

Acting Moderator's Report, CTF AGM May 24th 2022/2023

Since our 2022 May AGM there have been many successful events organised by CTF:-

- Songs of Praise at Salvation Army, Sunday 7th August 2022
- Praise on Prom, Sunday 4th September 2022
- Week of Prayer Pilgrimage, Saturday 21st January 2023
- United Service, Sunday 22nd January 2023 at St John's with Tolik as speaker & over £1000 collected for needs in Ukraine.
- Lent Course, "Not a Tame Lion", at a variety of venues (including zoom). 110 Lent Study books were distributed. This was followed by a delicious Lent Meal 28th April for 48 people with £100 profit to a cancer charity.
- Good Friday Service at The Triangle. 250 service sheets were given out.
- Sunrise Service at the Pier Head. 75+ attended.

All these have been well supported & we thank everyone who helped to organise them.

Looking ahead, we are planning a Praise on the Prom in September

The next United Service is booked for January 21st 2024 at St Peter & St Paul, Old Felixstowe Parish, (Pilgrimage Saturday 20th January 2024).

We are already thinking about next year's Lent Course with evaluation forms expressing a strong wish to continue with a film study.

Jackie, CTF communications officer, now sends out a regular newsletter by email to CTF contacts which is proving a good way to communicate & advertise events. Events are also advertised on our website. We are mindful this does not reach members who are not IT users & we rely on churches to pass on the information so they can still be part of CTF.

I'm very grateful that Angela Barbrook has agreed to take on the role of treasurer. We are in the process of moving to an online banking service to make payments easier. CTF is funded entirely by annual subscriptions from the churches. This year we are recommending a fairer system of £1 per member. Angela has contacted treasurers to seek payment.

The Steering Group has valued Rev. Emma Haggart on the committee, particularly for her work with "Warm Spaces" (the churches' response to the winter fuel crisis). We wish Rev. Emma every blessing when she leaves Felixstowe in July 2023 to take up a new post in Ipswich.

In the absence of a Moderator I have been chairing Steering Group meetings as "Acting Moderator" which I will continue to do in the role of Deputy Moderator up till the AGM. However, we are still seeking a Moderator to lead Churches Together Felixstowe, so please consider prayerfully if this is a role you may feel called to do.

I thank the members of the Steering Group for all the work they do behind the scenes to enable events to take place. We strive to have a good balance of denominations & clergy/lay on this team. Please consider if you would like your church better represented by serving on the Steering Group.

Yours in Christ,

Sue Hockenhull

(sent out with the agenda for the May 2023 AGM)