

BACKGROUND READING FOR 8th SEPTEMBER 2009 CHURCH MEETING

KIRKBY LONSDALE METHODIST CHURCH

Item Subject

5 Matters Arising

Item 10 - 175th Anniversary Outreach:

(for Information only at present)

Planning will start in September with formation of a team to consider ideas for an outreach event to the town and to visitors to take place during 2010, the 175th year. We will seek support from other churches, from CTiL and from town/school organisations.

We shall be meeting with St Thomas's Church, Kendal in Sept to learn from their ideas in organising 'Party in the Park'.

The outreach will be planned to run alongside but separately from the planned in-church events in the 175th year.

Funding will be necessary but we believe that as an christian outreach activity then, if God is in this, the funding will be forthcoming. Prayer will be an essential part of the planning.

Item 11b - Discretionary Policy:

Updated as noted in the July meeting minutes i.e. to include ministers discretion for gifts of up to £25 and an alternative person to make decisions in case the Minister is unavailable (a steward, usually the Senior Steward). Policy to be reviewed triennially.

Item 16 - Church Weekend, Abbot Hall 17-19th September, 2010:

(for information at this time)

A weekend where all can enjoy fellowship together with good teaching and time to relax. Invitations will be distributed in October with a £15/head deposit payable within 4 weeks (not for children under 4). Paul Mayo has accepted an invitation to lead the weekend and the planning team propose that the older teens (year 10 and upwards) are included as part of the adult meetings and Paul Mayo is happy with this approach to learning and sharing.

The church budget for speaker costs and for support for our minister is proposed as £500 (same as in 2008). This figure makes use of the anticipated number of free places, depending on how many we earn

and will also allow a contribution towards the costs of youth workers. It is our intention to search for youth workers more locally, thus keeping costs to a minimum. But we do draw the church's attention to this need for additional funding of youth workers and also of support for those on a limited income via the Minister's Discretionary Fund. We believe the weekend is an opportunity given to us by God and we trust that he will provide.

The church will operate a Savings Scheme for anyone who would like to spread the costs and pay by regular instalments - more details soon.

A fund raising event is proposed before Christmas 2009 with proceeds to be distributed equally with the 175th year Mission Appeal.

6 REFRESHING OUR CHURCH'S VISION

6a Starting the review process - Formation of Working Group & Timescales:

See separate document

6b Developing Fellowship groups:

Follow-up from meeting on 2nd September to be mentioned.

- Are you already in a fellowship\study group?
- Would like to join a group?
- Would like an opportunity to share questions and grow in your faith?
- Want to know more about the existing groups?
- Feel you could help set up or be a part of a new group ?

7 FINANCE

7a Budget adoption: to be presented at meeting, based on presentation at July meeting - further information still being collected.

7b Final accounts for Hall Sound Deadening project: firstly, donations from several people are recognised and received with grateful thanks. Secondly, a wide range of grants have been received and, with the donations, have enabled the work to be completed without real cost to the church. Benefits of the easier listening environment are noticeable.

With agreement of one donor, the gift of £853.11 can be reserved for other purposes in the church. The congregation are invited to make suggestions for purpose(s) to which the donation might be put with

background and estimated costs, to be forwarded to Rev Andrew Webb by end of September. Ideas will be considered at a future church meeting.

Based on this proposal, the consequent shortfall of £61.70 has been paid from church funds. At the September meeting the church council will be asked to confirm this contribution to the costs.

<u>Income:</u>		<u>Expenditure:</u>	
Member Donation 1	853.11	Floorscan Survey	411.25
Member Donation 2	850.10	Floorscan Deposit	2455.25
Member Donation 3	350.00	Decorating	946.31
Member Donation 4	50.00	Paint	89.24
Furness B.S.	50.00	2nd Floorscan invoice	4559.75
Cumbria B.S.	500.00		
Freida Scott Trust	1000.00		
Neighborhood Forum	1000.00		
SLDC	300.00		
Crossfield Trust	2000.00		
Cumbria Waste Mgmt.	1600.00		
Gillingate Trust	700.00		
Total Income	9253.21	Total Expenditure	8461.80

8 **PROPERTY:** need for a caretaker & storage of Hall chairs.
Information to be distributed by Sunday before meeting

9 **CTIL:** will be reported at the meeting.

10 **AOB**

Gift in memory of Margaret Crompton: a donation of £200 has been received from the family (not allocated for a specific purpose). It is suggested that ideas for use of this donation with background and estimated costs be forwarded to Rev Andrew Webb by end of September, to be considered in the same way as for the donation mentioned in item 7b.