

**Minutes
of Church Meeting held on
Monday 7 January 2013**

Present: Revd Peter Thomas (Minister & Chair); Miss C Chisholm (Secretary); Mr K Brand; Mr B Calvert; Mrs J Calvert; Mr J Gill; Mrs A Gill; Mr D Green; Mrs J Green; Mr T Haycock; Mrs P Haycock; Mrs H Horner; Mrs P Jackson; Mrs H Kerr; Mrs C Parry. (14 Members and 1 Attender).

Preliminaries

Opening Worship. Peter welcomed everyone to this first meeting of 2013, read from the Book of Ruth and lead the meeting in prayer.

Apologies. Mrs P Brand; Miss M Flather; Mr B Graham; Mrs A Graham; Mr R Horner; Mrs S Moorhouse; Mrs A Potter; Mrs J Slater (Treasurer); Mrs A Telfer; Mr F Winn; Mrs V Winn; Mrs S Woolner; Mr A Wyatt; Mrs J Wyatt.

Minutes. Those of the Church Meeting held on Monday 3 December 2012 were signed as a correct record.

Finance and Administration

Treasurer's Report. In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report. **Peter** was able to tell the Meeting that the two Dickensian Saturdays had raised £1,713 for Church funds.

Boiler Maintenance. At the Church Meeting held on Monday 3 December 2012 **Mrs J Slater** reported that the price of the Maintenance Contract with British Gas was going up in 2013. Members had suggested that a local person should be asked to maintain the Boiler. Mrs Slater had informed British Gas who said that we could continue to have the same price as 2012.

Windows. **Mr K Brand** reported that he had still not heard from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority following the site visit on 23 October 2012. He had contacted them before this Meeting and the Planning Officer and Conservation Officer promised to have the information for our next Church Meeting on **Monday 4 February 2013**. We have the possibility of grants towards this work and Peter and Mr Brand will inform them of the present situation. Thanks were expressed to Mr Brand for all his work regarding the windows.

Painting. Mr K Brand felt that it was time that the Upper Room was re-decorated and possibly some new curtains. Members agreed. This will be considered for the Spring and will be mentioned in future Church Meetings.

Mission and Society

Dickensian Events. Members had again worked very hard on our two Saturdays (8 and 15 December). It is considered to be very worthwhile and visitors do appreciate it. Mrs P Jackson said that the raised seat in the ladies toilet was appreciated and that thanks should be given to Malcolm and Janet Hughes who had provided two soup kettles, cakes and had also cooked the bacon for the sandwiches on 15 December. (the Secretary will send a card).

Worship, Discipleship and Fellowship

Christmas Services. Peter was very pleased with these and also members thought that the Christmas Eve Service was excellent – a full house again with many relatives and visitors. The Service on 30th December was well advertised as including items from Members actually only one member contributed.

Unity Service. This is due to take place in the Town Hall on Sunday 20 January at 10am. **(please note change of time)** It will be conducted by David Macha and Peter Yorkstone.

Church Family Meal. This has been booked at Grassington House on Sunday 17th February 2013 for 12pm. 3 courses for £16.50 incld coffee and chocolates. Please add your name to the list in the coffee lounge if you would like to come. Mrs Slater will collect the money later.

Sunday Services. There are two Sundays when Peter will be away. On Sunday 27 January the Service will be taken by Mr Bill Murfitt from Skipton. On Sunday 10 February the Service will be taken by Mr Malcolm Hughes.

Young People's Report. The Friday groups will meet again on Friday 11 January. The Bible Classes for young people will start soon on a Wednesday evening in the Upper Room.

Pastoral Concerns. Peter reported that Mr F Winn was not well at the moment and was due to see the doctor this week. Mrs H Kerr told members that her husband Geoff was doing well at the moment and thanked members for their on-going prayers. Peter told members that the next 10 days would be a difficult time for Mrs S Moorhouse and her husband.

There being no other business, Peter closed the meeting in prayer.

Signed..... Date

The Deacons are due to meet on Monday 28th January at 7.30pm
The next Church Meeting is scheduled for Monday 4th February
Items for the Agenda will include

Lent Lunch
Easter Arrangements.

**Minutes
Of Church Meeting
Held on Monday 4 February 2013**

Present: Revd Peter Thomas (Minister & Chair); Miss C Chisholm (Secretary); Mr K Brand; Mrs P Brand; Mr B Calvert; Mrs J Calvert; Ms M Flather; Mr J Gill; Mrs A Gill; Mr D Green; Mr T Haycock; Mrs P Haycock; Mrs H Horner; Mrs P Jackson Mrs C Parry; Mrs A Potter; Mr A Wyatt; (16 Members and 1 Attender).

Preliminaries

Opening Worship. Peter welcomed everyone then read from Psalms in the Message Translation.

Apologies. Mrs J Slater (Treasurer); Mr B Graham; Mrs A Graham; Mrs J Green; Mr R Horner; Mrs M Kemsley; Mrs S Moorhouse; Mrs A Telfer; Mr F Winn; Mrs V Winn; Mrs S Woolner; Mrs J Wyatt.

Minutes. Those of the Meeting held on Monday 7 January 2013 were signed as a correct record.

Finance and Administration

Treasurer's Report. In the absence of the Treasurer, Peter reported that all the finances were in order. If anyone had a particular question they could speak to the Treasurer.

Secretary's Correspondence. **The Secretary** had received a letter from the Chairman of the North East Area (Mrs Betty Bentham). This was to inform us that Tipton Hill Congregational Church was celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year and enclosed a list of various events taking place there. The letter also reminded us that the Spring Assembly of the North East Area would be taking place in Whitley Bay, Northumberland on Saturday 6 April at 2pm.

Property. (a) Windows. **Mr K Brand** reported that he had, at last received a letter giving the decision of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority regarding these - but only at 5pm! He had not had a chance to read the letter properly and said that he would then contact Mr J Gill and Peter before bringing the letter back to the Church Meeting on Tuesday 5 March 2013. (b) Sound Equipment. Mr Brand reported that he felt we should consider a new system. The present one was giving trouble. **Peter** said that he had received a quote some time ago when considering a larger scheme and he said he would look and see how much the sound equipment element was. (c) Decoration. Mr K Brand said that it was time we decorated the Upper Room. He said we would need a 'Tower' to paint the ceiling and he had made enquiries into the cost of hiring one. It would be £47 per week. Members gave **Approval** for this. Now all he needs are offers from members for the painting. Peter said that the Upper Room would not be used between 15 – 22 February. If you can help with the painting or anything else to do with the 'decoration' of the Upper Room, please have a word with Ken Brand. (d) Wheelchair. Peter said that he had been able to find one for the church.

Mission and Society

Christian Aid Lent Lunches. **Mrs P Jackson** gave out the dates for these. Ours will be on Wednesday 13 March and the Lunch will be hosted on our premises. We will need homemade soup. If you can make some soup or help in the kitchen or serve on the day, please see Paula. These events take place throughout Lent and consist of soup, bread and cheese and a cup of tea. Donations go toward a Christian Aid Project. (The dates of the other Lunches are on the Diary included with these Minutes).

Women's World Day of Prayer. This is to be held on Friday 1st March at 2pm and will take place at the Methodist Church. Mrs P Jackson said she needed people to read from the booklet during the Service. If you are able to do this, please speak to Paula.

Churches Together. Mrs Jackson gave a list of dates for future events that appear on the Diary included with these Minutes.

Worship, Discipleship and Fellowship

Unity Service. This had taken place on Sunday 20th January in the Town Hall. There were about 100 people there. This year the Service started at 10am. Members thought it was a good Service and the seating idea with the Service taking place in the middle was very good. Peter said that the idea of a Churches Together Carol Service in early December was being considered.

Birthday Celebration Meal. This is being held on Sunday 17th February at Grassington House Hotel. The price has now been lowered to £12.50. The meal is to celebrate Peter's 50th Birthday and also Pat Haycock's special birthday. Peter mentioned that we had started these Church Family Lunches some time ago. The last one held at church was the Harvest one in September. Could members think about another one say in May. It does not need to be a big do but it is nice for us to sit down as a family.

Bible Studies for Lent. Peter said that he had found a series by Frances Chan. The Studies will start on Monday 18th February at 7.30pm. Due to this the **March Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th March.**

Young Peoples' Report. Peter has started a 6 week Bible Study Course on a Wednesday evening for older young people. He has been very encouraged by the number who have showed interest. There are now 16 people at the Sunday evening meetings. And the young people who are away at University and attend worship at Christmas and Easter is also very good.

Pastoral Concerns. Peter said that he had spoken to Mabel Foster, who has not been too well lately, and is making arrangements to take her Communion at home. It was nice to see Frank and Vera with us again the previous day, Frank has not been too well and has had some tests.

There being no further business, Peter closed the Meeting with prayer.

Signed Dated

Diary Dates
(As included with the Minutes of the February 2013 Meeting)

Date	Event	Place and Time
Sunday 20th January 2013	Unity Service	Town Hall
Wednesday 13th February	Lent Lunch -St Michael's	12noon -1.30pm at Church House
Wednesday 20th February	Lent Lunch -Upper Dale Churches	12noon -1.30pm at Church House
Wednesday 27th February	Lent Lunch – St Margaret's	12noon – 1.30pm at Church House
Friday 1st March	Women's World Day of Prayer	Service at Methodist Church 2pm
Wednesday 6th March	Lent Lunch – Methodists	12noon – 1.30pm at Church House
Sunday 10th March	Mothering Sunday	
Wednesday 13th March	Lent Lunch – All Churches	12noon – 1.30pm at Church House
Wednesday 20th March	Lent Lunch - Ourselves	12noon – 1.30pm here
Wednesday 27th March	Lent Lunch – Residents of Elbolton, Hebden Road	12noon – 1.30pm at Elbolton, Hebden Rd
Friday 29th March Good Friday	Service here Walk of Witness and Service in Square.	11am 12noon
Sunday 31st March Easter Day	Communion Service Easter Breakfast Family Service	8.30am TBC 9am TBC 10.30am
Saturday 6th April	NE Area Spring Assembly	Whitley Bay 2pm
Sunday 12th May-Saturday 18th May	Christian Aid Week	Arrangements to be confirmed
Friday 14th – Saturday 29th June	Grassington Festival	Events in Various Places
Saturday 6th July	Christian Aid – Cream Teas	Church House PM
Saturday 3rd August	Church Coffee Morning	Church House TBC
Tuesday 27th August	Kilnsey Show	Arrangements TBC
Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th September	Harvest Festival Week-end	TBC
Saturday 12th October	Fair Trade Event – Cracoe Village Hall	
Saturday 30th November	Dickensian Festival	
Saturday 7th December	Dickensian Festival	US?
Saturday 14th December	Dickensian Festival	US?
Sunday 22nd December	Family Service with Nativity	10.30am TBC
Tuesday 24th December	Carols by Candlelight	4pm TBC
Wednesday 25th December	Family Service	10.30am

Minutes
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Tuesday 5 March 2013

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Preliminaries

Opening Worship. Peter welcomed members then read from 1 Peter 2: 4-12 and then led the meeting in prayer.

Apologies. Mr B Calvert; Mr B Graham; Mrs A Graham; Mr R Horner; Mrs H Kerr; Mrs S Moorhouse; Mrs A Telfer; Mr F Winn; Mrs V Winn; Mrs S Woolner; Mr A Wyatt; Mrs J Wyatt.

Minutes. Those of the Church Meeting held on Monday 4 February 2013 were signed as a correct record.

Finance and Administration

Treasurer's Report. **Mrs J Slater** went through the monthly finance sheet. She said that we now had more members doing Direct Debit transfers so that helped. Peter had put in a request for another £3,000 this year for help in the outreach ministry of the church. The North East Area Executive had agreed. It just has to be ratified by the Area Assembly on 6 April (at Whitley Bay). We have recently bought a bigger freezer and a small tabletop cooker. Peter thanked the Treasurer and reminded Members that if they have any questions on finance matters to speak to the Treasurer.

Secretary's Correspondence. **Miss C Chisholm** had received information from Mrs J Scott regarding the price for using Church House. This year this has gone up to £46 for a morning booking and £68 for a full day. (We have it booked for the morning of 3rd August). (This correspondence has now been passed to the Treasurer).

Property. (a) Windows. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has now informed us that we can change the majority of these and use slim-line double-glazing. 2 of the windows have 'heritage value'. We have 3 photographs that show what the windows looked like originally. We have to submit another Listed Building Application with drawings of all the new windows. Then we will go out for quotes. Also see about getting grants from various places. We still have a long way to go. (b) Decoration of the Upper Room. The painting and varnishing is complete. The windows will now have blinds. **Mr K Brand** said that he had spent £200 on paint. Last month he had been given a quote for a 2-week hire of a Tower Scaffold but Mrs P Jackson had a word with Mr James Harker and he lent one to us for the work. (c) Flooring. The original carpet was a health and safety hazard. After discussion Mrs P Jackson said she would make enquiries regarding carpeting etc. (d) General Tidy Up. It was agreed that the upstairs needed this so we would arrange for a Skip then have a meeting to decide what we were keeping and what to throw out. **Peter** thanked Mr K Brand and his team (Mrs P Brand; Mr J Currie; Mr J Gill; Mr R Slater; and Mr A Wyatt) for all the work they had done upstairs and the on-going work regarding the windows.

Sound Equipment. At the meeting on Monday 4th February, **Mr K Brand** reported the need for a new system. Peter had received a quote for a larger scheme and said that he would look at the sound equipment element of the scheme was. This quote was dated 15th October 2011. Peter had looked again at the quote and worked out that our needs would mean spending £1,824.60. **Peter** will contact the firm and ask for an up-to-date price for this element and bring it to the meeting on **Monday 8 April 2013**.

Mission and Society.

Christian Aid – Lent Lunches. Our event was due to take place on Wednesday 13 March 2013. **Mrs P Jackson** will make some more soup and, following our event anything that is left over will be passed on to the ‘All Churches’ event the following week. If there is anyone who can offer to help on Wednesday March 20th at Church House, please have a word with Mrs Jackson.

Women’s World Day of Prayer Service. **Mrs P Jackson** reported that this had been a really nice Service. Next year the Catholics at St Margaret Clitherow Church, Threshfield, will host it.

Church Coffee Morning. This is due to be held in Church House on Saturday 3rd August. **Mrs J Slater** said that she would not be here on that date but would start collecting for the Tombola in July. We shall need someone to take charge of the event.

Newsletter. There was a general discussion regarding this publication. **Peter** had mentioned recently that he was thinking of changing the look and content of the Newsletter. Members wanted to know if there was a restriction on the number of pages as sometimes articles submitted were not included. The time it was distributed each month. Members will consider their thoughts and further discussion will take place at a **future meeting**.

WAGs. **Mrs J Slater** spoke about this Group which was growing all the time. It was not a Christian Group but was started here by Christians. She thanked the church for its support. At a recent meeting two people had come to give a talk ‘BAGS OF DIFFERENCE’ with lots of photographs, stories and bags for sale. These bags are made in Uganda to help the staff and families of KIFIIZI Hospital. There were some Banners as well and two of our members bought one that was shown to the Meeting. Members agreed that it should be displayed in church with information on the project. **Mrs J Slater** will see to this.

Worship, Discipleship and Fellowship

Birthdays Celebration Meal. This had taken place recently at Grassington House Hotel. There were 31 people at the meal and members said it was an excellent meal. The young staff were very good (Grassington House was also involved in an outside catering event in Cracoe that morning). The Birthday Cake provided by Malcolm and Janet Hughes looked lovely and was delicious. Peter said was there anyone who could do another Church Family meal?

Easter Events. **Peter** reported that there would be a Service of Meditation here at 10.30am on Good Friday, followed by coffee and Hot Cross Buns. (**Mrs P Jackson** will arrange for these) At 11.45am a Walk of Witness will set off from the Square and walk up the main street and back into the Square for a Service at 12 noon. Peter will be conducting this. On

Sunday there will be a Communion Service at 8.30am. Church Family Breakfast at 9am and the Easter Day Family Service at 10.30am. Mrs J Slater said that she had received a donation that would cover the Easter Breakfast. If you would like to attend the Breakfast, please put your name on the list in the Coffee Lounge.

The Communion Service. It was discussed as to whether we should have some communion wafers on the tray for people who could not eat the bread due to allergies. It was agreed to do this and **Mrs P Haycock** will make enquiries.

Young Peoples' Report. **Peter** said that there were about 5-7 young people attending the Bible Studies on a Wednesday Evening. There were two more weeks of this series left. There would be another series after the exams. The meetings on Friday evenings were still well attended with some young people coming home with friends and staying overnight.

Pastoral Concerns. It had been nice to see Frank and Vera Winn back the previous day. Also Mabel Foster had come with her next-door neighbour. Peter had recently conducted the funeral service of Cathy Parry's mother-in-law. We had been seeing a few new people on Sunday mornings. Mrs A Gill read a letter from Steven Moorhouse. This will also be read at the Church Meeting on Monday 8 April.

There being no other business, Peter Closed the Meeting in Prayer

Signed..... Dated.....

There will be a Deacons Meeting on Monday 25th March at 7.30pm
The next Church Meeting is scheduled for Monday 8 April at 7.30pm

Diary Dates
(As included with the Minutes of the March 2013 Meeting)

Date	Event	Place and Time
Sunday 10 th March	Mothering Sunday	
Wednesday 13 th March	Lent Lunch – ourselves	12noon –1.30pm

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Wednesday 20th March	Lent Lunch – All Churches	12noon – 1.30pm Church House
Wednesday 27th March	Lent Lunch – Residents of Elbolton, Hebden Road	12noon – 1.30pm at Elbolton, Hebden Rd
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Tuesday 27th August	Kilnsey Show	Arrangements TBC
Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th September	Harvest Festival Week-end	TBC
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Saturday 30th November	Dickensian Festival	Christian Aid
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Preliminaries

Opening Worship. Peter welcomed the large number of people present, read from Luke Chapter 11: 33-36 and then lead the meeting in prayer

Apologies. Mr K Brand; Mrs P Brand; Mr R Horner; Mrs H Horner; Mrs M Kemsley; Mrs S Moorhouse; Mrs A Telfer; Mr F Winn; Mrs V Winn; Mrs S Woolner; Mrs J Wyatt.

Minutes: Those from the Meeting of Tuesday 5th March 2013 were signed as a correct record.

Finance and Administration

Treasurer's Report. **Mrs J Slater** went through the monthly Finance Sheet. She said she was very pleased with how things were going and said that more members were now taking up monthly Standing Orders for their weekly contributions. Peter thanked the Treasurer for her work with the Church Finances and reminded members that, if they wanted to ask questions about finances, to give the Treasurer a call.

Secretary's Correspondence. (a) President Elect. There had only been one nomination for this position – Revd Barbara Bridges from Moreton-in-Marsh and Draycott. Members confirmed their support. Peter said that finding someone to fill this position was becoming more difficult every year. It was a job that required a great deal of commitment. (The Secretary will contact Nottingham). (b) May Assembly. This year it was taking place in Tonbridge Wells over the weekend 10th 11th and 12th of May. This includes the now yearly President's House Party. (The Secretary has the Papers).

Property. (a) Windows. In the absence of Mr K Brand **Peter** reported that we now have to fill in a detailed Listed Building Consent Application for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. (b) Flooring. Mrs P Jackson had requested a price for the carpeting of the Upper Room and the Porch and we were still waiting for this. (c) General Tidy Up. Following the decoration of the Upper Room it was suggested at the March Church Meeting that this was needed upstairs – due to weather conditions and Easter the suggested get-together has not happened yet.

Sound Equipment. At the Church Meeting on Tuesday 5th March, **Peter** reported that in a recent quote for a bigger scheme the sound equipment element would cost in the region of £18,00. **Peter** now told the meeting he was asking around for other quotes. We could possibly acquire a grant towards the cost.

Church Car Park. There were concerns about this. The number of cars and people becoming blocked in. It was suggested that perhaps staff at Gills Top should also have car

park permits (we have them, if you do not have one – see Peter). We do let Staff at Gills Top know when we have a meeting in the week. **Peter** will go and have another word with staff at Gills Top.

Mission and Society

Christian Aid Lent Lunches. **Mrs P Jackson** reported that we had sent £119 from our Lent Lunch. Mrs Jackson had helped the following week with the joint event at Church House and also said that the event at Elbolton does not need soup, as they make their own for the event. Mrs Jackson thanked those who had helped in any way. Peter passed on our thanks.

Food Bank. **Mrs A Gill** asked if members were aware of any hardships in the area and whether there was need of one of these in Grassington. Mrs P Jackson said that the Methodist Church were collecting food etc and passing it onto the Salvation Army and Mrs J Calvert said she thought St Michael's were doing something as well. Mrs A Gill will contact the Methodist Church.

Annual Flower Festival (Churches Together). This year the hosts are St Michael's at Linton and the dates are Friday 19th – Monday 22nd July. The theme is "Stories from the Bible". There is a meeting of those interested on Friday 26th April at 10.30am at St Michael's. **Mrs A Graham** and **Mrs P Jackson** said they would go.

Visit from New Hope Christian Fellowship. The Secretary had received an Email from Mr Oliver Evans. The Church is having an 'Away Day' and would like to use our rooms for the day. (coffee lounge and kitchen and possibly the church for a short service before they go home. This Fellowship was originally Buttershaw Congregational Church. In January 2012 it became "New Hope Christian Fellowship". Mr and Mrs B Calvert used to attend. Members suggested **Saturday 29th June** – this is the last day of the Festival and there will be things going on in the Square. (The Secretary will contact Mr Oliver Evans).

Report from North East Area. **Peter** had attended this event on Saturday 6th April in Whitley Bay. 6 churches were represented. Scunthorpe and ourselves are the 'growing' churches. Revd Robert Waddington has returned as the Minister at Harden (He was there 1988-1997). The next Assembly will be at Scunthorpe in October/November. The Assembly agreed to give us another 3,000 this year towards our outreach.

Worship, Discipleship and Fellowship

Easter Events. The Service in the Square on Good Friday was amazing. People do seem to stop and listen these days. Peter says he represents Churches Together. David Macha is committed to the Walk to Rylstone Cross and Andrew Summerhill has other Churches in Skipton. The Easter Day Breakfast was fantastic! Thanks were expressed to Mrs P Jackson.

Church Family Meal. **Mrs J Slater** said that Mr Malcolm Hughes had said that he would make one for us if we wanted. He does meals for friends in Bradford. Mrs Slater will speak to him.

Young Peoples' Report. The Bible Study for young people will start on Wednesday 10 April and the Friday Groups will start on Friday 19th April.

Pastoral Concerns. The Meeting was told that Mrs Joan Mortimer who had been a regular Church Member some years ago had broken her ankle and had spent time in hospital but was now home and getting around using a zimmer. Frank and Vera Winn appreciate all that we do for them, making sure that they can join us for Sunday Services etc. The Secretary has had conversations with Mrs Jean Foster recently and Jean passed on that her grandson, Thomas is now doing very well at Upper Wharfedale School. Peter said how nice it was that Mrs Tracy Howie had eventually become a Church Member at yesterday's Communion Service. Her husband and a father (Mr John Scholes) were also with us. Mrs P Jackson said that Mr Richard Horner had not been so well lately. Peter had also recently taken a funeral service of the mother-in-law of Mrs Willett, one of the teachers from Upper Wharfedale School.

There being no other business, Peter closed the meeting with prayer.

Signed..... Dated

The next Church Meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th May 2013 (*May 6th is Bank Holiday*).

Deacons' Meeting Monday May 27th (*Another Bank Holiday*)?

Christine received ` telephone call from Joan Mortimer on Thursday. She thanks members and friends for the flowers that were sent to her from the church. They are beautiful!

Please Turn Over/.....

Diary Dates
(As included with the Minutes of the April 2013 Meeting)

Date	Event	Place and Time
Sunday 12th May-Saturday 18th May	Christian Aid Week Service at Methodist Church	Arrangements to be confirmed
Friday 14th – Saturday 29th June	Grassington Festival	Events in Various Places
Saturday 29th June	Visit from – New Hope Christian Fellowship, Bradford	All day – use of rooms TBC
Saturday 6th July	Christian Aid – Cream Teas	Church House PM
Friday 19th – Monday 22nd July	Flower Festival	St Michael's, Linton
Saturday 3rd August	Church Coffee Morning	Church House
Tuesday 27th August	Kilnsey Show	Arrangements TBC
Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th September	Harvest Festival Week-end	TBC
Saturday 12th October	Fair Trade Event – Cracoe Village Hall	Arrangements TBC
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As at 13 April 2013

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Preliminaries

Opening Worship. Peter welcomed those members present, read from Isaiah 62 then lead the meeting in prayer.

Apologies. Mrs J Slater (Treasurer); Mrs J Calvert Ms M Flather Mr J Gill; Mrs A Gill; Mr B Graham; Mrs A Graham; Mr R Horner; Mrs M Kemsley; Mrs S Moorhouse; Mrs A Telfer; Mr F Winn; Mrs V Winn; Mrs S Woolner; Mr A Wyatt; Mrs J Wyatt.

Minutes. Those of the Church Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2013 were signed as a correct record.

Finance and Administration

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer was on holiday so there was no Report. Peter said that the church had now received the 2nd installment of last year's £3,000.

Secretary's Correspondence. The Secretary said that she had received an Email from the family of Mrs Sheila Weaver following the internment of her ashes last month. They sent a picture and details of the stone they wanted to put near the internment spot (in Winn's Corner). Mrs W Cummins was her mother. Members Agreed to this.

Property.

(a) Car Park. At the Meeting held on 8th April **Peter** said he would go and see staff at Gills Top about the problems on the car park. This meeting took place on 15th April and the following is the report that Peter read out to members.

"The good news is that we own the land adjacent to the church, the bad news is that we have given away the right to park on it. On 21st July 1988 an agreement was established between the church and Anchor Housing which meant that for the annual payment of a pepper-corn we would give them access and parking to the land on a shared basis. In return they would accept responsibility for 80% of any costs relating to the upkeep and maintenance of the land, walls, tarmac etc.

Regrettably, in the same agreement we also gave them 80% of the parking spaces on the terms of a 125 year lease. There are five marked spaces, which consist of two spaces next to the church and three spaces facing the graveyard which are also marked. In addition there are three spaces which could be occupied behind the three facing the graveyard bringing the total number of spaces to eight. We, the church are legally entitled to two of these spaces, the assumption being that these are the ones next to the church.

There are two possible ways out of the situation.

1. If Anchor Housing should cease to exist the terms of the lease would be void.
2. Attempt to sell the land and prevent anyone from parking on it.”

Following Peter’s report members talked round the problem but decided that we should just leave things as they are. If there was anything on at church we should let Gills Top know. The Manager had said that members of staff would be given permits for their cars to show that they worked at Gills Top. We have these to show we are church attenders.

(b) Windows. **Mr K Brand** said that he had now received the paperwork to enable us to apply for Listed Building Consent for these. Then we would have to send out to contractors. **Peter** said he thought that one of the windows overlooking the churchyard would be good as a Memorial Window. Members liked the idea.

(c) Flooring. **Mrs P Jackson** had some samples of carpeting for the Upper Room and was waiting for the quote from Tapsall and West, Skipton.

Sound Equipment. We are still waiting for quotes.

Grass Cutting. **Mr K Brand** said that he was looking for people who were prepared to take on this task. If you can please have a word with him.

Mission and Society

Christian Aid Week. **Mrs P Jackson** asked Members for help covering our area for the House to House Collection.

Food Bank. This was mentioned at the Church Meeting on Monday 8th April. **Mrs A Gill** had contacted Skipton Baptist Church. The food is collected from the church in hampers by community-based agencies who then take them directly to their clients. Amongst these are Craven District Council, Foundation Housing, Yorkshire Housing, Homestart, the York and North Yorkshire Probation Trust and the Citizens Advice Bureau. This makes sure that the food goes to those in real need and will cover those known to the agencies in our own area. Members agreed to support the Skipton Food Bank. Mrs A Gill and Mrs C Parry will take the food to Skipton. If you would like to volunteer, please have a word with Mrs Gill or Mrs Parry. Mrs A Gill would be happy to go and collect the basket but is away until the end of May.

Flower Festival. This is due to take place at St Michael’s, Linton in July. The Theme is “Stories from the Bible”. **Mrs A Graham** attended a recent meeting and our story is ‘Moses and the Burning Bush’. In her absence, Mrs P Jackson said that **Mrs Graham** was looking for a suitable doll to use as Moses and also some ‘sheep’. Also is there anyone who could help her with this display? The display will be set up on 18th July and will be open from 19th – 22nd July.

Visit from New Hope Christian Fellowship. The Secretary said that she had received another Email from the New Hope Christian Fellowship in Bradford and they would now like to come on Saturday 6 July. Members Agreed to the change of date. It was thought that the use of the room would only be for people to sit down and rest. They would most likely be eating in the village. **Mr B Calvert** said that he and his wife would be happy to

spend time at the church with them as they knew members there and the Minister. **Miss C Chisholm** will confirm details with Revd Oliver Evans.

Tour de France. **Mrs C Parry** asked if the Church had anything in mind for this event, taking place next Summer. There will be lots of visitors expected around that time.

Worship, Discipleship and Fellowship

Church Family Meal. This was very good. The meeting did wonder if others were put off doing a meal. Peter said that any type of meal would be acceptable. Salads; sandwiches, it was the coming together for a meal that made it special.

Church Membership. Peter said that **Mrs Cathy Parry** had asked to become a Church Member. The Meeting was very pleased hear this. She will be accepted into membership at a future Communion Service.

Young Peoples Report, Peter said that there would be a few people going to college and University this year. Mollie Darwin was going to Australia for sometime and would be writing a letter to us saying what she was doing and asking for some financial support.

Pastoral Concerns. Frank and Vera Winn had both celebrated their eightieth birthdays and had sent a message to the church thanking members for their support with transport etc. Mrs H Kerr said that Geoff was going into hospital for a hernia operation that week. Mrs M Foster had spent some time in Threshfield Court.

As there was no other business, Peter closed the meeting with Prayer.

Signed..... Dated.....

The next Church Meeting is Scheduled for Monday 3rd June 2013.

Please Turn Over/.....

Diary Dates (As included with the Minutes of the May 2013 Meeting)

Date	Event	Place and Time
Sunday 12th May-Saturday 18th	Christian Aid Week	Arrangements to be

May	Service at Methodist Church	confirmed
Friday 14th – Saturday 29th June	Grassington Festival	Events in Various Places
Saturday 6 July	Visit from –New Hope Christian Fellowship, Bradford	All day – use of rooms.
Saturday 6th July	Christian Aid – Cream Teas	Church House PM
Friday 19th – Monday 21st July	Flower Festival	St Michael's, Linton
Saturday 3rd August	Church Coffee Morning	Church House
Tuesday 27th August	Kilnsey Show	Arrangements TBC
Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th September	Harvest Festival Week-end	TBC
Saturday 12th October	Fair Trade Event – Cracoe Village Hall	Arrangements TBC
Saturday 30th November	Dickensian Festival	Christian Aid
Saturday 7th December	Dickensian Festival	US?
Saturday 14th December	Dickensian Festival	US?
Sunday 22nd December	Family Service with Nativity	10.30am TBC
Tuesday 24th December	Carols by Candlelight	4pm TBC
Wednesday 25th December	Family Service	10.30am

As at 18 May 2013

**Minutes
Of Church Meeting
Held on Monday 3rd June 2013**

Present: Revd Peter Thomas (Minister and Chair); Miss C Chisholm (Secretary); Mrs S Slater (Treasurer); Mr K Brand; Mrs P Brand; Mr B Calvert; Mrs J Calvert; Ms M Flather; Mrs A Gill; Mr B Graham; Mrs A Graham; Mrs J Green; Mr T Haycock; Mrs P Haycock; Mrs H Horner; Mrs P Jackson; Mrs C Parry. (16 Members and 1 Attender).

Preliminaries

Opening Worship. Peter welcomed everyone; read Psalm 150 and then lead the meeting in prayer.

Apologies. Mr J Gill; Mr D Green; Mr R Horner; Mrs M Kemsley; Mrs H Kerr; Mrs S Moorhouse; Mrs A Potter; Mr R Slater; Mrs A Telfer; Mr F Winn; Mrs V Winn; Mrs S Woolner; Mr A Wyatt; Mrs J Wyatt.

Minutes. Those of the Church Meeting held on Monday 13 May 2013 were signed as a correct record.

Finance and Administration

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer handed out the Monthly Finance Sheet. She explained that the reason for the large electricity bill was due to the 'catch up' following change of provider. Thanks were expressed for all the very loyal givers in the church. From June the Flower Fund and Youth Fund will be transferred to the General Fund. Members **Agreed** to this. Peter thanked the Treasurer for her work.

Secretary's Correspondence. The Secretary said that she had recently received a notice regarding change of address for the Editor of the Congregationalist. On the morning of this meeting she received the Congregationalist Magazines and the Editor said that his wife has been diagnosed with Cancer and so they have moved nearer to her family. (See Editorial. The Secretary has sent a card).

Property. (a) Car Park. There is no change but Gills Top has said that if we let them know about events taking place then they will make the necessary arrangements. (b) Windows. The preparation work is progressing. Mr K Brand has said that one of the original contractors is drawing up the windows and will forward a price. More contractors will be found and organisations that can give grants for the work. (c) Flooring. We now have a quote from Tapsell and West of £838. They will take up the old carpet and take away. There are 50 square metres of carpet, which works out at £17 per square metre. Members suggested that we ask for donations towards this. Mrs J Slater will put out a box and envelopes, the donations will be anonymous. Members suggested that the work should be done before the young people returned to school in September.

Sound Equipment. Peter is still waiting for more quotes for this work.

New Strimmer. Mr K Brand said that we needed a new one and said he would look round for one that was suitable for the work in the churchyard.

Money for Outreach. The Treasurer asked Members to give some thought to how we could spend the money we were receiving from the Congregational Federation. This money cannot be used for the Ministry or the maintenance of the church. So far we have spent it on work with the WAG's; Bible Study material; our young people and the church family. Please have a word with Mrs J Slater or bring your thoughts to the next Church Meeting on **Monday 1st July 2013.**

Mission and Society

Christian Aid Week. Mrs P Jackson said that during the House-to-House Collection we had had some very generous donations and the total amount raised was £233. Before next year we must check on the area that this church should be covering. Thanks were expressed to Mrs P Jackson and her collectors and also the young people who had delivered the envelopes on the Friday evening (in very heavy rain)!

Christian Aid Cream Teas. These take place on Saturday 6th July in Church House. Each church is asked to provide 4 doz scones; 1lb jar of strawberry jam and 1/2pt whipping cream. Mrs A Graham said she would make some scones. There is usually a cake stall (Secretary has looked this up from previous year).

Food Bank. Mrs A Gill will go down to Skipton and collect a container. There is a list in the Coffee Lounge of items needed. When the container is full either Mrs Gill or Mrs C Parry will take it down to Skipton. Other churches in the village are also supporting the Skipton Food Bank.

Flower Festival. This is being held from 19th-22nd July and is being hosted by St Michael's Church, Linton. The theme is 'Stories from the Bible'. Ours is 'Moses and the Burning Bush'. Mrs A Graham said that Mrs Ruth Shepherd, Iona and Lydia are making a model of Moses and she described what else would be in the display. If you can help, please have a word with Mrs Graham.

Grassington Festival Service. This is being held on Sunday 16th June at the Town Hall. It starts at 10am. This year Revd Peter Yorkstone from Kettlewell and Revd Mrs Janet Clasper from Grassington Methodist Church are conducting it. The theme is Noah. There will not be a Service at our church.

Buckden Prayer and Praise Evening. This year the date is Tuesday 2nd July 7.30pm at the Buckden Institute.

Worship, Discipleship and Fellowship.

Deacons. Mrs P Haycock will have served 3 years in September this year. She is happy to serve another 3 years and members were unanimous in their agreement. The next time we need to have a vote for Deacons should be September 2015.

Church Family Lunch. The next one is to be **Sunday 23rd June.** Mrs P Jackson and Mrs C Parry are organising it. There is a list for you to fill in if you want to be there.

Young Peoples' Report. Peter reported that 4 of our young people would be leaving us for University/College etc in the summer. Bethany Morgan-Davis is going to Lancaster University. Iona Shepherd to Craven College and Charlie Binns has not decided yet. Mollie Darwin is going to Australia for 6 months to work on a farm. Peter asked members to

consider helping Mollie with her trip; we have helped other young people in the past. Members Agreed unanimously that we should give her a gift of 10% of the Federation's contribution to Church Outreach. Bethany, Iona and Charlie will receive £25 Gift Vouchers.

Pastoral Concerns. Peter reported that Geoff Kerr had been to the hospital that day for a check up. Mrs Pauline Diamond, one of our new worshippers, was very grateful for our support. Frank and Vera Winn also appreciate our support in enabling them to join us for worship on a Sunday mornings.

There being no other business, Peter closed the meeting in prayer.

Signed..... Dated.....

The next Church Meeting is scheduled for Monday 1st July 2013.

Items will include:

Coffee morning on 3rd August
Money for Outreach
Church AGM

This will be the last Church Meeting before the AGM in September.

Diary Dates
(As included with the Minutes of the June 2013 Meeting)

Date	Event	Place and Time
Friday 14th – Saturday 29th June	Grassington Festival	Events in Various Places

Sunday 16th June	Festival Service	Town Hall 10am No Service Here
Sunday 23rd June	Church Family Meal	Here following the Service.
Tuesday 2nd July	Buckden Prayer and Praise Evening	Buckden Institute 7.30pm
Saturday 6 July	Visit from –New Hope Christian Fellowship, Bradford	All day – use of rooms.
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As at 8 June 2013