

Notes of the East of Eden Mission Community Steering group meeting 5.6.17

Present : Rev Stephen Pye, Rev Les Wallace Bryan Gray (Chair) Helen Armstrong, Kathleen Doidge Harrison, Jim Butterworth

Minutes of last meeting: Great Salkeld CE have paid their Parish Share for 2016 and made an offer for 2017

The East of Eden MC AGM was well attended with a good spirit.

Reinforced to ensure that Alston Methodists felt included in the MC.

Rev David Sargent's input in the AGM was appreciated and set the right tone. Also encouraging to know that the Moving Mountains mission project can be adapted to local needs.

Propose an AGM for similar date in 2018

Reports

Buildings

SP enlisted Bishop Bob Hardy to help in the buildings discussion as he has experience of rural churches as Bishop of Lincoln.

Will produce a paper for further discussions. don't lose sight of 'super church' idea. Change is down to us.

Worship

DF's last meeting. Put DF's paper on worship with the buildings one to present to congregations

Lay Leadership

Meeting of small re group on 7.6.17 – Judith Moore, Andy Wilson, Roger Campbell, John Doidge –Harrison to meet with LW

Visits to be made to all congregations to see how MC can help in moving forward.

Website: increasing in content slowly. Agreed to include website address in all communication.

Avril to be asked to secure final date for posting on website LW

Church biographical information on website to be checked and possibly changed to include life as the church community, not just the building.

JB to check Renwick, Kirkoswald, Great Salkeld and Lazonby

KDH to check Crossfell churches

Future resourcing.

Plan for vacancy at Kirkoswald to be filled by Mission Community leader.

Further stages to go for this to be realised, but hopeful that advert could go ahead after the August Synod,

Linked to this is the merging of the Benefices which is linked to the Deanery Plan which also needs to be approved.

Discussion about nature of the appointment - it would be ecumenical but this raises all sorts of questions.

Q and A to be prepared. Questions to BG for use in a document. Draft questions to be circulated.

Discussion re appointment to replace Rev Chris Blackshaw. This would be advertised across all church press as a part time, 2 year post for lay pastor with interest in youth work.

Importance of ensuring 'one voice' of the MC. Encourage discussions within villages and re iterate the narrative of change.

Finance

Maintaining the website £106 to date

Christmas and Easter journey in credit

Godly Play £1099

Messy Church £983

Accounts approved at the AGM

Judith James to be asked to externally verify the accounts

AOB

Discussion about possible 'away day' - spring 2018. RW to research

Moving Mountains – Spring 2018. Yvonne Povey to be asked to be a champion for MC

Fresh Expressions – Richard Passmore to be invited to speak at next steering group

Next meeting Tues 25th July 4-6pm

Next MC service possibly to coincide with Veronica Priest's commissioning as Local Lay Minister (LLM) October 2017?

Date of next steering group meeting: Tuesday July 25th 4-6pm at Langwathby Chapel