

Mission Community Steering Group meeting held on Monday 27th March

Notes of the meeting

Bryan Gray (chair) , Rev Stephen Pye, Rev Les Wallace, Kathleen Doidge Harrison, Jim Butterworth, Ray Wager, Helen Armstrong

Website – up and running, needs links to Diocesan website. **LW to speak to Dave Roberts.**

Lent lunches going well with donations to Christian Aid. Positive 'internal mission'

Lent group at Langwathby well supported by 23 people. Follow up could be a simple meal together?

Task and Finish group reports:

1. Buildings by SP.

18 buildings for population of 5,100 compared to a village in Lancs with 2 buildings for 5,200

Yesterday, there were 9 services for 5,200 people.

Key points: accessibility, parking, facilities, are we at the end of the strong family loyalty?

Options – invest, mothball, festival or use as a community asset. Decisions are with PCCs

Super Church would be good - somewhere to meet as a mission community

Problems with giving if number of services decrease?

Above ideas to form a discussion paper

2. Lay Leadership. LW co-opted Judith Moore and Rev Roger Campbell

Virtual meetings held but Roger abroad. Plan is to meet reps from each church chapel. Meeting date in place.

3. Worship DF. Key points

- Holding worship in other places e.g. barns, village halls
- Combined services for festivals
- Provide choice and variety but may need to travel
- Mothering Sunday services in schools?
- MC service once or twice per year depending on outcome of consultation

Annual meeting 8.5.17. 7 pm at Langwathby Chapel

Agenda

1. **Resume of what has happened since launch in Sep 16 HA and KDH**
2. **Next steps – review of 3 areas Buildings, Lay Leadership and Worship by 3 clergy**
3. **Finance and budgets RW**
4. **Governance as published on website BG**
5. **Future staffing towards 2020**
6. **Moving Mountains Mission – update**
7. **Q and A**

Refreshments – Ray to ask Langwathby congregation

Communication – Kathleen to publish in village magazines

Agreed – new start up activities should be brought to meetings

Future date 11th March 2018 as part of Moving Mountains Mission at Rheged for Mothering Sunday – massive Messy Church

Future staffing – news of second tranche of transition funding for CofE meaning possible replacement for DF?

Action: Letter to Lee Townend (new Archdeacon) on behalf of steering group

Finance: Current total £3,324

AOB Informal discussions taken place at Gt Salkeld with DF and JB.

No Parish Share paid. Will release when new arrangements made for DF.

BG added that MC non negotiable and all governance issues are transparent and on website.