

Churches Together in Upper Wharfedale

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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
held on
Tuesday 17th May 2011
at 7.30 pm – St Margaret Clitherow, Threshfield

1. The meeting opened with prayer
2. Apologies were received from Anne Vetch, Rev. Peter Yorkstone, Ron Fletcher and Paula Jackson

Present: - Rev Peter Thomas (Chair), Bill Haigh, Ian Goldthorpe, Mgr. Andrew Summersgill, Sue Nelson, Rev David Macha, Geoff Arnett, Alyson Coney, David Phillips, Anne Marsden & Heather Mallinson

3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2011 were passed as being a true record.

Matters Arising from the minutes

- ❑ Upper Dale – Led by Adrian and Bridget Plass, Was well attended and a good Lenten exercise.
- ❑ Congregational church – Helen Kerr led the group. All denominations were represented in the group.
- ❑ Church of England held one group in Burnsall in the evening and one in Grassington during the day.

It was suggested that next year details are publicised earlier so people can choose and avoid clashes. Peter (T) suggested around Christmas would be a good time to do this (next year 2012, Easter Sunday is 8th April i.e. 3 weeks earlier than this year)

- ❑ Good Friday Events – The Rylstone walk started later than in previous years and was very well attended with new people taking part. However, with the later start participants could not take part in the Grassington procession as well, although this was probably not the intention of many of the group. The procession in Grassington was also well attended (around 50 +) and Sue commented that Peter (T) had done very well engaging with people not in the group.

It was suggested that next year the time of these events should be given out in the various churches – better communications.

4. Calendar of Events

- ❑ Festival Service 2011 – Leader will be David Macha, David Lee, Archdeacon of Bradford will be the speaker. Ron is not able to arrange the music this year and this was discussed before this meeting and details have to be finalised. Peter (T) is the representative on the Festival Committee and will look at the possibility of any festival acts being available to be at the service. The theme this year is 'Bloomin Marvelous'.
- ❑ Buckden Prayer and Praise evening is on Wednesday 13th July 2011. David (P) said this event was not well publicised – David (M) guaranteed that this will go into the June magazines.
- ❑ Kilnsey Show: Tuesday 30th August 2011: 'In hand' – all as last year ie.rest tent and baby changing in the tent, children's activities in the big tent with slots led by C.T.U.W. volunteers..
- ❑ The visit to Skipton Mosque has not yet been arranged.

5. The meeting was reminded that nominations for vice-chair and treasurer are needed

6. Financial Report

A copy is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

As an unexpected cost had arisen this year for photocopying, David asked whether a donation, as suggested at the last meeting, could still be made to the REVERB project. Sue Nelson proposed and Anne Marsden seconded that this should still be made. David was thanked for his excellent work as treasurer.

7. A.O.B.

- ❑ W.Y.E.C. (West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council) at St Andrew's in Skipton. Peter (T) will have details for anyone who is interested.
- ❑ There will be a unity service in January next year (15/1/12?) and it was agreed that the 'pulpit swap' should take place as well. David (M) will organise this for either the week before or the week after.
- ❑ Anne (M) mentioned that Skipton Baptists are running a course by C.A.P. (Christians Against Poverty), the Bradford based debt counselling charity. Anne wondered if someone could come and speak to a C.T.U.W. meeting about it. Peter (T) will ask about this.
- ❑ REVERB will be at the chapel on the corner in Threshfield on Saturday 28th May between 10am and 4pm, offering a car washing service + jumble sale, cake stall and refreshments.
- ❑ Sunday 22nd May 2011 – 3.30pm tea at the Methodist Church in Grassington, followed by some of Wesley's best songs. This is part of their bi-centenary celebrations.
- ❑ Lambing Service 22nd May 2011 at Arncliffe.
- ❑ Peter formally welcomed Mgr. Andrew Summersgill to C.T.U.W. Andrew introduced himself to the group, briefly mentioning his training for the priesthood in Rome and the interesting jobs he has had since his ordination.

8. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21st September 2011, 7.30pm at the Congregational Church, Grassington.