

## Record of Churches Together meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

1. At this meeting we discussed the possibility of setting up a satellite Food Bank distribution point in Cricklade. It has been brought to our attention that this is something that may be needed here. It would only require a cupboard and some volunteers and would be administered from the Malmesbury and Area Food Bank. Sufficient volunteers would only mean a couple of hours each month to run this. We are meeting again in January with someone from the Malmesbury Food Bank to discuss this further. At present anyone who needed this service would have to be able to get to the Food Bank – not easy if you are short of funds.

2. We discussed the current situation of The Chronicle. The finances from this also fund joint projects for Churches Together ie Holiday Club, OtB, Lent Talks. There have been many cost increases in producing this recently and some advertisers have dropped out. Also there are not sufficient people volunteering to distribute this and with the increase in housing in Cricklade even more will be needed. We will place an article in this in the new year to see what the people of Cricklade think.

3. Our AGM will be held June 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 at United Church at 7.30pm and we have decided to have a guest speaker to make this more interesting. Ian has been chair for some time now and is due to stand down then. It was suggested that the chair should only stand for one year with a vice chair ready to take over each time.

4. We discussed a suitable book to study for Lent Groups 2019. Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup> and we will hold an evening and a day time session and are looking for leaders and places for this to be held.

5. We are looking at spreading out the Lent Talks in 2020 rather than compressing them into Lent. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

6. Joint Easter services were discussed. Maundy Thursday will be at United Church with Sarah leading and Phil speaking. The Walk of Witness will begin at 10am on Good Friday morning and there will be the usual last hour of the cross services.

7. In the new year we will begin arranging the next “come and sing” concert for charity. This will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup> with Brian Kaye conducting and Robin Baggs playing the organ. It will be in support of the Prospect Hospice.

8. As usual we shared news from our churches.

St Mary’s told us about their charity carol concerts on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, but also about cracks in their North Aisle

United Church were pleased that Rev Sarah Simpson is now their minister and were looking forward to their annual covenant service on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

St Sampson’s and the other Anglican churches were pleased to have a new Bishop who will be taking a service in St Sampson’s on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

We set the dates for next years meetings and closed the meeting with the Grace.

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