

CTHG 10th May 2017

Treasurer's Report £91.77 in bank. Query as to whether Christ Church as paid for this year? James said that they paid £20 to the festival.

Youth Initiative Things seem very quiet at the moment. There is enough funding to go into next year (2018). Dan works Tuesday & Wednesday in Heald Green. He has agreed to go into some of our primary schools & work with year 6 pupils. This will begin with Bolshaw. Fr Paul said that our arrears had been paid but that CC would not be continuing to support the YI. He is also going to resign from the trustees on June 8th. James wondered if perhaps we all let it go at the end of Dan's funding & perhaps resurrect it at a future date. There are 3 people from Life Church able to help Dan.

Justice & Peace Fair Trade food for the Festival to be delivered to CC. Fr Paul suggested that all the churches should look in their kitchens etc & make sure that they are using FTG.

Mary Robinson wrote to the churches concerning the trouble in Yemen.

Ed Strachan has resigned from CTHG so will not be delivering J&P news to our group. James suggested that we officially thank him for all he has done for CTHG.

Interfaith There will be a meeting on May 11th, at Brown Lane Methodist regarding the Chaplaincy at M/C Airport. It will be led by Charles Lane.

Christian Aid Week £600 was raised by BL after a number of events. One such event was 'The Big Brekkie', where 35 people had breakfast at a price of £5 pp. URC gave cake & coffee proceeds of £200 to Christian Aid.

Heald Green Festival There won't be a street parade this year ~ it will take place on the field instead.

Cakes are needed for the cake stall ~ & people to sell them.

An advert for CTHG will be put in the festival magazine.

There will be no Islamic stalls this year due to Ramadan.

Lent etc Life Church were out in the village on Holy Saturday & were encouraged by the positive effect their presence seemed to have on people. Although only one person from a non-catholic church came to the Stations of the Cross at CC, it will still be encouraged in future years.

Greater Manchester Housing scheme James again brought up that when (!!!!) the houses are built CTHG need to think about leafleting the new homes.

Church News

Life Church ~ have been going to The beech Tree pub in order to get more isolated people into the church. They took daffodils into the pub on Mother's day for the men to give to their mum, wife etc. They are working on a plan to double the congregation by more outreach work. Knit &

natter continues at Smithy Croft. LC might do an Alpha Course at Smithy Croft.

URC ~ Their student minister has now gone & there is no sign of a replacement. In the future they foresee 2/3 ministers covering 7/8 churches. They held another talk on Dementia Friendly Church. The Easter Experience went well & was attended by some non church members. The church has been given a grant towards some improvements.

St Catherine's ~ The church is taking part in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' project, 25th May – 4th June. On 3rd June they are having a breakfast. They are looking into the Pledge to Pray website. Thursday 1st June @ 7.30 there will be a prayer walk in HG, ending @9.30 at SC. No plans for a new minister yet. James remarked that out of the 12, 500 plus residents in HG it was sad how few came to any of the churches.

Christ Church ~ Fr Paul stated that 32 children will have made their First Holy Communion by this weekend, & 12 children will be confirmed in June. He mentioned The Pure in Heart meeting that him & I went to at St Christopher's.

Brown Lane ~ They have plenty of activities for children & are looking to have a children & families worker within the church. It was felt that the Christian aid activities resulted in good fellowship & there seems to be a bit of a Christian revival.

AOB ~ It was suggested that we try to organise a Hustings before the forth coming General Election. Fr Paul said that he would contact Peter Burns.

WE ARE ONE ~ The Maranatha Community are organising a walk of witness through Manchester/Salford. This will take place on **SATURDAY 10TH JUNE**. 10am at Salford Cathedral ~ St Ann's Square ~ 12 noon at Manchester Cathedral.