

BACKGROUND READING FOR 4th NOVEMBER 2009 CHURCH MEETING

KIRKBY LONSDALE METHODIST CHURCH

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5	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>
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7	<u>175TH ANNIVERSARY PLANS</u>
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a) Update from 175th Planning Group:

The 175th Anniversary Year runs from January to December 2010. Everyone's support will be needed in many and for different events throughout the year. Please do note these dates in your diaries!

Special Services

Saturday, 2 October 2010: Rev. Richard Teal leads the Special Anniversary Service at 3 pm.

Sunday, 4 October "Church Family" Morning Service with Revs. Trevor & Janet Capstick.

Invitation sent to new President (Rev. Alison Tomlin); reply awaited.

Fundraising for our chosen charities: is being co-ordinated by Heather Sattin. Anyone intending to run a fundraising event, or querying which dates are free, should contact her.

Fund raising proposal using a Talent Scheme: to support our chosen charities in 2010 it is proposed that the church members are invited to join a 'talent' scheme. Each willing participant would be loaned £5 or similar and asked to double/treble it. Members could choose to operate in a group and pool their resources or work individually. A list of ideas would be available. Other churches have tried this method and it has worked well.

Please consider this; it will be introduced at the meeting.

In hand: Guest lists, Exhibition of old photos, documents, Church history update (all Working Group), Publicity (Elizabeth Breay and Peter Gregson), Junior Church input (Chris Palmer & Junior Church leaders), Gift Aid (Nick Burd), TV Relay (Peter Deaville, Adam Kaye).

b) Midsummer 'Party in the Park' Event:

As part of celebrations in 2010, it has been suggested that we run a 'Midsummer Party in the Park' in Kirkby Lonsdale for the whole town and community.

Our further research is explained in more detail so that we, the whole church, can decide whether we want to proceed with this.

The suggested date is Sunday 4th July 2010 in the afternoon, on the Play Area behind the Fire Station in the middle of town. The Town Council and Play Partnership have agreed in principle to let us use the area.

The objective of the event is simply “to show local people that Christians are okay”. Everything on offer at the event would be free of charge - Refreshments such as tea and coffee, scones, cakes etc.’ Entertainment such as face painting and perhaps Traditional Fete Games such as egg and spoon races, relays, pin the tail on the donkey etc. Music could be provided by the Crusaders band, QES choirs etc.

The emphasis would be on involving the whole of the local community, not just other Churches in the town, and we would aim to approach local organisations such as the schools, local clubs and societies to invite them to participate.

The intention is not to evangelise, but, if asked who is running this and why, we would simply say that it is our way as a Church of showing God’s love to the community.

We do not anticipate the need to fundraise and intend to apply for grants towards the costs of putting the event on.

More information will be available at the Church meeting on 4th November and at the meeting we will need to take a decision that evening as to whether to proceed with this.

If you need any more information in the meantime please speak to Peter Deaville or Peter Gregson.

8 FINANCE : Suggestions for using the donations made to the church.

The following have been given:

in memory of:	Margaret Crompton	approx £200
	Kath Mainwaring	£250
	Mary Kendal	approx £850
	Anonymous	approx £850

The donation in memory of Mrs Mainwaring is requested to be used to support musical activities in the church, perhaps being reserved to purchase music books etc. Otherwise the donations were not for any particular use.

The various suggestions for their use made by the congregation are listed and the meeting has to decide how the gifts will be used.

Suggestions to Alter/Improve our Facilities

Opening up of balcony £6000

N.B. an additional gift of £3000 has been offered if we decide to do this.

Additional microphones and wiring at front of church £431.25

Glass open frontage - replacing front doors of church with glass doors.

Shelter for Buggies/prams.

Improving peace garden.

Suggestions to support Families and Outreach

Support for the 175th summer outreach event.

Support for families going on Church Weekend.

‘Care for the Family’ resources.

Purchase Small white tea plates.

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- a) Church Council Minutes Secretary Vacancy (for January 2010): Peter Deaville will step down from this role after this meeting. It is suggested that the role is split into two with one part being a Minutes Secretary for the 6 Church meetings per year. Other matters e.g. agenda preparation, pre-reading and collation of reports for the church AGM are proposed to be the responsibility of the Stewards.
- b) Preparation and content of Church Notices: see the separate summary that has been prepared to clarify the process for preparing the weekly minutes. It also takes account of our interest in Christian work beyond Methodist circles, which is frequently requested to be mentioned in the weekly notices.