



IN SAFFRON WALDEN

## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Present:** John Goddard (Chair), Tony Attwood (Minutes), Jonathan Burton, Julia Attwood, Doris Stacey, Kathryn Fiddock, Margaret Hurst, Shawn Martin, Elizabeth Tindley, Stacey Towler (St. Clare Hospice)

John opened the meeting with devotions founded on 1 Sam 16 – The anointing of David as King not looking at the appearance, but on the heart.

1. **Apologies:** Fr David, Jeremy Trew, John Capper, Jean Mead, Glenys Goodwin, Val Bowtle, Jill Gunsell
2. **Consideration of the Agenda** – Thank were expressed to Emma Turner for her work as CTSW Secretary.
3. **Minutes of last meeting**  
Minutes of the last meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were agreed.
4. **Matters arising**  
It was agreed to change the order of the meeting to have Stacey give a talk about St. Clare Hospice next.
5. **St Clare Hospice**  
Stacey, Volunteer Development Manager, outlined the work of St. Clare Hospice and asked if we would advertise her email address which is Stacey.Towler@stclarehospice.org.uk. Further information about the organisation can be found on the web at [stclarehospice.org.uk](http://stclarehospice.org.uk).
6. **Regular Events and outstanding issues**
  - a. **Review of Christian Aid Week**  
The event went well and there were no further comments
  - b. **Covenant**  
This will be discussed at the next ministers meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July. Leaders
  - c. **Hustings**  
JG outlined the notes circulated by JC which were circulated on 14<sup>th</sup> June to the CTSW mailing list, however JG was informed during the meeting that Kemi Badenoch will be attending the hustings and that the publicity which should have been circulated has been withdrawn.  
The 'Reform' candidate has left that party and is now an independent candidate.
  - d. **Nativity (which perhaps should be called 'Incarnation')**  
TA proposed that the event could be held in September, a month which is widely accepted as a more accurate time of year for the birth. However as yet there has been little take up from the wider church. It was agreed that we discuss it at next meeting and if there is no movement then the idea should be dropped. JB suggested a more fitting name is 'Incarnation'. All

e. **Proof-reading contacts**

This item was clarified, and it was agreed that communication regarding proof-reading should be clarified for the next advertisement.

7. **Possible visit from UCAN**

This was agreed, and TA will invite a representative from UCAN.

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8. **News from Churches**

a. **Our Lady of Compassion**

Held a 'First Communion' event in St. Marys

They are happy to hold the Agape meal in their hall providing it is completed.

The date to be discussed at the next meeting.

A BBQ event is organised for OLC church members

b. **St Marys**

Lunch time concerts are being held on Wednesdays from 1:10pm

Judith Hasler, has been made a Lay Cannon at Chelmsford Cathedral

There are Taizé style services running on Sundays from 6:30pm

They are involved in the 'Fete de la musique' On Sunday 23rd June.

c. **The Salvation Army**

Has a brass band concert, flyers distributed, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July in the URC main building from 6:30pm.

The 'Hope into Action' house has been purchased and they will soon be looking for volunteers.

d. **Friends**

The 'Peace Garden' is a little overrun but is still open to the public.

They now have 2 babies joining their Sunday service.

e. **Baptist**

The 250<sup>th</sup> year celebrations are going very well and there is a commemoration service on 30<sup>th</sup> June followed by a hog roast at a local farm to which many are invited.

f. **Community Church**

Are looking to hire another pastor in addition to the current team.

There is a worship service on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7:30pm.

g. **United Reformed Church**

Garden party on 14<sup>th</sup> July from 3-5pm and inviting all who use their hall.

There is no news about the minister vacancy.

9. **Next meeting** – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

10. JG led a closing prayer for us.

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**Future Discussions/Reviews**

Review of the covenant

Agape Meal – Catholic Church

Next Paper Advertisement

Review ASAP – Then 11/29

Review 11/24

Clarify proof-reading communications