

## **CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN COLWALL**

### **Report of Activities for the year May 2018 to April 2019**

#### **Events**

A significant amount of the business of committee meetings was devoted to two events as follows:

- Farmyard Nativity

This took place in the afternoon of Sunday 9 December 2018 at Coddington Vineyard. We were pleased that it was a crisp and sunny December day compared to 2017 when the snow had resulted in the event being cancelled. We were grateful to Sharon and Peter Maiden for hire of their barn which was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season and also for arranging for calves and donkeys to be outside. The format was not dissimilar to previous years with Barbara Ashton leading a participative reading of part of the Christmas story, her sharing Barry Ashton's testimony due to his illness and Kate Stock providing musical accompaniment to familiar carols on her accordion. It was estimated that about 100 people attended and many of them had no direct connections with our local churches so outreach objectives were achieved.

- Unity Service

This took place on Sunday 20 January 2019 in the Village Hall. The service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was provided by the Indonesian churches and was on the theme of Only Justice. As in previous years it was felt that to use all of the service materials was not appropriate and a more selective approach was taken to represent the differing worship traditions of both churches. Our speaker was Stephen Grey from the Church Army. Musicians from both churches contributed and work with the children focused on the theme. A considerable number of people helped in many ways to make this service a success and a bring and share lunch was enjoyed by all who were able to stay afterwards.

#### **Other Matters**

The Farmyard Nativity and Unity Service consumed a major proportion of the time of committee meetings. The close proximity in the dates of these events and with Christmas falling between them restricted the time available for consideration of other topics.

Other matters briefly discussed by the committee were:

- The possible hire of 'The Holy Ground – Take off Your Shoes' exhibition was considered and visits were made to it in Gloucester by Tom Jarratt and Ian Baker. It was felt its format involving the reading of stories was similar to The Forgiveness Project held earlier in February 2018 and it was therefore decided not to go ahead with this.
- Publicity arrangements for Christmas and Easter services
- Marketing of the Walk of Witness
- Possible future outreach events

## **Membership**

June Allen  
Barbara Ashton  
Ian Baker  
Freda Ballard  
Melanie Horton  
Tom Jarratt (*Chair*)  
Anne Lanyon-Hogg  
Gillian Lloyd (*Secretary*)  
Anna Nugent (*County Ecumenical Officer - Churches Together in Herefordshire*)  
Andy Schulkins  
Sandie Schulkins (*Vice Chair*)

Tom Jarratt took over as Chair from Melanie Horton in line with the rotational arrangements for the role between St James Colwall and Colwall Community Church (COCOCHU). We were grateful to Melanie for the leadership and support she provided while serving as Chair.

Andy and Sandie Schulkins and Anne Lanyon-Hogg will be standing down as members after the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 21 May 2019. Their varying contributions have been valued and appreciated. If the work of CTIC is to continue and flourish, it will be important to actively seek new members from both churches or other Christians in Colwall.

## **Annual General Meeting and Committee Meetings**

The Annual General Meeting was held on 1 May 2018 and six committee meetings were subsequently held over the course of the year to the end of April 2019.

## **Finance**

The finances continued to be handled jointly by the Treasurers of St James and Colwall Community Church.