
- **West Park;** Be involved in an ecumenical Messy church on the Hawksworth Wood Estate; Plan a further Charity Table Top sale following on the success of the one held at Christmas.
- **St Andrew's, Roundhay** Continue to build on the vision for reaching into the community; Through the established Festivals Group to draw in people from the community.;

Celebrate Music through Feb Fest 'Thank you for the music' 21st – 23rd Feb. details on church website; Plan to link with World Day of Prayer by celebrating with a 'Strong Women' event on Sat 7th March

- **South Leeds** Respond to a request for sharing in Bible study in a different way; Continuing with major community involvement whilst also in complex negotiations regarding the difficult, long-standing building issues.
- **Beeston Hill** Following Inviting Forward process and as they lose their minister share focussed conversations on which way next ?; Develop contextual bible study for young people.
- **Stainbeck** Use the newly reordered building, planned for sustainability with its' new kitchen and lift and all activities now based upstairs to maintain and develop our missional involvement in our community. Working with InterACT and THRIVE, the newly formed local ecumenical Charitable Incorporated Organisation for our shared youth work. Develop the opportunities for occasional worship to be planned and led by a Worship Group.
- **Wigton Moor** To engage with the local community; To introduce Holy Habits and thus make worship relevant and meaningful

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- **St Mary's in the wood. Morley;** A service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Tilbury to be held on Tuesday 28th January at 1.15pm; The pancake bell will be rung at noon on Shrove Tuesday 25th February, pancakes will be served. Posters giving details of the Scarborough Assembly will be available shortly.
- **Headingley St Columba;** At 23.0pm on Tuesday 28th January Hans van Lemmen, an authority on tiles will give a talk 'Turner in Yorkshire' All welcome. On Sunday 15th March at 3pm The Harrogate male voice choir will perform a concert in aid of Wheatfields hospice. Admission free. Refreshments available after the concert. Retiring collection for Wheatfields
- **West Park :** Geoff Ellis spoke of the 20 years work done in the city by Kidz Klub. There is a vacancy in a 10hour post at Moor Allerton Methodist Elderly care centre
- **St Andrew's :** have a vacancy - for a part time administrator 15hours, mornings

The meeting remembered the Moderator's wife Lynne who had successfully undergone spinal surgery and is now resting at home.

A.O.B

Cottingley – Terri Raddings informed the meeting that the worship element of the Cottingley Project will no longer continue. The concerned denominations are looking at how worship may be moved forward in the way which the community would wish. Other organisations – the Church Army, the Salvation Army will be invited to join in the discussions. Rev'd Tony Lee will continue his missional ministry.

This is a pause, a time to reflect with the hope that there will be a faith presence back in Cottingley.

Mrs Bernice Brayshaw spoke feelingly of the need for a faith life in that place.

Future dates:

Wed. 8th July at Headingley St Columba at 7.00

Wed 2nd Sept. at Stainbeck at 7.15

Wed 11th Nov. at Christ Church Halton at 7.00

Dates and venues for March and May will be advised.

There being no further business Clare closed the meeting with prayer and the sharing of the Grace.