

BACKGROUND READING FOR 8th MARCH 2010 CHURCH MEETING

KIRKBY LONSDALE METHODIST CHURCH

6. FINANCE

- a. Clarification of use of money from Country Fair and Father Christmas weekend: It is proposed that the money from the Country Fair is used for the Haiti appeal as proposed at coffee on a recent Sunday.
It is proposed that income from the Father Christmas Day is split 50:50 between our church and the 2 anniversary charities.
- b. Allocation of tithe money from 2008-9: at the January meeting no decision was made about the allocation of £1100 from the previous year's Tithing Income. If you have proposals let Andrew Webb know before this meeting where the decision will be made.
- c. Arrangements for collecting gift aid on gifts to anniversary charities:
As the best way forward to manage the anniversary funds it is proposed to use a special Anniversary form with columns for Name & Initial, Address & Postcode, plus an extra column for amount given. A statutory clause re. gift-aiding and UK tax payment will be required, also a clear statement about the two anniversary charities.
These forms to be available at every fund raising event to be used as people wish. Nick will then make arrangements for the gift aid to be split 50/50 to the two charities, Salford Lifecentre and the MRDF Mali Project.
- d. Fundraising principles for Church Building projects: at the 2008 Church AGM it was established that the church agrees to the principle of sharing money raised for building on a 50:50 basis with charitable giving, subject to commonsense review based on future needs.

7. PROPERTY REPORT

- b. Church Balcony: we are making progress with the reopening of the balcony and we hope everyone has now looked at the plans in the foyer.
Building regulations (we do not need planning consent) have been applied for, also building permission from the Methodist Church and we anticipate consent quite soon. Tenders will then be sought and it is hoped the project will be completed during summer.
- c. Church Photocopying: FOR INFORMATION
In an effort to reduce the costs of church photocopying (Notices, Meeting details, The Window etc) and after considering alternatives, it has been agreed with St Mary's Church that we will have use of their facilities and

photocopier once or twice per week at agreed times.

Copy should be given to Mike Scholes and Peter Deaville who will be the contacts with St Mary's. Please do not go direct to St Mary's or leave copy with them - they will NOT do our copying for us.

For future requests please provide copy, preferably in electronic form but handwritten notes can also be given, as far ahead as possible and no later than 1 week before it is needed.

There will still be aspects of this arrangement that will need further consideration; if you have queries please talk to Mike/ Peter at any time.

9. LEARNING AND CARING

b. Leadership of Divorce-Care and Friday Morning Fellowship groups:

FOR INFORMATION

After Heidi Boardman's transfer to Carnforth Free Methodist Church Heather Sattin is taking over leadership of the of the Divorce-Care group and Pauline Kaye of the Friday morning Fellowship group.

11. EVANGELISM

a. Funding for 'Party in the Park':

Plans are proceeding and an organisation team is being formed.

It is requested that the £850 donation put aside for Outreach and Mission at the last church meeting be allocated for the 'Party in the Park event'.

Before then, Paul Dunstan is coming on Tuesday, 8th June to help us think about responding to questions about why we are holding this event
'Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have' 1 Peter 3:16

15. POLICY REVIEWS

- a. Chris Palmer (Safeguarding) and Peter Gregson (Website) have reviewed these policies and are happy with their content and their implementation, with two provisio's: (a) it is noted that for the Safeguarding Policy completed CRB forms for new helpers in Junior Church must be returned quickly, and (b) both Policies will require review and possible amendment when future changes to UK Safeguarding legislation are completed.

The Stewards reviewed these two_policies at a recent meeting and recommend their acceptance to the church without further change.

- b. Revision to two Spending Policies: deferred from last meeting. The policies are available on the website/in the Reference Files in Church.

