

**MINUTES OF THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WELLING**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021 AT 8.00 PM**  
**ON ZOOM**

Present at the meeting were:

Rev Adam Foot (Chair)	St John's
Kate Foot	St John's
Rev Gordon McBean	St John's
Jenny Cosser	St John's
Canon Edward Perera	St Stephen's
Gwen Chiosso (Secretary)	St. Stephen's
Les Brett (Treasurer)	Bishop Ridley
Grace Woodley	Bishop Ridley
Sandy Kennedy (Vice chair)	Methodist
Betty Lillie	St Mary's
Mavis Bubear	St Mary's
Rev Peter Organ	St Michael's
Pastor Graham Cunningham	Wellspring
Deacon Colin Barnard	Vine Christian Community
Melvyn French	Vine Christian Community
Joshua Ayodele	Christ Apostolic

**1. Prayers and Welcome**

The meeting opened with prayer led by Mavis. Adam shared the news that former chair Charles Amis had sadly lost his daughter to cancer very recently.

**2. News from the Churches in brief**

**St Stephen's:** planned to have most of the usual services over Easter, though shortened. There would be a booking system in place. The church was currently open for three evening Masses, in addition to two on Sundays.

**Christ Apostolic:** had stayed online but planned a phased return to opening up in the next few weeks.

**Methodists:** had managed to find different speakers for their services from the Anglicans, Baptists and other Methodists in the circuit, with 25-30 attending regularly.

**Vine Community:** the church building was currently being used as a Covid-19 test centre. They had just reopened their doors and would continue with a midweek Zoom session.

**Wellspring:** were still meeting online but planned to open for Easter. The church was continuing to grow.

**Bishop Ridley:** continued to have joint online services with St John's. The church had opened its doors last week and people were gradually returning. Rev Mark was busy taking care of the children whilst his wife worked on Covid wards. They planned to send out Easter hampers to the elderly in the parish.

**St Michael's:** planned to open for Easter. They had done a couple of funerals recently. Peter had kept busy doing livestreaming and phoning parishioners.

**St Mary's:** the WhatsApp group was keeping people together, along with an online prayer group. They planned to open the church for Easter and it would be decorated with lilies. The cubs had been delivering "love" boxes to people on their own. St Mary's Players planned to do a play online in June.

**St John's:** had been back in the building since last week, though there was currently no heating. They would get a new boiler just after Easter. Services would now be livestreamed instead of recorded in advance. After Easter a 4pm Sunday service was planned to reach those in their 40s and below - the age group which had almost disappeared.

**Salvation Army:** (by email) their foodbank was continuing on Tuesdays from 10am-2pm.

- 3. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from: Rev Mark Tariq, Rev Christina Cunnington, Captain Katy Shubotham, Pastor Casey Badejo, Andrew Lewis, Karen Freeman.
- 4. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

These were approved by the chair. Adam apologised that he hadn't been able to come up with a recorded homily (item 7) so this would be on hold for now. The Prayer Chain in Unity Week hosted by St John's had gone well.
- 5. Treasurer's Report**

Les said he would be in touch to ask for subscriptions if it was decided to go ahead with Christmas leaflets again. He would need to pay some money into the account to keep it live.
- 6. CTiW website - feedback**

Colin told members that there was no need to log in to the website in order to view information, only if wanting to update personal details, as some were having difficulty. Otherwise it was straightforward to visit the site. He was trying to sort out the long lines of text which weren't visible on all devices. Sandy was thanked for the piece she wrote about Lent activities for the website. Colin was commended for his hard work and it was hoped the website would become more useful in time.
- 7. Thy Kingdom Come / Pentecost Celebration (13-23 May)**

Kate showed a short video about this. The event was launched by the Anglican Church in 2016 and now includes many denominations and happens in over 100 countries. The suggestion was to find 5 people to pray for over the 11 days. Adam said details would be on their website. Some public sessions would be happening in their building and an online service at Pentecost which other churches were welcome to use. It was a good way to have all praying for revival and unity at the same time.
- 8. AGM arrangements**

It was agreed this should be online on 30 May at 5pm. The Zoom link should be made available for anyone interested to join in.
- 9. Spark in the Park**

This would have to be an online event again as it was now too late to set up anything in the park. It would also be too risky financially to do. There would be a treasure hunt in the park and a team day around the August Bank Holiday. There may possibly be some fun days from September onwards.
- 10. Any Other Business**
  - (a) St John's, Wellspring and Christ Apostolic had just held their first CAP Kickstart session as a trial between churches. This was a programme to reach non-church people with practical sessions on finance, CV writing, understanding stress etc during these Covid days. If other churches would like to know more or be involved, please contact either Kate or Graham.
  - (b) Melvyn reported that the Bexley Winter Shelter had worked well, though differently, this year. 8 people had been put up in B&B accommodation with funding from the Covid Winter Grant Scheme - a Government grant (which also paid for the support worker) - and the churches had cooked and delivered regular hot meals to them. They would be taken care of until April, when it was hoped to get them into permanent accommodation.

The meeting closed with prayer.

## **CTiW Meetings for 2021**

Monday 11 January

Tuesday 16 March

Sunday 30 May           AGM

Wednesday 22 September

Thursday 4 November

## **Prayers led by:**

St Stephen's

St Mary's

Bishop Ridley

Salvation Army

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