



MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
held via zoom on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

1. Present: Capt. Katrina Thurlow, Rev. John Goddard, John Capper, Kathryn Fiddock, Val Bowtle, Penelope Cummins, Tony Attwood, Elizabeth Tindley, Jean Mead, Doris Stacey, Helen O'Neill and Rosemary Timms.
2. Apologies: were received from, Father David Clemens, Rev. Jeremy Trew, Rev. Jonathan Burton and Margaret Hurst.
3. Consideration of the Agenda.  
Nothing was added.
4. Minutes of last meeting.  
Minutes of the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June were approved.
5. COP 26 / Climate Justice  
COP26 is the 26th meeting of world leaders at the UN climate change talks in Glasgow in November 2021. Katrina had been contacted by Edward Gildea and wished to raise the idea of CTSW writing to our MP calling on our government to act and letting them know that as Christian Churches we care and we demand action. Christian Aid may have a template we can use. Katrina also asked if anyone from our respective churches would be interested in forming a group to explore this more. Anyone who wants to be more actively involved can contact Katrina or Edward. John highlighted the talk Edward is giving in the Parish Rooms on 22<sup>nd</sup> September as part of The Big Green Week.
5. Finance  
John shared that Ged Pearce has now examined the 2020 accounts and the balance is currently £863.27 with £75 more to come in.
6. News from Churches  
**BAPTIST :** John shared that our morning worship is now live streamed and including singing and although we are relaxing some of the COVID measures we are taking things cautiously. Our BB and other uniformed organisations are re-starting this month. We have an environmental focus to our service on 19<sup>th</sup> September and a Harvest Service at the end of the month.  
**OUR LADY OF COMPASSION :** Elizabeth shared that services and prayer meetings continue much as before.  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH :** Jean shared that they are no longer using zoom as they wish to encourage attendance on Sunday mornings but are not holding an evening service. A baptismal service is being planned for next month. The toddler group is re-starting and so is the outreach in the Market Square.

**ST. MARY'S** : Things are getting back to the new form of normality with groups for children re-starting and the choir has once again been involved in the services. A new organ scholar, who attends the Perse in Cambridge, has been accepted on their scholarship programme. There will be a memorial service for the late Rev'd J Collingwood on 18<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon.

**SALVATION ARMY** : Tony shared that they are partnering with St Clare Hospice to offer bereavement support locally. They also have an online meditation group.

**URC** : Val shared that their moderator, Rev Lythan Nevard has now been inducted. Edward Gildea will be speaking at their morning service on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Last week they held a coffee morning and their next Heritage weekend is 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September. Val would pass on to Rosemary a poster advertising an upcoming world day of prayer event.

**SOCIETY OF FRIENDS** : Meetings are continuing and now children are also coming along.

9. Any Other Business

- Late Night Shopping (3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021): In 2019 we had a joint stall with Street Pastors and in 2020 the event was cancelled because of COVID. It was agreed we should accept the invitation to have a stall while deciding what we might do this year. It was valuable to be visible at this local event.
- Hope into Action: Katrina shared that they now have a new model which enables churches to get involved with a local project, with overall levels of responsibility much reduced, while still being responsible for the spiritual support of tenants. The Salvation Army are actively considering partnering on this basis with the support of the local prayer group. There is a meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September and if anyone wishes to also support this Katrina would be pleased to be contacted.

10. Future Meetings

The next meeting is on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

The meeting closed with prayers.