Shipley Christians Together Report 2022 - 2023

Face to face activities have resumed for SCT this year including the annual meeting (at Saltaire Methodist Church) and a United Service for the Week of Prayer for Unity (at Northcliffe in January). The minsters continue to meet weekly via Zoom on a Wednesday morning, and we have welcomed Revd Malcolm Hendry to this group, who is presently assisting at Christ Church Windhill following his retirement.

The Trustee body currently consists of:

Pastor Adam Carver (Christian Life Church, Chair) Geoff Pollard (Baptist, Secretary) Andrew Gray (Methodist, Treasurer) Caroline Firth (Christian Life Church) Hugh Firman (St. Paul's, Anglican) Rev. John Rainer (St Peter's, Anglican) Catherine Froud (Shipley Baptist) Two vacancies

Mary Carroll (RC) and Euan Woodward (Christ Church Windhill) stood down as Trustees during the year, and Catherine Froud from Shipley Baptist has joined.

The Good Friday Walk of Witness resumed in 2022 along with other united services, and plans are well advanced for 2023, with thanks to the Salvation Army Band for their involvement.

The key SCT Project at present remains the Shipley CAP Debt Centre managed by Thomas Knight which receives financial support from six churches including St Peter's. Other projects which have continued include the Bible Stall in Shipley Market Square, provision of food for families in the school holidays (when free school meals aren't available), support for the Bradford North Foodbank Hub at the Baptist Church, Christian Aid Week and Cuppacare. Live@Costa has resumed, including a session at Christmas with John Froud.

SCT news is communicated via a quarterly online / email newsletter.

In recent years, SCT activities and events have been attended mainly by the older sections of our congregations, and the Trustees are open to suggestions as to how this could be addressed.

Several of the Trustees will be stepping down in 2023 and nominations of lay people from St Peter's to become involved would be very welcome, especially in view of our continuing financial commitment to the Debt Centre.

John Rainer