

# Walton Churches Partnership Council

## Notes for 'virtual meeting' 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### 1. Approval of Notes to last 'virtual meeting' agenda (January 31<sup>st</sup> – attached)

### 2. Matters arising

- **WCP Barbecue Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 4pm-6.30pm, Wavendon Rectory garden** – all plans in hand, we look forward to welcoming you there! £2 adults, £1 kids all burgers, hot dogs and basic drinks provided. Do bring a side or pud if you can and any nice drinks (alcoholic or otherwise) you wish to consume.

- **Week of Guided Prayer review of 2018**

The Week of Guided Prayer was much smaller this year with only 8 people in total taking part (5 from CWW!) Despite the size, it was as always, a very important week for deepening prayer life and particularly for those new to faith and prayer it was a very formative week. Once again, we are grateful for St Michael's for 'hosting' the week, and if finances permit, I would like to suggest a donation of thanks to them (maybe £75?)

There were four prayer guides and one supervising prayer guide, all of whom gave enormously of their time to enable the week to happen. Each Prayer Guide was given a £20 gift token as thanks (£100) and we cover their travel expenses at 45p per mile (£180). Once the donations from pilgrims is taken into account the total cost this year to the WCP will be £150 (not accounting for any donation to St Michael's).

I would like to suggest that we plan for alternating years for the Week of Guided Prayer and propose we run one in June 2020. I suggest that next year we focus on a Quiet Day or another prayer focused joint gathering.

Ruth Maxey

**ACTION: Please respond to the two proposals:**

**£75 donation to St Michaels**

**Week of Guided Prayer happening bi-annually.**

- **Remembrance plans**

This is, as we all know, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and therefore there will be a host of special celebrations around the time of Remembrance. The 11<sup>th</sup> is also a Sunday this year. It will be an opportunity for the different congregations to engage specifically with their communities, there may be opportunities to partner with local schools and civic institutions. BUT it might also be good to gather as a wider WCP community and one thought would be to have a service for peace on the Saturday evening. This could take any number of shapes and would not necessarily need to be a formal service. If this is an idea that the WCP think would be good then we need a small group of people who were interested with representatives from each congregation to move it forward. Ruth is happy to coordinate such a group but would need to have names over the next month.

**ACTION: Please respond to the proposal**

**There will be a special WCP 'service' for peace on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

*It is critical that you find out if there are already plans at your congregation and sound out how this would feed in. Christ the King would be the obvious place for such a service/gathering to happen and therefore it will be key that the Community Church and the Catholic Community are 'on board' with the idea and that they are well represented by one or two people on the group planning*

### 3. Data protection legislation update – to follow, not urgent

### 4. MK Safeguarding Panel recommendations for Children's Church groups – to follow, not urgent

## 5. Various WCP and personnel updates

- **38 Twinflower work complete** – apart from painting and carpeting, the house is finished, paid for and looks fantastic! We'd like to minute our thanks to all the team who managed the project, to those who gave financially to it (and in other ways), and especially to Peter Laws who as Project Chair did a fantastic job and a huge amount of work. A second open house will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 7-8pm for anyone who would like to see it.
- **Search for a Baptist minister** – a good new candidate has been invited to interview, which will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> July. Do hold them, the Community Church and the whole process in your continuing prayers – the latest prayer guide is attached. Even if this is 'the one' there will be no-one in post before the end of the year.
- **Pioneer Minister Development Post in Wavendon** – the Diocese are questioning the timing of this appointment. We thought we had summer 2019 agreed and this is now uncertain. Matt together with the Area Dean and Director of Ecumenical Mission for MK is making strong representations to the Diocese to stick with their original plan, not least because the new church school is on target to open in September 2019. Again, do hold this in your prayers – it would be a huge step forward for us as we seek to engage with another significant new development in our Partnership area.

**6. Date/Time of Next Meetings** – we suggest Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sept and Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, both 7.30pm at St Mary's, Wavendon.