



A.G.M – MINUTES
For the meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7pm
At St Paul's Church, Grange

Present: David Edmondson (Chair) Liz Lewis (Treasurer) Pam Brook (Secretary) + 14 members

1. **David welcomed members** and used a prayer from the 'God For All' resource.
2. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Sue Nicol, Ruth Briddock, Mervyn Hull, Penny Ward, Kate Hunt, & Penny Driver.
3. **The Minutes of the May 2023 A.G.M.** had previously been circulated and were available at the meeting. These were approved and signed as a true record.
4. Matters Arising not on this meeting's agenda – none.
5. **Correspondence** - none

6. Chair's report

David reminded the meeting that our constitution allowed a two term of office which could be extended to a further 2 years before a break in service was required. David is entering his fourth and final, year of office, so a replacement will be needed next year. Jo Rand said it would be good if a vice chair could be found to work alongside David.

David said he felt that Churches Together works well in our area. The year has gone smoothly. He thanked Pam & Liz for their work in their roles which makes the team work smoothly, he also thanked Hazel for her support to him.

7. **Financial report** (attached) Liz Lewis presented the report highlighting 'Praise on the Prom' which occurs twice. There were no questions. Liz explained her role and informed the meeting that she will be retiring in 3 years' time.

8. Re-election of Churches Together Local Officers

- a) Chair – Rev David Edmondson
- b) Vice- Chair – position vacant
- c) Treasurer – Mrs Liz Lewis
- d) Secretary – Mrs Pam Brook

All positions were approved by the meeting.

9. Constitutional Matters

- Review of membership fees. There are sufficient funds in the account, a balance of £1200, so there is no need to put the fees up.
- Vice Chair – a name was suggested as a possibility.

Action: David will approach them to see if it is something they might be interested in.

10. Cartmel Peninsula Churches Web Site

David has met with Ben a couple of times. There have been problems with a change-over between web providers. Jo checked the website, but it was not clear whether the problems had been resolved. People were asked to send anything for the CT website to both David & Ben.

11. Churches Together Youth Trust Report – is attached

David acknowledged all the work that is undertaken on the Peninsula and thanked Chris, Andrea & Mervyn for all they do. It is encouraging to see so much happening in our schools and communities.

On the morning of 5th Sunday in September (29th) there is to be an ecumenical service at St Paul's church to celebrate our children and young people's work. Churches are invited to worship at St Paul's rather than in their own buildings on that morning.

12. Review of events since December meeting

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Lent Quiet Morning; Lent Lunches, World Day of Prayer; Sunrise service; Postponement of QR code Easter trail, Residential Home worship.

All the events had gone smoothly. The Week of Prayer had 9 or 10 people at each church; thanks were expressed to those who led the devotional act at the Lent lunches, which has added something more to the occasions. The World Day of Prayer held at Field Broughton was a moving service, focusing on Palestine. The sun came up at the right time at the sunrise service! Janet Mardon queried whether a change of venue would be a possibility? It was felt it could be, the pros and cons were briefly mentioned, and the change of venue added to pending items at the end of these minutes.

The Easter QR code trail, could not be organised in time for Easter this year. The young people could not do all the recordings in the 3-week window we needed. It was their exam time. However, it is hoped to get the recordings finished by this summer ready to use next Easter 2025. Jo enquired about seeking out a small lake as one venue needed, she also said how valuable the exercise was as a means of opening conversations.

Worship at Residential Homes. David expressed his thanks to those who gallantly go to The Old Vicarage & Cartmel Grange to lead worship on a regular basis. There are about the right number of people acting as leaders.

13. Future Events –

- Pentecost afternoon – Jo said it is hoped to have bouncy castle, she has been in contact with the hirers. Ulverston Town Band is booked. St Charles are kindly providing tea & coffee. There will be a few ball games, a craft table – Bernard & Andrea volunteered to help if someone has some ideas & materials. Andrea will bring some bubbles.
- Praise on the Prom - will be held every Sunday in July & August from 4.30 -5.30 where the old band stand was at the bottom of Clare House Bridge. Weather permitting.
- Priory Day – 150 children are signed up to attend on October 1st. Helpers/leaders are needed.
- Advent – it was agreed to ask Sue Nicol if she would lead another quiet morning. A different venue would be needed due to the Methodist Church development work. Janet Mardon volunteered St John's for 30th November. We would check whether Sue would be happy to lead it.
Action: David to speak to Sue Nicol
- Advent Sunday Carol Service at Boarbank – Adrian cannot do it now. It was agreed that Boarbank be the venue at 3.00pm, on 1st December, unless we need a practice time beforehand.

Action: Andrea will approach someone re.the music

Liz will contact Boarbank

14. Further suggestions:

- Andrea told the meeting about an Ascension Day service she attended at 7pm and she wondered if it would be good to hold one at the Hospice on top of Hampsfell. St Paul's have often had an Ascension Day service. Mark Houston said it would be something he would be looking to do in his churches. It was agreed that an ecumenical Ascension Day event could be held on 29th May 2025, in the afternoon so as not to clash with any evening services.
- Maragaret Popper informed the meeting of a Community Carol Service 19th December at the URC in the evening.
- St Paul's will be hosting an ecumenical Songs of Praise on Sunday 30th June at 6 pm and will be inviting readers from the other churches.
- Andrea told us about a Light party that St Mary's held instead of celebrating Hallowe'en, and wondered about making this an ecumenical event with help from other churches.
- Alison asked if we could organise some ecumenical Lent courses.

14. A.O.B.

1. David noted the recent clergy appointments, whilst introducing and welcoming them to the meeting - Mark Houston Vicar of St John's Flookburgh & St Mary's Allithwaite. Rev David Wilmot, Vicar of St Paul's Grange, with St Paul's Lindale, St Peter's Field Broughton
2. The Peace meetings at Cartmel Quaker Meeting House were noted and appreciated.
3. It was Margaret Ratcliffe's last meeting, she & Doug are moving to Burnley. We have valued her input and support over the years and wish her and her husband well for the future.
4. The CTIC ANNUAL GATHERING (including AGM) will be held on Saturday, 15 June 2024, at Newbiggin Village Hall (CA11 0HT) from 10.30am to 3.00pm. David & Hazel have a couple of spare seats if anyone wishes to go.

15. Dates of future meetings

September 24th at St John's Flookburgh at 7pm

January 14th 7pm venue tbc

16. Thanks were expressed to St Paul's for their hospitality, and to those who had attended, and the meeting closed with prayer.

Possible pending items.

- Venue for Sunrise 2025 service
- The Easter QR code trail – 2025
- 29th May 2025 Ecumenical Ascension Day service.
- Light party instead of Hallow'en
- Ecumenical Lent courses 2025