

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CLAPHAM

MINUTES OF FORUM

Monday 16th October at 7.45 for 8pm following Taize service at Holy Trinity Church (in the Wilberforce Centre)

1.0 Opening prayer by Caroline Clarke

2.0 Apologies from Jago Wynne, Rosy Skinner, Alexander Fostiropoulos, Hugh Guy Lorriman, Zac Guy, Kit Gunaskera, Alan Mundy, Clare Turner, Chris Watson, Eleanor Jackson, Annabel Briggs

3.0 Minutes of Forum on 3rd July agreed.

4.0 Chair's report: Mark Potter welcomed everyone and asked all 19 present to introduce themselves. All churches and their congregations were invited to reaffirm their commitment to the ecumenical work that CTiC does through its meetings, services and projects.

Suggesting a service to renew the Churches Together covenant might be part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service: will look out covenant papers and discuss at the next Ministers' Meeting on 16th November at 1045 at Christchurch and subsequent standing committee.

All churches were encouraged to appoint their full quota of reps – there is no age limit.

5.0 Treasurer's Report: Anna reported that all subs paid.

6.0 CTiC projects:

6.1 Robes: Christchurch, Holy Trinity, Ace of Clubs and Church of the Holy Spirit are all hosting during the winter of 2017/18. Volunteers sought for all venues. Sleepout is the largest fund raiser which takes place on 24th November at Southwark Cathedral. Sponsorship encouraged – Sarah Miles and team from Ace of Clubs taking part.

6.2 Ace of Clubs: Busy as ever. Thank you for all harvest offerings. Currently asking for spare Oyster cards to be donated which can then have £ put on them.

6.3 The Hub: missing Diane Grano but hoping to appoint another coordinator. Always need more volunteers for Friday and Saturday nights. St John Ambulance first aiders have been replaced by Crusader First Aiders.

6.4 Lifeline Christmas Party is confirmed for 25th November at Trinity House. Seeking volunteers to help with set up from 12 noon, helping at the party (2-4) and clearing up (until 5ish).

6.5 Christian Aid – no report

7.0 Communications: CTi Clapham now has a facebook page. Please send material particularly pictures to be put up to Helen Harknett curate@holyspirit-clapham.org.uk and "like" the page.

8.0 News from the churches (reported by CTiC reps)

8.1 Christchurch: Hosting another Riding Lights performance, "Gospel Street" on 20th October at St Johns. Have joined Citizens UK. Hosted confirmation service taken by Bishop Christopher and Bishop Anthony.

8.2 Church of the Holy Spirit: Wonderful concert on Sunday 1st October in aid of Syrian refugees raised over £5,000. Christmas Fair on 25th November

8.3 Baptist Church: The founder of the Baptist Church youth charity, the Hebe Foundation, has been awarded a Points of Light award for community activity in Clapham. Black History month being marked. Looking to redevelop the building.

8.4 Methodist Church: Eleanor Jackson has started as New Superintendent

8.5 Holy Trinity: Caroline Clarke appointed area dean of North Lambeth Deanery. Christmas Fayre is on 9th December

8.6 Orthodox Church:

8.7 Power of the Living Word Ministries: Bishop Donnett has been made an Honorary Ecumenical Canon of Southwark Cathedral and will celebrate her tenth anniversary as a bishop in November.

8.8 St James': Church continues as usual

8.9 St Marys: Father Richard now area dean of Lambeth Deanery

8.10 St Pauls: Process of recruiting new incumbent has started. Richard Lloyd Morgan and others helping to take services. Organ appeal complete. Tickets on sale for annual Bonfire Party on 4th November. Many concerts planned including on 8th December

Hosting CTiC Advent service on 3rd December at 6.30pm

8.11 St Peter's: Rosemary Nutt offering at CTiC tour of Westminster Abbey on 4th April. Much enthusiasm for the visit and more details requested re timings.

8.12 The Everyday Church: Zac Guy away but thanks from Sarah Miles for the representatives who had helped at the Ace of Clubs.

9.0 Programme and forthcoming events:

Timetable updated and will be circulated separately but **KEY EVENTS**

25th November **Lifeline Christmas Party at Trinity House**

3rd December at 6.30 pm **Advent Service at St.Paul's**

10.0 Any other business:

11.0 Closing prayers – Helen Harknett

