



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held via zoom on Thursday 11th February 2021

Present: , Capt. Katrina Thurlow, Rev. Caroline Vodden, Rev. Jonathan Burton, Rev. John Goddard, John Capper, Kathryn Fiddock, Tony Attwood, Elizabeth Tindley, Kathryn Fiddock, Helen O'Neill, Val Bowtle, and Rosemary Timms

Katrina opened the meeting by playing a song by Lincoln Brewster "While I Wait" and with a reading taken from Psalm 37. Katrina then lead a prayer for peace and hope.

1. Apologies: were received from Father David Clemens and Jean Mead
2. Consideration of the Agenda.
Tony Attwood wished to the CTSW website to be on the agenda.
3. Minutes of last meeting.
The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November were approved with the correction to the date of this meeting from March to February.
4. Regular Events
 - World Day of Prayer: Elizabeth confirmed that this is not going ahead on 5th March. However, the materials focus this year on Vanuatu are available from [2021 WDP Free Resources to download | World Day Of Prayer \(wwdp.org.uk\)](https://www.worlddayofprayer.org.uk/).
 - Lent Talks: Two talks are to be uploaded to YouTube and will be available to view throughout March. Tony would provide Rosemary with the link to those and Rosemary would circulate that in due course.
 - Easter: The decision has already been taken not to go ahead with a Walk of Witness on Good Friday (2nd April) because of the COVID restrictions. Places of Worship are waiting for the Government to confirm later this month, when the current lockdown will end and what restrictions there will be thereafter. Katrina agreed to write something, on behalf of the Churches Together for the Saffron Walden Reporter to publish. Even if we are unable to meet for worship, this can then direct folk to the individual church websites for information about zoom and live-streamed Easter Events.
5. Finance
The finance statement for 2020 had been circulated and the balance is £ 571.76 and it had been agreed at the last meeting to keep the church contributions at £75. In due course, it is hoped that Ged Pearce will carry out the independent examination for us.
6. News from Churches
BAPTIST : John shared that services continue on zoom and that sermons are then uploaded to YouTube. Some small groups continue on zoom and the teenagers in BB have a weekly zoom meeting. Exploring installing cameras and the technology to allow us to live-stream worship when we are able to re-open.

OUR LADY OF COMPASSION : Elizabeth shared that they live-stream Mass on Sunday mornings and have a zoom payer group on Sunday evenings.

COMMUNITY CHURCH : Jonathan shared that they have zoom services and home groups and may also move to offer live-streaming worship and recording services. The Wellbeing Walk-In has continued. Last year they offered a zoom alpha course and will be offering that again very soon. Planning a weekly Outreach Event in the Market Place, hopefully in April. Jean Mead's husband is very poorly and in hospital at the moment. Jonathan was asked to arrange for her to receive flowers with our best wishes.

ST. MARY'S : Services are live-streamed and available on zoom. Jeremy Trew is moving to Saffron Walden next week and will be inducted on 3rd March. Katrina shared that she has been asked to make a one minute video, in her capacity as Chair of Churches Together, for that service. Rachel is coming to the end of her maternity leave at the end of March. Rev'd Jeremy Collingwood, retired priest in the local team sadly died in December.

SALVATION ARMY : Tony shared that their services are on YouTube and they are sending out weekly encouragement emails. Also have a facebook page on which they are going through the gospel of Mark. Once a month on zoom they have a coffee and chat get-together and also a zoom prayer meeting. Katrina shared that the shop is currently closed and Stephanie furloughed, which once reopened will impact ongoing programme.

URC : Are using zoom for worship and are set up for live-streaming their worship when able to re-open. They have a lively WhatsApp group, zoom Bible Study group and weekly newsletter. Caroline shared that they will be undertaking a review of their work with children and young people. Val shared that this will be Caroline's last meeting as she is moving away at Easter and the local ministry team will also be losing Roy Fowler in July.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS : Meeting continue on zoom on Sundays and Wednesdays. The pastoral groups also use zoom.

9. Any Other Business

- CTSW Website: Tony shared that he will be updating the website software.
- Ministerial Vacancy at URC: John Goddard extended an invitation to them to get in touch if there is anything they would like assistance with.

10. Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 29th April 2021

There was a time of open prayer where Caroline was prayed for and Katrina closed.