

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CLAPHAM

MINUTES OF FORUM

Tuesday 9th January at 7.45 for 8pm at St James' Park Hill

1.0 Opening prayer by Kit Gunaskera

2.0 Apologies from Jago Wynne, Alexander Fostiropoulos, Hugh Guy Lorriman, Zac Guy, Clare Turner, Chris Watson, Eleanor Jackson, all at Power of the Living Word Ministry and St Marys. Ruth Burge Thomas and Helen Hartnett

3.0 Minutes of Forum on 16th October 2017 agreed.

4.0 Chair's report: Mark Potter welcomed everyone. All churches were encouraged to appoint their full quota of reps – there is no age limit .

5.0 Treasurer's Report: Anna reported that CTiC had received an anonymous donation of £3000 and suggestions were sought as to how this should be spent.

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. Robes particularly concentrating on developing Wednesday Club which runs in the day offering support and help for guests and looking for volunteers to help. Sleepout in 2018 on 30th November.

6.2 Ace of Clubs: Andrew Tyrie, director of Ace of Clubs spoke about strategic direction and challenges for Ace. Demand increases all the time. Lunch for 120 on Christmas Day was provided and sponsored by Tesco. Always seeking to meet the needs of guests 20% of whom are homeless for example by thinking of opening a Monday breakfast service.

Seeking to nominate an Ace of Clubs champion in each local church who can be a channel for information. Also seeking more volunteers who could help with IT, teaching relevant skills (such as language and literacy) or fundraising for capital projects (such as making sure the building is fit for purpose). In addition seeking two more trustees with HR and charity experience. The notes from Andrew's talk circulated separately.

6.3 The Hub: Very busy on Friday and Saturday nights. Always need more volunteers particularly from churches to be a Christian presence. Job description circulated for a new paid coordinator for the project

6.4 Lifeline Christmas Party was a great success. Special thanks passed on to Jess Lane and Holy Trinity for the venue and volunteers. Seeking more local guests for the next party so please think of members of your parishes and congregations who might like to attend.

6.5 Christian Aid – 13th – 19th May 2018

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: have planted a Bible Garden with a grant from Kingston Area Mission. As members of Citizens UK hosted lunch for refugees. Robes about to start

8.2 Church of the Holy Spirit: Christmas lunch for over 100 refugees. Record attendance at Christingle service. Robes starting at the end of January.

8.3 Baptist Church:

8.4 Methodist Church:

8.5 Holy Trinity: Bereavement journey course started, Alpha and Marriage Preparation courses starting

8.6 Orthodox Church:

8.7 Power of the Living Word Ministries:

8.8 St James': Ran experience Christmas to which classes from a local primary school came. Also took a Christmas Assembly at a local Muslim primary school

8.9 St Marys:

8.10 St Pauls: Appointed new vicar, Jonathan Boardman from the Anglican Chapel in Rome who is likely to start sometime after Easter. Patronal Festival on 28th January.

8.11 St Peter's: Rosemary Nutt offering a CTiC tour of Westminster Abbey on 4th April. From 6pm to 8pm closing with compline. . Please put the date in your diaries for this lovely outing. Group can be between 10 and 50

8.12 The Everyday Church:.

9.0 Programme and forthcoming events:

Service for week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Thursday 18th January at Baptist Church at 7.30pm . Speaker Ben Lindsay

Lent Course OPERATION NOAH : Climate Change and Caring for God's Creation.

Sunday evening services at 6.30pm

18th February – St James – speaker: Chris Watson, Baptist Minister, Christian Aid Perspective

25th February – Christchurch – speaker: Clare Lyons from Tearfund

4th March – St Marys - speaker: Giles Goddard, Vicar of St John's Waterloo

11th March – Orthodox Service at St Peter's – Graham Simmonds, Green Rewards

18th March – Church of the Holy Spirit – tba.

25th March – Clapham Methodist Church – Service of Music and Readings for Palm Sunday.

Weekday Lent Groups will be as follows:

- a. Monday Daytime – Church of the Holy Spirit at 12.30pm – leader Caroline Clarke.
- b. Monday Evening – Christchurch at 7.30pm – leader Kit Gunaskera.

- c. Wednesday Daytime – Holy Trinity at 1.30pm – leader Robert Faulkner
(preceded by 12.30 Communion service & 1pm soup lunch to which all welcome).
- d. Wednesday Evening – Clapham Methodist Church at 7.30pm – leader Eleanor Jackson and Ruth Burge-Thomas.

Women’s World Day of Prayer on 2nd March at 2pm Baptist Church focuses on Suriname the smallest country in South America which has borders with Brazil, Guyana and French Guiana. Population: approx. 600,000. The service they have compiled is called “All God’s Creation is very good” - a perfect complement to our Lent programme.

Mental Health First Aid Course being run by Faiths Together in Lambeth on 13th and 14th February. Alan Mundy has details

Timetable updated and will be circulated separately

10.0 Any other business:

11.0 Closing prayers – Penny Rose Casemore