

MICANEWS

Leeds Mission and Care Group

Mission and Care Leeds Partnership Meeting held at Trinity United Church, Roundhay Road, Leeds on May 7th 2019

22 of us met representing 10 churches and Generation Y. There were 16 apologies for absence.

Rev'd Angela Hughes led the opening prayers stressing that Easter was not simply a happy ending but a new beginning for the next stage in our church stories, which we can share with each other.

Althea, the Church Secretary gave us an update on Trinity which is a church with considerable involvement in the community.

There is an Oasis café weekly which once a month is especially for those with dementia and their carers.

There is also an Oasis drop in group where people can chat and participate in craft activities.

The church premises are used for some activities by the nearby St Aidan's Church and the Zimbabwe Fellowship hold their Sunday afternoon meeting there.

They have about 12 children attending their Sunday school and work very hard to involve them in the life of the church.

Clare's contact details are:-

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The next meeting will be at Christ Church, Halton on Wednesday July 10th at 7pm for 7.30pm

Update from Rev'd Clare Davison

- Meeting of Ministers with the Moderator re ministry for Leeds. Rev'd Jason McCulloch is involved and will come to the next Mission and Care Meeting. He would like to know what the churches needs and dreams are regarding ministry in all its forms. *Eg* CRCW, family workers, administration *etc.* Churches are asked to think outside the box and be creative! Can we shock/surprise Jason with our suggestions at the next meeting?!
- Each church will be given £3000 from Synod to aid mission and will need to let Synod know how it is being used by August. It is possible that some churches may like to pool this money in order to employ someone for a specific purpose.
- Church Activity sheet – all churches should have a copy
- Resources sheet – things on offer to share and things for which help is needed. Clare will manage the list and not circulate it so that no one need fear that they will be inundated with requests if they can offer something. Please can the rest of the sheets be returned as soon as possible.
- Clare asked if the churches felt that she should be doing anything other than that which she is doing and in response she was asked what she thought about church life amongst the partnership churches. She had felt a lot of positivity with churches keen to keep local mission going. However everyone was so busy already that it was difficult to direct energies into working together.

Leeds Citizens

A taster day for the M&C group had not yet been arranged but there had been an ecumenical one in South Leeds with which a small number of people from the URC had been involved.

Holy Habits

Rev'd Geoff Ellis suggested that as several churches were involved with the themes of Holy Habits we might like to think about sometimes all taking the same one for 2 months so that ideas could be shared. Rev'd Tony Lee offered to organize a meal at which to launch this project if at the July meeting it was decided that it would be a good idea.

Prayer Diary

Jenny Poulter had only received updated information from 5 churches and it was agreed that she would assume that nothing had changed for the others and would go ahead and produce the prayer diary.

LYCIG update/taster day

Bolton Villas June 1st 9.30am – 2.30pm Ashley Evans needs to know numbers (see separate mailing)

URC Big Day Out – for everyone!

Flamingo Land September 14th. Buses were being considered. (see separate mailing for ticket information)

Other general matters

- A request from The Church in Cottingley for worship leaders for the first Sundays in the month whilst the Anglican vicar is on sabbatical.
- Rev'd Peter Clarkson leaves Wigton Moor on July 17th with his induction in Gloucester being on July 27th.
- City Theology, the magazine of the Leeds Church Institute was distributed.
- Stainbeck are pleased to announce that they are getting a lift and new kitchen.
- Quiz at Headingley St Columba on Saturday May 18th at 6pm in aid of Raleigh International. One of their young people is involved with an ICS volunteering project in Tanzania in the summer organized by Raleigh International. Everyone welcome.
- Terri Raddings reported that an ecumenical group had met to discuss how to develop the work which Rev'd Tony Lee has been involved with at Cottingley.
- Trinity United were thanked for their hospitality and the meeting closed with prayer.

Future Mission and Care Group dates

Wednesday July 10th at Christ Church Halton

Wednesday 11th September at St Andrew's Roundhay

Thursday 12th November at The Church in Cottingley