

Extraordinary General Meeting of the Churches Together in Weobley

23rd January 2023

Methodist Chapel at 2.30pm

Attendees:

Rev. Paul Arnold, Rev. Phillip Harvey, Father Simon McGurk, Jo Ware, Ann Saunders
Stella Hurdidge, Patricia Stuart, Carole Page, Robert Page, Steve Dartnell, Caroline Redford
Emma Wright (Hereford Churches Together).

Apologies:

Peter Hereford

Meeting Purpose

This meeting is to review and discuss the future of CTIW, which has always been lay led rather than clergy led.

Meeting Notes

Paul opened the meeting with a prayer and exhorted us to remember the week of Christian Unity, thinking of Burkina Faso.

Election of officers

As **Jo Ware** is now retiring as Chair and there are no other nominations, **Father Simon** has volunteered to take the Chair for a year if a suitable Secretary can be found.

Jo has done a huge amount over the years, inspiring and organising, producing the CTIW banner for outdoors and designing the Christmas card, producing the agendas for meetings as well as reporting events in the Magpie. We are all very grateful to Jo for all the years of hard work.

Simon suggested the name should be changed to “Christians in Weobley” and that we need to broaden the Constitution that anybody can attend committee meetings but that only the committee members can vote. Emma Wright (Hereford rep.) reported that this happens with some Hereford Churches. Caroline Redford pointed out that the 2 lay members of the committee from each church were the “Messengers” to their particular church informing them of the activities of CTIW.

Ann Saunders is also retiring as Minutes Secretary as she has continued for extra years. It was pointed out that there are probably less events to plan now in the year – e.g Christmas, Epiphany, Good Friday walk, Easter, Pentecost Walk and tea, and the Harvest Festival.

Patricia Stuart was asked if she would take on the position of Secretary which she agreed to do and was unanimously elected. Carole Page was approached but she had too many other commitments.

Peter Hereford will continue as **Treasurer**.

The present committee is *RC Church* - Father Simon, Patricia Stuart, Stella Hurdidge, Peter Hereford, *Anglican Church* - Rev. Philip Harvey, Steve Dartnell, Caroline Redford, *Methodist Chapel* – Rev. Paul Arnold, Jo Ware, David Williams

Future Events. The **Lent Course** is to be at the Presbytery led by Father Simon at 2.30pm Wednesday afternoon from Feb 21st. **The Good Friday walk** will be led by Philip (starting at RC Church). The **Easter Children's holiday club has been arranged by Philip for Monday and Tuesday, March 25th and 26th.**

Date of next meeting. April 9th 2024, in the Chapel at 2.30 p.m