



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
held via zoom on Thursday 17th June 2021

- Present: , Capt. Katrina Thurlow, Rev. Jonathan Burton, John Capper, Kathryn Fiddock, Tony Attwood, Elizabeth Tindley, Jean Mead, Doris Stacey, Helen O'Neill, Margaret Hurst and Rosemary Timms.

Katrina opened the meeting by focusing on a reading entitled 'Compassion is being with'.
- Apologies: were received from Rev. John Goddard, Father David Clemens, Rev. Jeremy Trew, Val Bowtle and Penelope Cummins.
- Consideration of the Agenda.
Nothing was added.
- Minutes of last meeting.
Tony Attwood clarified what content on the CTSW website he wanted the church leaders to review and the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February were approved.
- Christian Aid Week: Once again, due to COVID restrictions, there was no street collection. Several local churches, took up the offer of church collection envelopes or 'delivery only' envelopes this year. The amount raised was £1,471.
- News from Churches

BAPTIST : Rosemary shared that the 10.30 am service in the church followed by a zoom service have both continued. Plan is to move to one blended morning service very soon. Unfortunately the BB camp on the Isle of Wight in August has had to be cancelled. They are looking for new leaders for the Junior Section.

OUR LADY OF COMPASSION : Elizabeth shared that their Sunday live streamed service has continued to be well attended and they have the zoom payer group on Sunday evenings. There are also daily services at 10.00 a.m. They have also been able to hold a Confirmation Service with limited numbers in attendance.

COMMUNITY CHURCH : Jean shared that their 'blended services' and zoom groups are continuing. Their work with children and with young people is resuming on alternate weeks and their Outreach Event in the Market Place, has met with a positive response.

ST. MARY'S : To attend worship people need to book but the services are live-streamed and available on zoom. The church is now open every day between 10 am and 4 pm. Rev Rachel Prior returned from maternity leave and has been appointed the Rector of Black Norley, Great Notley and Rayne. She will be saying farewell on the 27th June. The Junior Choir have a taster day planned for 3rd July which has been advertised in the local paper.

SALVATION ARMY : Tony shared that their services are continuing to be available on YouTube. A new Charity Shop Manager has been appointed so hopefully the shop will re-open soon and provide an opportunity to reach out into the community again.

URC : Services are now live-streamed. They are saying farewell to Rec Roy Fowler on 18th July with a zoom service and will then be officially be in an interregnum.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS : Meetings at the Meeting House continue to be live-streamed and the in their garden on 16th May was a valuable opportunity to see some people not wanting to attend in person or use zoom. Hope to do this again weather permitting. Doris shared that they were awaiting a response from our MP in relation to the arms trade and creation of an ethical policy.

9. Any Other Business

- CTSW Meetings: Katrina wished to thank Tony and John for the work they did behind the scenes (with Karl) on setting up for hybrid/ blended meetings which we may want to do sometime in the future.

10. Future Meetings

The next meeting is on 9th September.

The meeting ended with a time of open prayer which focussed on:

- Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade which were both in need of new leaders
- The Community Church's Outreach Work in the market Square
- The Salvation Army charity shop and opportunities for outreach in the community