

St Cuthbert's World Mission Group Meeting

Friday 4 July 2008 at St Cuthbert's Church Centre.

Present:

Anna Clayton, Simon Colton, Jenny Fullalove, Ann W Thompson, Nicola Barnes, Lynda Marett

The meeting opened at 19.40 with prayer.

1 Apologies:

Revd Chris Halliwell

Apologies to Mildred for her possibly not knowing the date and time of this meeting.

2 Reports from representatives

CMS: Ann receives a monthly prayer booklet and Yes magazine.

Traidcraft: the stall in the Northumbria Hall has been disbanded and there will be a series of one off stalls on various occasions through the year such as at coffee mornings or Christmas and Easter. There will be a coffee morning in September or October with information and updates about Megan.

PYFC: There are two volunteers joining Ian and the schools' programme this year, working on creative and arts activities. There is a new trustee, Gemma, a chaplain from Leyland St Mary's. PYFC have bought the 'Cage'. Ian Clarkson is doing a sponsored cycle ride to Well Springs.

Christian Aid: CA have introduced a new Tea Time event on 19 September. The CA choir has been running for seven years and is disbanding in May 2009.

AIM: The society are cutting down on area reps.

There had been an opportunity at an evening service for people to browse through mission agency books and leaflets.

3 Diary dates

a) 13 July: PYFC

12 July: Children's Society

19 September: CA Tea Dance?

Sept/Oct: Megan's coffee morning

1 November: TEAR Fund sale

February: Fair Trade sale

May: last CA choir event

Monthly mission focus: (please overlap on blank months)

Jul PYFC

Aug

Sep SAMS

Oct TEAR Fund

Nov

Dec Megan

Jan

Feb Fair Trade

Mar

Apr CMS

May CA

Jun

b) The World Mission Group have agreed to support the REACH proposal for youth work this year and not hold a **harvest appeal**.

4 Prayer sharing

There was concern that the WMG members had not kept up the prayer file and that it was not being used by service leaders. Alternative ways to publicise prayer focus were sought. Suggestions were: to use the annual St Cuthbert's prayer diary leaflet; pass prayers directly to service leaders the week before their service; through Home Groups; the service sheet or PewsNews; the worship area screen; book marks; and a TV monitor in Northumbria Hall. **JF** volunteered to be the representative who will contact and remind members when it is their designated focus month as members tend to forget.

5 Publicity

LM will put a small copy of the calendar of society focus and events on the WMG board. Members are to put pictures on the board when it is their month's focus.

6 Megan's Kenyan Quest

Megan is having two weeks in Mombasa and has been riding a motor bike and camel and visiting the beach. She is in the Rift Valley on an orientation bonding exercise with her team. Prayer is asked for the health of other members of her team and praise for Batula becoming a Christian. In August she will begin working on her personal ministry. We have had an offer of a life size picture of Megan, **JF** will ask her if she would like us to go ahead with this. Megan receives lots of post compared to other members and it was suggested we might write to others in her house too.

7 Liaison with Evangelism Ministry

LM will forward these minutes to Stephen Sloss after approval by **AWT**.

Things are changing in mission and things are changing at St Cuthbert's. **AWT** has had discussion with Stephen Sloss and the new Evangelism team about ministry. It is hoped that the WMG can encourage others to think about adopting an evangelist from abroad in the future as we know that we would all benefit from a 'world' perspective. We can use opportunities with people and groups in our local area and tap into their expertise, such as the foreign student guests that the Clayton's have at Christmastime, the Internet café that Friends International have organised so that foreign students can email home. **NB** knows someone soon going to work with MAF, will ask if he could speak to our fellowship?

8 Any other business

School work is going well at Leyland St Mary's High School, they have had a pilgrimage and Youth Alpha course.

AWT has helped to plan a programme for the visit to the diocese of four Bishops and their wives from Japan, Ontario, Pennsylvania and Kenya. They will be taken to Blackpool, Leck Hall, Lancaster, Preston and Oswaldtwistle Mills. There is a mission service at Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday 13 July and St Cuthbert's music group have been asked to play and sing.

9 Date of next meeting

Thursday 11 September 2008

The meeting closed with prayers at 21.45.

STOP PRESS: CMS and SAMS have decided to go ahead with their merger and will be working together in the future.