

## East of Eden Mission Community minutes of meeting 10th Jan 2017

1. Minutes of 7th Nov 2016 approved.
2. Apologies from Stephen and Helen due to illness.
3. Website. Looking great. Agreed to add worship service times (Les has already circulated suggestion); 'About Us' to include Steering Group (*action Bryan*); Need to encourage everyone to list Events (agreed to identify someone from each Benefice/Circuit to promote the use of the Events feature – *action Ministers*); agreed to add 'pen pictures' for each church (*Ministers to encourage Church/Chapel leaders to do this*).
4. Lent Lunches. Agreed that these are being organised by Lydia for the Mission Community area. Lydia has already contacted people across the MC (David/Les/Stephen have made suggestions for hosts). *If any additional suggestions, please contact Lydia*. These are principally part of our mission and outreach, not fundraising. There is a collection for Christian Aid, as in previous years. This can be reviewed next year.
5. Steering Group Terms of Reference. These include an Annual Meeting. **Agreed we should hold this on Monday 8th May** at 7pm at Langwathby Chapel (subject to Stephen being available). It would be an opportunity for a two way exchange of views. Also agreed our financial year end would be 31st March, so we can report on accounts at this meeting. Details to be discussed at our next meeting.
6. 'Conversations'. Some disquiet expressed by Great Salkeld. Bryan is talking to Nigel Robson with a view to listening to concerns. *Bryan will report back*.
7. Task and Finish Groups. Brief discussion on the three topics. Agreed we are seeking to evolve, and can make simple steps (e.g. Identifying Local leaders and agreeing their roles, and how we can support them). Agreed a new approach to Worship is needed as we cannot sustain current number/type of services. *Ministers to report and lead discussion at next meeting*.
8. Future staffing. Bryan reported on his meeting with Bishop Robert and Chris Angus. The response from Derek Hurton had been circulated. Stephen is planning to see Bishop James, and Bishop Robert. Agreed we need to plan for House for Duty or equivalent as that is agreed. If there is a change of heart, then we can reconsider. *All to consider ahead of next meeting*.
9. Finances. Ray circulated a finance report showing a balance of £3058.
10. **Next meeting: 27th March** 4-6pm at Langwathby Manse. Subject to checking with Stephen