

Business and Property Team

- **Finance**

Circuit Assessment: The team recommended, and the meeting agreed, that OMC are in favour of retaining the existing arrangement for calculating the annual Assessment and not adopting a recently proposed new method. This is in line with our Church Council decision of 31st October 2018.

Accounts: The General Account at 31st January is showing a surplus of £2792. As budgeted, the next Assessment of nearly £9000 is due this month, February.

- **Premises**

Lighting: Plans are in hand for installing additional lighting in the Wesley Hall to improve the LED output.

Repairs and decorating: Repairs to the Altar wall and redecorating in the Vestry and corridor to Deans Hall are scheduled for the week of 18th February.

Annual premises inspection: Will take place in early summer.

- **Homeless Project (Project Sukkot)**

The Business Team recommendations were accepted. The CTiO project is supported in principle but OMC lacks the resource to take on the role of lead church. Members of the team will attend the Project meeting on 5th February and will propose a meeting with a church in Stamford/Peterborough which is already engaged with the project, to find out how the scheme is working in practice. A report will be brought to the Church Council on 5th March.

NORTHGATE EXTRA

OMC Ministry Teams' Meetings 4th February 2019; bullet point summaries for the consideration of the Church Council on Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm (please bring these with you to the meeting)

Special Services June to December 2019

30 th June	6.00pm	United Service with All Saints at OMC.
14 th July	6.00pm	Circuit Service at Thurlby.
1 st September	2.00pm	Open-air Service in Cutts Close with CTiO.
8 th September	6.00pm	Circuit Service at OMC with Rev Professor David Wilkinson.
29 th September	6.00pm	United Service at All Saints.
6 th October	10.45am	Harvest Festival.
20 th October	6.00pm	Worship Concert with Marilyn Baker.
3 rd November	6.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Remembering.
1 st December	6.00pm	Circuit Service at Deepings with Rev Tim Alban Jones – Bishop's Chaplain
Christmas Day		Change to time of morning service. From now on to be at 10.00am.

Mission Team

- **Advent Stall** on 1st December was successful with well over 120 contacts with members of the public.
- **The CTiO Annual Breakfast** was very well attended, was addressed by those responsible for managing social issues in our community, followed by prayers for their concerns.
- **World Church** – following a previous decision to hold an annual service, it was decided that Ron request the Barnabas Trust to provide a speaker on the persecuted church for morning (and evening?) worship on 16th or 23rd June; a collection to be taken. *Subject to confirmation by Church Council.*
- **Evangelism and Outreach Initiatives:**
 - 1) **A New Day Dawns** (a Festival of Faith) will run under the auspices of Churches Together in Oakham (CTiO) from May 2019-May 2020. Joint

- 1) events are: Barn Dance 18th May; Festival of Faith 1st September. All outreach activities run by individual churches to be advertised under the ‘umbrella’ of this CTiO initiative. It was decided that a £1000 contribution from OMC should be requested by Graham from the Circuit Evangelism and Outreach Fund. **Church Council to approve.**
 - 2) **Sukkot Project** to provide accommodation and care for the homeless. Details and observations from the Business Team are issued in a separate document. Volunteers are being sought for both these initiatives.
 - 3) **The Circuit Mission Forum** – a meeting in March will decide a ‘mission audit’ of individual churches based on a model used by Peterborough, and a definition of Circuit mission policy based on a District document.
- **Open the Book** continues to be well received at Brooke Hill Primary and more children are becoming directly involved in the dramas.
 - **CTiO Lent Groups and Lent Lunches** – the Lent Lunches run for five Fridays in the Parish Church Hall beginning with the Methodist Lunch on 8th March. The groups run from week beginning Sunday 10th March, starting a new course called “The Possible World”. The joint service will be on the evening of 14th April at the Baptist Church.
 - **Public Issues:**
 - 1) **Foodbank** – has sufficient volunteers at this time and is running well. Number of clients: from April 2017 - March 2018, 849; from April 2018 – mid-January 2019, 863, so likely to exceed 1,000 by end of March.
 - 2) **November Public Issues Meeting** – discussed Zimbabwe, the continued success of Second Helpings (providing over 200 meals), modern slavery, Israel/Palestine, discrimination against welfare recipients and young refugees.
 - 3) **Traidcraft** – has now closed the larger part of its operation. The 40th Anniversary of Traidcraft will be celebrated at the Big Brew at OMC on the morning of 2nd March.

Family Team

28th April

Church Anniversary Lunch.

Catering is in hand and tickets will be available in the next few weeks.
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- **30th June 6.00pm United Service with All Saints**
We will be hosting this event and refreshments will be provided after the service.
- **8th September 6.00pm Circuit Service**
Speaker is Rev Professor David Wilkinson.
Refreshments will be provided after the service.
- **6th October Harvest Services**
- **20th October 6.00pm Service of Praise and Song – Marilyn Baker Part of the Festival of Faith – with Churches Together in Oakham**
Refreshments will be provided after the service.
- **25th December Christmas Day Service**
A proposal with regard to timing and preacher will be taken to Uppingham Church for discussion. Further details will follow.

Children and Youth Team

- Numbers of children and young people remain small. 6 possible, with occasional extras. Age range 5-13. Quite often can be just 1. Challenging for children and leaders.
- Sarah Lamb offered to lead an All Age Worship service for Mothering Sunday as it is a ‘Sunday Club’ Sunday – instead of Easter, which is not. Leo kindly agreed to ask the Circuit to change the plan.
- Harvest Sunday is also not a ‘Sunday Club’ Sunday, so decided not to have AAW, but for preacher to be flexible if by then we have an abundance of children.
- 1st September – Festival of Faith Service at Cutts Close. We saw this as a great opportunity for our children to meet up with those from other local churches, provided there will be relevant activities for them. This thought to be taken to the next Festival of Faith committee meeting.
- **Toddlers.** In the absence of Joyce T, we noted that there are a good number of families, with the possible need for more help, at least occasionally, when a helper can’t be there.

Children and Youth Team / continued

- **Brownies.** Remains a very small pack. 7 girls; but very keen to keep going, despite a new pack recently formed at Barleythorpe. Angela and Leo maintain links.

