

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WELLING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Salvation Army Hall on 30 June 2019

1. Prayers and Welcome

The meeting opened with prayer led by Rev Adam Foot.

2. Apologies

These were received from Rev Helen Watson, Rev Peter Organ, Canon Edward Perera, Rev Mark Tariq, Sandy Kennedy and Possible Hackman.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10 June 2018

These were accepted and signed by the chairman.

4. Chairman's Report

Rev Adam began by thanking Sandy, Gwen and Les for their help in keeping things going. He said he didn't have the time and energy to give to Churches Together that he would like, as he had so many other duties.

The year had again been good. The concert at the FCI in September had been a great success, and it was agreed to do this every two years. The Good Friday Walk was really good, the weather being so favourable that some people had gone elsewhere, but numbers had still been 200+. There had been an excellent choice of Lent activities (thanks to Sandy) which would make lot of Churches Together groups quite jealous! Christian Aid week had been similar to last year, with a total of £1,753 sent off. The largest contribution to this was £521 raised by Doug Snow's concert at St John's. Spark in the Park had been particularly good last year, despite the excess heat, with more people than usual coming to the prayer tent.

In the last year Fr Jim (St Stephen's), Rev Jim (Wellspring), Lieut Emma (Salvation Army) and Rev Danielle (St John's) had moved on, and Rev Helen (Methodist) would be moving soon. We had been joined by Canon Edward (St Stephen's), Lieut Katy (SA) and Rev Neil (St Mary's). Carol had been ordained and was working at St Michael's.

Rev Adam took a chance to give Spark in the Park a plug for this year. He said that unfortunately the support from the Evangelical Free Church had been withdrawn, so they were particularly short of helpers at present. He indicated the sign-up forms which were available.

5. Treasurer's Report

Les Brett had circulated his report. There was a balance of £350 in the account as some churches had already paid their subs. As usual, around £700 would have to be paid out for the Christmas leaflets and the Good Friday Walk insurance. He requested that the other churches paid well before Christmas.

6. Election of Officers 2019-20

Rev Adam Foot said he was willing to continue as chair, but he admitted that he really had too many other commitments, so it was difficult to give the job the energy it deserved. He was re-elected to continue as chair, but Lieut Katy Shubotham said she would be willing to chat to him about what the role entailed with a view to stepping in

if needed. The other officers all agreed to continue in their roles, and were thus re-elected:

Sandy Kennedy as Vice-chair

Gwen Chiosso as Secretary

Les Brett as Treasurer.

7. Any Other Business

Doug Snow requested that those taking part in the Good Friday Walk of Witness wore sashes or something similar to make them look more like an organised group. It was agreed to consider this next time.

Rev Adam closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was followed by refreshments, then a service of Evening Worship led by Lieut Katy Shubotham.