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

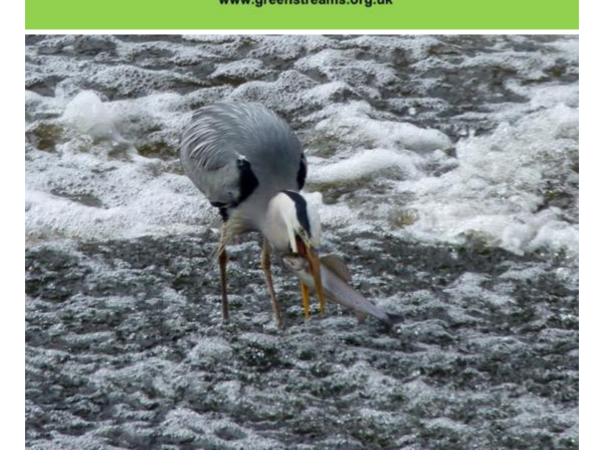
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³ Both Richard and Liam spoke at the event to an audience of some 20 people. There was follow on interest for further involvement by Carol Waters and Monica Plested. A new Water of Life hymn was also composed and performed by Revd. Debbie Plummer and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

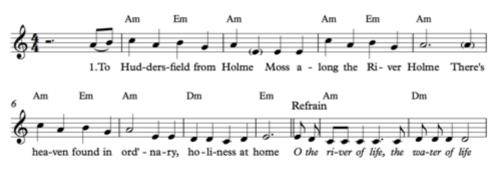
What it isn't, is a means of dealing with substances subject to a high level of regulation but......

Voices

The Water of Life

Debby Plummer

The Ram of Derby (Traditional)





- 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