

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EAST HULL

MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2024

AT ST JAMES SUTTON

Welcome. Rev GN welcomed us to St James and led the opening devotions which followed an Evening Prayer from the Church of England. This included a time of open prayer with prayers for various situations in the world and also for Rev G, thanking her for all her work, compassion and caring within Sutton and Churches Together, as she moves on to pastures new.

Present. There were 15 members present representing 9 churches with 3 apologies.

Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes had been circulated to members and after two minor corrections to dates and no further matters arising. They were proposed, seconded and accepted as a true record

Correspondence. We had received an email from the Humber Palestinian Solidarity Campaign regarding the current situation in Palestine. After discussion the group agreed not to be involved with the campaign but would continue to pray for the situation in Palestine and other parts of the world. If further emails are received, the response is to be that we continue to pray.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a copy of the finances showing a balance of £274.39. The Treasurer was thanked for his work in looking after the finances.

Christian Unity Service. This is focusing on Burkina Faso and will be at Kingston Wesley on January 21st at 3:00pm. The congregation will be welcomed with refreshments as a symbol of welcome and fellowship.

Good Friday. There will be refreshments before and after the service at Holderness Road Methodist church with the service starting at 10:00am. As last year readings/prayers outside the church and at the corner of Village Road. There will be videos playing in church for those who are unable to walk.

World Day of Prayer. March 1st 2:00pm at Holderness Road Methodist. The World Day of Prayer service for 2024 was written by Christian women from Palestine. Bear with one another in love.

Seafarer's Service. Tuesday 25th June at 7:30pm at St Michael and All Angels, Holderness Road.

News from the churches. All churches had been very active over Christmas. St Peter's and St Michael and All Angels combined for Midnight Mass and several new families joined them for Christmas morning worship.

Holderness Road organised their annual 'Come Sing Carols' for Martin House Children's Hospice, held a Craft and Christingle service and sang carols outside the church. Bibles are regularly left outside church and over 600 have been taken by people passing by.

We joined with others to sing carols at Morrisons on the Thursday before Christmas and were amazed by the generosity of shoppers who contributed to a total of £234 for Martin House Hospice.

There had been some good services at Sutton Methodist including a Messy Church + service + food. Some people from St James joined them for this, so an ecumenical time was shared. The music group performed a Roger Jones musical, Stargazers and are now practising for their pantomime in March.

On Christmas Eve there was a lovely atmosphere at Portobello as they shared carols, candles and communion.

Any forthcoming events can be posted on the East Hull Churches Together website

www.cteh.org.uk Please send the information to info@cteh.org.uk

Dates of the next meetings – please note the change of time

Wednesday April 10th **2:00pm** Sutton Methodist.

Wednesday June 5th **2:00pm** St Michael and All Angels.

Wednesday September 11th **2:00pm** Portobello Methodist Church

Wednesday November 20th **2:00pm** Sacred Hearts (AGM)

The meeting closed with prayer