

Scientists in Congregations: Water of Life Meeting of Honley and Brockholes Learning Partnership

Tuesday 11th July 2017 at 7pm in St Mary's Church
Honley

Attendees:

Graham wardman
John Adams
Margaret Hay
Helen Roberts
Clive Green
Lyze Dudley
Giles Atkinson
Richard Ashley
Jeff Keenlyside

Apologies:

Pauline Adams
Angeline Baker
Laurence and Elizabeth Jones
Kate Walter
Kirsty James
Jeremy & Debbie Plummer
Cate Ashley

Minutes

1. Brief review of minutes from previous meeting on 15th May 2017. Matters arising are covered in 11th July meeting
2. River Stewardship – Jeff Keenlyside
 - a. Discussion as to adopting a part of the river in the Parish
Jeff set out the work of the River Stewardship scheme (Greenstreams). This is aimed primarily at businesses to get them to take an active role in maintaining a stretch of river. Greenstreams are changing their name to Environment Kirklees. They can offer support and advice regarding stewarding at cost, developing plans for stewarding organisations. Jeff has

information about permissive footpaths and Holme riverside valley way, which he will share with us. We can then build on this, together with the information about land ownership from River Holme connections to decide on what we would like to do as a Parish. We need better mapping and Bill Kemp will further this with some purchased software (from WoL budget) that can scale in to very close mapping so we can identify the parish boundaries. There was further discussion about apps and the possibility of setting up bespoke app for the parish stewardship. There will also be opportunities for inclusive arts to be utilised.

Actions:

Jeff to provide information about permissive footpaths

Bill to purchase and develop maps

Richard to set up a riverside walk on a Sunday afternoon so we can follow the route of the rivers Holme and Mag in the parish

Richard to speak to Honley Village Trust and find out what they are doing and what we would be allowed to do.

b. Link to prayer walk plans – to be arranged with Angeline Baker; need to produce leaflets and consider ‘forest church’

3. Incredible edible St Mary’s – next steps

We need to beware of dogs damaging and using these as toilets.

Plan now is to use mixed beds, conserving some memorial plants (Cate Ashley had solicited views from St Mary’s parishioners) and maybe build some planters near to the church¹.

Plan still is to wait until the repairs to the church tower are completed.

Action:

Cate Ashley will convene a meeting once the building work is completed.

Richard will set a date with Cate and Janet for a HoTT talk.

4. Liturgical matters progress report

Revd. Liam Beadle was absent. The suspension of the faith aspects of the project was discussed in the light of Liam’s departure in November. Revd. Helen Roberts offered to help in the meantime with e.g. the prayer walk².

¹ Since the meeting, Janet Williams of HoTT has offered to speak on edible Holmfirth plus energy saving. This will now be planned for after the school holidays.

² Since the meeting, discussion with Revd. Liam Beadle has resulted in the decision to continue with the project, but request an extension of 6 months from the Templeton Foundation on the grounds that the school merger has delayed our engagement with the local schools.

5. Science

The projected autumn evening conference will now be held in October. It has the support of River Holme Connections.

Action:

Richard to identify a meeting date as soon as possible with the various speakers planned and also agree with Church Wardens

6. Project summary & next steps

Actions are identified above.

Richard reported that he was speaking at the Netherton Methodist church/Armitage Bridge Anglican parishes meeting on Saturday 15th July at 4pm. Also expecting Revd. Liam Beadle to speak (to be confirmed)³

7. Tea and coffee

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³ Both Richard and Liam spoke at the event to an audience of some 20 people. There was follow on interest for further involvement by Carol Waters and Monica Plested. A new Water of Life hymn was also composed and performed by Revd. Debbie Plummer and Jeremy Plummer. This is attached. They also intend to add the bible references for the text.



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River Stewardship Principles

- Prevent problems
- Simple to implement
- Low cost
- Achieves objectives

- Raised awareness
- Improved river environment

River Stewardship Focus

- Skips and bins
- Surface water drains and contaminants
- Invasive weeds
- Wildlife conservation
- Advocacy

What it isn't, is a means of dealing with substances subject to a high level of regulation but.....

Voices

The Water of Life

Debby Plummer

The Ram of Derby (Traditional)

1. To Hud-ders-field from Holme Moss a - long the Ri- ver Holme There's

6 Am Em Am Dm Em Am Dm
Refrain
hea-ven found in ord' - na-ry, ho - li-ness at home *O the ri-ver of life, the wa-ter of life*

12 Am Em Am Am Em Am Dm Am Em Am
Flow-ing fast and free A_ grace-gift from the heart of God For all the world and me

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and G-clef. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of the verse, with lyrics '1. To Hud-ders-field from Holme Moss a - long the Ri- ver Holme There's'. The second staff begins with a measure rest and contains the refrain, with lyrics '6 hea-ven found in ord' - na-ry, ho - li-ness at home O the ri-ver of life, the wa-ter of life'. The third staff contains the second line of the verse, with lyrics '12 Flow-ing fast and free A_ grace-gift from the heart of God For all the world and me'. Chord symbols (Am, Em, Dm) are placed above the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

2. The waters of creation, divided, gathered, blessed
Life in rich variety at our good God's behest: *O the river . . .*
3. The waters of the Exodus, the Red Sea parted wide
The entry through the Jordan to home on Canaan's side: *O the river . . .*
4. In waters of our baptism, united with our Lord,
We die with him and are reborn by spirit and his word: *O the river . . .*
5. The wellspring of the Spirit is flowing from above
Rooted by that river, we find healing, life and love: *O the river . . .*
6. Our bodies and our crops long for soft refreshing rain
With Christ for living water, we'll never thirst again: *O the river . . .*
7. The signs of loving servanthood were water, bowl, and towel
We bond by loving service as Jesus showed us how: *O the river . . .*

This hymn may be modified in future versions