

# MICANEWS

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## Leeds Mission and Care Group

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### **Mission and Care Leeds Partnership Meeting held online on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

22 representatives of churches within the group met together in the comfort of their homes via Zoom. Apologies were received from a further 7. The Moderator, Revd. Jamie Kissack also attended.

Opening worship was led by Jenny Poulter were led by Jenny Poulter who reflected on this Armistice day of links which could be made between War and our current situation under Covid 19. She spoke of the importance of hope at this time and of how we should focus on God to lead us out of negativity to see the positive outcomes of our situation in this time of re-setting. She then led the meeting in prayer.

**The next meeting will be a service of worship, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 7.30pm, on Zoom**

#### **Notices:**

The recent Leeds Church Institute Magazine featuring the importance of being able to ask questions was recommended. Contact Angela Hughes for further details.

A dance workshop was planned for Saturday - now gone, but enjoyed by all who came.

Clare Davison has a request from Channel 5 TV who are looking for

**Clare's update:** From earlier in the year, the April 2020 meeting of reps to discuss proposals for the future of the Partnership and discussion of what skills we'd be looking for to call another minister had to be cancelled. It was hoped that a 'live' meeting could address these issues and Clare will set a date for mid-March next year. The outcomes of Clare's ½ post review are to be activated, a line manager from outside Leeds will be appointed. Weekly worship resources continue to be circulated. **Please send Clare any information for inclusion together with any details of plans for the end of this period of lockdown.**

A special M & C Zoom service will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021, involving our ecumenical partners, when next year's meeting dates will be available.

**Advent course 'Candles in the dark'** The 6 week course has 3 different time opportunities for attendance in each week with the same zoom link for them all. 54 households have expressed an interest in ordering books, the course begins on 17th Nov.

**Moderators' Synod Questions** The meeting split into Breakout Rooms to consider these, which had come out of conversation at the Synod Coffee Morning, and were raised at the October Synod, and were now moving through Mission and Care groups to the churches. Jamie explained that this was part of a process for action – the sharing of thoughts and ideas to make things happen [MASH].

Conversations considered how we can help our communities to celebrate Christmas. Many ideas were shared and churches were asked to **send what your Church has decided to do for the Christmas period to Clare for circulation by 10th Dec.**

Individuals, communities and nations are in need of resilience and hope at this time. The role of the church in this need was shared. It was felt that communication, sharing, random acts of kindness, meeting needs of those in particular difficulties were all important, as was the need to keep ourselves strong. Discussion then moved on to considering the role of the church in supporting mental health issues and awareness. Again, communication was considered to be vital, listening, sign posting, understanding and being aware of those who may be 'missing'. The work of Renew Wellbeing charity and of Leeds Citizens were promoted in this regard.

Clare shared the idea of Doorstep Carols, an original suggestion from Rev Samantha Sheehan, and is taking place nationally between Premier Christian Radio & Newcastle Methodist Circuit

on Sunday 20th Dec, 5.30pm. It's suggested we all take this up with our Churches across Leeds. See flyer below.

**The moderator** spoke of his hopes to encourage ecumenical working across the city and of the building of a new Development plan across the Synod to encourage learning in all areas and prayer. He paid tribute to the work of Revd Jim Coleman, the recently retired development officer. Jamie also thanked the work of the Synod team, working creatively behind the scenes to support the Synod. He asked that churches should keep the lines of communication open and speak with Synod should they be in need of specific support or advice.

**\* CAROLS ON THE DOORSTEP \***

**\* SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 5:30 PM \***

**Join us for a National carol sing on your doorstep with your neighbours.**

**It's so easy to join in....**

- \*Download and print the Carol Sheet and invitation from [www.premierchristianradio.com](http://www.premierchristianradio.com). or [www.newcastlemethodistdistrict.org](http://www.newcastlemethodistdistrict.org) \*
- \*Pop them through your neighbours' doors inviting them to join you
- \*5:30pm on 20th December tune your radio to Premier Radio or Freeview 725 or download the Premier Radio app on your phone, then sing along to the Carols played. Why not wear your festive jumpers too and even bring out something to shake or rattle?

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