

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CRANLEIGH

Minutes of the meeting held on January 10, 2012 at 8.00pm in the Presbytery

1. **Present:** Robert Isherwood-Crook (R.I-C)(Chair), Canon Nigel Nicholson (N.N.), Fr. David Osborne (D.O.), Rev. Jonathan Thomas (J.T.), Rev. Marie Greenwood (M.G.), Messrs Keith Field (K.F.), Allan Forster (A.F.), Jason Stedman (J.S.), Mesdames Sheila Smith (S.S.), Diana Trent (D.T.), Chris Greenwood (C.G.), Glenda Sewell (G.S.) (Secretary).
2. **Apologies for absence:** Roz Graham-Smith, Gerry Williams and Colin Connolly.
3. **Opening prayers** were offered by N.N. (Members then introduced themselves and said what church they were from. J.S. is the new representative from the Methodist Church, replacing Peter Dawson).
4. The acceptance of the **Minutes of September 27** was proposed by N.N. and seconded by D.T. and passed unanimously. R.I-C. signed them.
5. **Matters arising:**
 - a) (Item 5) G.S. showed a CTC/Parish magazine published in 2001 (after the millennium).
 - b) (also Item 5) R.I-C. reported that he and D.O. had discussed the setting up of a CTC web-site and blog. This would be voted on at a later meeting. The approximate cost of setting up would be £83.00.
6. **Correspondence:** none.
7. **Treasurer:**
 - a) The appointment of D.T. to replace Peter Dawson was received with grateful thanks by the meeting. R.I.-C. had written a letter of thanks to Peter (copy in records)
 - b) R.I.-C. suggested raising the subscriptions by £50.00 but as there is a balance of £1028.00 in the account, a decision on this proposal was postponed, so that D.T. can examine the accounts in detail
8. **Advent – review:**
 - a) Film ‘The Adjustment Bureau’ (December 1 in the Arts Centre) was watched by about 80 people and about 50 of those remained to discuss it over coffee afterwards. D.O. commented that some did not appear to understand the film but many were appreciative of it. N.N. commented that the showing of such a film was a good example of people working together. The follow-up discussion in the Baptist Church was less well-attended, but considered worthwhile.
 - b) Carol singing in Stocklund Square December 10. This did not start on time and some people therefore could not stay until the end. The weather was cold (but sunny) and M.G. thought there were too many carols for passers by to sing in such conditions. Perhaps Fountain Square would be a better venue? Participating clergy and K.F. (organiser) were thanked for their efforts.
 - c) Other comments:
 - (i) N.N. thought the presence of a crib in the village at Christmas would help carol singing and other events. Would it be vandalised? J.S. said a simple structure with simple figures could easily be replaced. It should have a heavy base but no metal.
 - (ii) K.F. suggested a kind of ‘moving Nativity’ with separate scenes played in different churches with participants (?) and ‘audience’ moving from church to church, as in a Christmas ‘journey’. Perhaps families could be involved in searching for items in shops en route?

- 9. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25)** The United Service on January 22 at 6.30pm in St Nicolas Church is being arranged shortly. There will be continuous prayer in churches and possibly in people's homes. A programme of events (arranged by J.T.) has been distributed to participating churches (copy in records) and posters have been displayed in the village.
- 10. Lent:**
- a) A visit to the seminary has been arranged (G.S.) on March 14. This will probably be a service of Vespers beginning at 08.00pm. D.O. is free this year and offered to help with arrangements.
- b) No Lent studies were organised.
- c) The possibility of another film was discussed: 'Schindler's List' or 'The Passion of Christ' The latter is preferred and it is hoped the Arts Centre may show it on Good Friday evening.
- d) Additional Items:
- (i) A participation in the 'Stations of the Cross' was proposed for 11.00am on Saturday March 24 at Wintershall. (N.N.)
- (ii) Good Friday: the usual open-air service would be arranged in Stocklund Square at 10.45am. (N.N.)
- G.S. would book a band and organise the sound system. The Baptist Church have kindly agreed to provide hot cross buns and coffee/tea afterwards.
- 11. Community volunteering event (Spring):** helping elderly or disabled people with gardening, housework, shopping etc. No further details are available at the moment
- 12. Cranleigh Games Weekend (July 14-15):** members voted against a CTC open-air service for the afternoon of July 15. (NB On the Jubilee Weekend, there will be a service in St Nicolas Church on June 3 at 10.00am. A 'village' lunch is planned for the same day in Snoxhall Fields.)
- 13. AOB.**
- a) MG reported that prayer-walkers gave out 500 leaflets (funded by CTC). More volunteers are needed. In Advent, there was great response when volunteers visited houses and MG repeated her request for CTC support for this activity. Prayers were offered for all who asked for them, she added. D.O. offered to ask for prayer volunteers via JCROM website.
- b) D.O. also reported that clergy meet for prayer.
- c) M.G. told members that she had accepted a new appointment in the Grimsby Circuit to begin in September.
- 14. Date and venue of the next meeting: May 22 at 8.00pm in the Baptist Church.**

The meeting closed at 10.10pm with prayers offered by R.I.-C. and The Grace said together.