

**Churches Together in Harrogate - Treasurers Report  
2014-2015**



Yorkshire Bank	Date	Reference	Debits	Credits	Balance
Opening balance	May 2014				£1275.31
Methodist Insurance	17/11/14	203	£191.07		£1084.24
Donation Leeds Dbf	12/02/15	Direct		£1000.00	£2084.24
Good Friday					
Harrogate BC Fees	22/01/15	204	£30.00		£2054.24
Trusounds	12/05/15	205	£84.00		£1970.24
Closing balance	28/05/15				£1970.24

**CTH Annual Meeting 10th September 2015  
Wesley Chapel**

**Opening Devotions**

**MIND THE GAP - Lord George Carey  
(Reaching Out and Reaching In,  
the Challenge Facing the Church Today)**

**CTH AGM**

**Apologies**

**Minutes of 2014  
Matters Arising  
President's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Election of Officers**

**Any Other Business**

**Closing Prayers**

## Minutes of the CTH AGM St Paul's URC 3rd June 2014

**Present** The attendance was 40 with representatives from Christ Church, Citizens Advice, Green Party, Harrogate Baptist, Harrogate Quakers, St John's, LDC, Mowbray CC, St Mark's, St Paul's, Trinity, Wesley Chapel, West Park Woodlands.

**Apologies** T Dixon, B Hunt, B Jones, C Jack, T Hurran, P Tennyson, K Plant

### Open Devotions

**Minutes of 2013 AGM** Proposed/Seconded - A Mair/D Hunt

### President's Report

The Rev Nicholas Henshall took a new position as Dean of Chelmsford in January 2014. The committee arranged the Good Friday Service at the Cenotaph and invited Hope Church to participate. This was an excellent event attended by 150. When Hope Church provided the speakers giving testimony and led the service on the day

**Treasurer's Report** There were no exceptional items and reported a closing balance of £1275.31

### Election of Officers

President	Guy Donegan-Cross (2 year term)
Secretary/Treasurer	I Connell
Members	D Hunt
	Proposed/Seconded - A Mair/J Campbell

### **'IMPACT of the WELFARE REFORM CHANGES'** on people living in Harrogate'."

This was to examine the impact on the community at large and the cumulative ramifications of these welfare reforms especially on the vulnerable groups from those in direct contact. A number of speakers were invited to relate their first hand experience in dealing with these issues. Coupled with this was what can the local christian community do to provide additional resources.

### **Citizens Advice** - Carol Barber

The benefits system is complicated: people don't always know what they're entitled to, or need help with claim errors or appeals. We are currently in the middle of the biggest series of reforms in fifty years, with multiple changes affecting many claimants. The welfare system should be as fair as possible, and do what it set out to support people when they need it, and help them get on with their lives.

### **Foodbank** - Wynn James

Welfare reforms are impacting on need for food banks in two distinct ways: people are turning to food banks as a result of (i) changes to entitlements which are leaving them worse off and (ii) inadequate processes which leave them without an income.

### **Christians Against Poverty** - David Collett

The biggest reasons for debt is low income, problems with budgeting, relationship breakdown, unemployment and long-term illness, where welfare reforms also continue to adversely effect many. The CAP client base is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of welfare reforms changes.

### **Unmet Needs in Harrogate** - Michelle Hayes

The first action is to identify that is taking place involves the church community and the use of their premises e.g toddlers groups, uniformed organisation care for the elderly. The objective is then to identified substantial unmet needs in the local community and once recognised take the initiative to address them.

### **Harrogate Hub Vision** - Carol Bracher

That every household in Harrogate would know the love of the community and the love of God. The **Mission** is to open a community hub in a neutral venue which will be a place of welcome. It will be a help centre offering information and linking individuals with available care/support during the day and out of hours. Provide a point of contact in the event of an emergency within the town and build up the inter-relationships across the Churches.

**Any Other Business** - nothing raised

### **Closing Prayer**