

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SCARBOROUGH**

Minutes of a meeting of the Steering Group of Churches Together in Scarborough held at Northstead Methodist Church, Givendale Road, Scarborough on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup>. January, 2019 at 12 noon.

**PRESENT:-** The Reverend Richard J. Walker (Chairman) (St. Mary's with Holy Apostles), Reverend Emma Morgan (Vice Chairman) (Northstead, Wreyfield Drive & Scalby), Mrs. Ruth Dale (Secretary) (Northstead), Mr. Colin T. Adamson (Minutes Secretary) (Westborough), Mr. Jon Begin (Kingdom Faith), Mrs. Ros Brewer (Scarborough Deanery & St. Mark's), Miss Catherine Duffton (Faith in Scarborough Schools & Ebenezer), Mrs. Margaret Finch (Albemarle), Mrs. Hester Miller (Quakers), Reverend David Nellist (Maranatha), Major Stephen & Captain Angela Noble (Salvation Army), Reverend Graeme Parkins (Elim), and Mrs. S. Mary Walker (St. James) with Mr. Mr. Neil McKelvie in attendance.

**19/01 DEVOTIONS:-** The Chairman opened the meeting with a reading from 1 Corinthians 1 followed by a prayer.

**19/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-** Apologies were received from Reverend Mike Leigh (Vice Chairman) (St. Mark's), Mr. Brian D. Raper (Treasurer) (Westborough), Mr. Joe Coates, Reverend Helen Dean (St. John's Signing Church), Reverend Neil Douglas (Ebenezer) and Reverend Father Albert Schembri (Catholic Churches).

**19/03 MINUTES:-** The Minutes of the last Steering Group meeting held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup>. September, 2018 having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

**19/04 MATTERS ARISING:-** Rev. Emma Morgan thanked all those who made angels with thanks to Gill and Julie for distributing them. Mrs. Ruth Dale to send a card of thanks.

**19/05 SPEAKER:-** Mr. Neil McKelvie is an English Language tutor with North Yorkshire County Council, working with Syrian refugees in the area. He spoke to the meeting. There are seven families in Scarborough. They are part of a Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme which is a government funded scheme for people who have chosen to come to this country, often on health grounds, often with language limitations. He outlined schemes in Harrogate and Northallerton. His aim is to set up a scheme in Scarborough for which funding is available from the North Yorkshire County Council. There is a need for a person to make a bid for the funding and then to recruit volunteers who would visit and go into homes. Full details of the scheme to be e-mailed by Mrs. Ruth Dale to all the churches in C.T.I.S. It was agreed to have a special C.T.I.S. meeting on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>. February, 2019 at Northstead at 1.30 p.m. to solely focus on this matter. The meeting agreed in a general interest in the project.

**19/06 TREASURER:-** In the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Dale reported that £62.50 had been received from St. James towards a gift for the retirement of Mr. Bruce Clark. It was agreed to make this up to £100 and to send this to Mr. Clark. Subscriptions are starting to be received. There is currently a balance of about £300 in the account.

**19/07 EVENTS:-**

- i) **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service** – 20<sup>th</sup>. January. The Order of service is planned. It was agreed to involve the churches in the readings and the prayers.
- ii) **Good Friday Walk of Witness** – 19<sup>th</sup>. April. Rev. Graeme Parkins stated that the information has been presented to the various authorities. Everyone to meet at Alma Square from 9.30 a.m. for a 10.00 a.m. start. The Salvation Army to provide a band with a drum beat.
- iii) **E.C.G.** - 23<sup>rd</sup>. to 28<sup>th</sup>. April. This will be held at the Spa. Fliers to be obtained and distributed.
- iv) **Spring Tide** – Rev. Graeme Parkins reported that prayer meetings are to continue and the next three will be held on Sundays, 10<sup>th</sup>. February, 10<sup>th</sup>. March and 14<sup>th</sup>. April at 6.30 p.m. at St. Mary's. On 6<sup>th</sup>. February at 12 noon at Scarborough Christian Fellowship there will be a group meeting. Prayer also takes place on the second Saturday of the month at Oliver's Mount.
- v) **Pentecost Service** – 9<sup>th</sup>. June at a south cliff church.
- vi) **Summer Songs of Praise** – A date is required in July or August. The Salvation Army to be involved.

**19/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-**

- i) **THIS '19** – 24<sup>th</sup>. to 26<sup>th</sup>. May at the Summit with Paul and Sue Manswaring from Bethel Church CA's leadership team
- ii) **Any Other Business Items** – In future such items to be brought to the meeting at the beginning for appropriate inclusion within the meeting.
- iii) **Healing Services** – These continue and the next is on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup>. March at 6.30 p.m. at Eastfield.
- iv) **Angels** – 2019 is the tenth anniversary and a special event is to be held on 30<sup>th</sup>. March. Mr. Jon Begin is to do a parachute drop on 21<sup>st</sup>. March at Grindale and sponsor forms to be made available.

**19/09 DATE OF THE NEXT AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS:-** As previously arranged these will be on Tuesdays, 12<sup>th</sup>. March, 11<sup>th</sup>. June and 17<sup>th</sup>. September at 12 noon at Northstead. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup>. November at Queen Street.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.