



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held on Thursday 14 June 2018 at Abbey Lane United Reformed Church

Present: Rev. Jonathan Burton (Chair), Rosemary Timms (Secretary), Rev. John Goddard, Suzan Bouton, Val Bowtle, Kathryn Fiddock, Ted Jackson, Jean Mead, Helen O'Neill, Elizabeth Tindley, Emma Turner.

Opening devotions were led by Jonathan focusing on James 1 and that we are united by our faith and desire to do good.

1. Apologies: were received from Rev David Tomlinson, Father David Clemens, Capt. Carol Baker, Rev. Caroline Vodden, Stephen Rapkin and John Capper.
2. Consideration of the Agenda.
No items were added.
3. Minutes of last meeting.
The minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2018 were approved and were signed.
4. Matter Arising and Review of Events
 - **Christian Aid Week** (13 – 19 May): John Capper had advised that the amount raised is probably going to be a little over £3,800 which is not as much as last year. Not sure if anyone reported facing any unpleasantness this year.
5. Finance
John Capper had confirmed that the balance in the account is £356.38 and there is £150 to come from churches.
6. Future Events
 - **Lent 2019:** The suggestion from the Church leaders is that we plan to do something similar again using local speakers. Format and theme to be decided in due course and suggestions before 13th July to Johnathan would be welcome.
 - **Women's World Day of Prayer 1st March 2019:** Please note that the venue will be S W Community Church (not St Mary's). The recent coffee morning raised £220.50 and this will be split 50:50 between the Bible Society and the Women's World Day of Prayer projects.
7. News from Churches
 - **URC:** Caroline returns from her sabbatical on 3rd July. Next weekend there is a Flower Festival at Water Lane church in Bishops Stortford. They will have a joint service with the Salvation Army on 23rd September with a speaker from Mission Aviation Fellowship.
 - **Salvation Army:** Carol Baker's last service will be on 1st July and then she will be relocating to Waterbeach. Lieutenant Katrina Thurlow will be coming to Saffron Walden in the next few weeks.

- ***St Mary's:*** Building work is nearing completion. Charles Cooper is joining them as a Pastoral Assistant for a year while he explores his calling.
- ***Our Lady of Compassion:*** They are continuing with their Sunday evening prayer service and also with monthly Bible Studies. They have a Parish BBQ on 24th June and have launched a Youth Group.
- ***Society of Friends:*** Mental health issues were the focus of the recent area meeting. The British Legion have agreed to the proposal that a wreath of white poppies be placed at the war memorial.
- ***Baptist Church:*** We had a visit from three gap year students who had been working in Mozambique for six months with a couple from the church who are working there for Baptist World Mission. Our Church Anniversary and Lunch Club have been raising funds to support a Baptist World Mission in Afghanistan. All the year 7 children from S W County High will be visiting the church next week and children from Much Haddam Primary School as well. John extended an open invitation to join us at 8.00 p.m. on 16th July when Simon Woodman is speaking on the Book of Revelation. The Eastern Baptist Association are working with an Anglican charity to focus on modern slavery issues in the UK and John hoped that this could be on the agenda for CTSW to consider.
- ***Saffron Walden Community Church:*** Jean shared that they are reviewing the tenders for their refurbishment project as they have come in higher than anticipated so plans are being reviewed accordingly. Their congregation continues to grow and in the longer term they may be considering appointing a second minister. They are holding a service on 7th October in the Town Hall which may be their temporary home during the building work.

8. Any Other Business

- **Contact list and General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR):** The following approach to the use of the representatives personal contact details was agreed:

We will use the contact details you give us to contact you via email, phone or post so that we can send you information about CTSW meetings and other relevant news and information. We will only share your contact details with other members of CTSW and will not share those details with anyone else unless we have obtained your prior permission.

Tony Attwood has been managing the CTSW website and the contact list may also be available from there. Representatives and church leaders were asked to take a look at that website and come back to the next meeting to discuss whether we are happy with the current content or have any changes to propose.

No other items were raised.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13th September.

Jonathan closed the meeting with prayer.

Addendum:

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Christian Aid Week: Total collected is £3,842.53 (including some Gift Aid being claimed)

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Salvation Army (news): Lieut Katrina Thurlow, from Hadleigh Castle Point, will be installed as CO of Saffron Walden Corps at the rank of Captain on Sunday July 22nd at 10 am by Major Margaret Ord.