



## Annual General Meeting

09.30am, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015,  
Room M, Portcullis House

### Minutes

**Present:** Gary Streeter, Steve Double, Stephen Timms, Michael Tomlinson, Ian Paisley, Eve Burt, Jeffrey Donaldson, Fiona Bruce, Maeve Sherlock, Caroline Spelman, James Lee, Victoria Prentis, Don Curry, Mark Harris, Pat Browne, Rachael Maskell, Rob Ffello, Derek Thomas, Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Andrew Tremlett, Jeremy Lefroy, Ian Blackford, Caroline Ansell, David Burrowes

**1. Apologies:** Sal Brinton, Tim Boswell, Gavin Shuker, Michael Farmer, Christopher Cocksworth, David Urquhart, Donald Allister, James Newcome, Andrew Bridgen, Dominic Grieve, Rodney Elton, David Jones, David Lammy, John Sentamu

#### 2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the Steering Group meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 were presented and approved.

#### 3. Election of APPG Officers

The following Members were elected as officers of the APPG (names in *italics* indicate new officers):

- **Chair:** Gary Streeter
- **Vice-Chairs:** Gavin Shuker, Tim Farron, *Ian Blackford*, Jeffrey Donaldson, *Lord Farmer*, Baroness Sherlock, Baroness Brinton, *Lord Curry*
- **Treasurer:** Stephen Timms
- **Secretary:** Sharon Hodgson

#### 4. Review of Recent Events

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March: John Lennox on the prophet Daniel, Speaker's House, well attended
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March: End of Parliament Service in Chapel, around 60 attended
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Service for the new Parliament in St Margaret's Church, over 250 in attendance
  - Concerns were raised over segregated seating, unanimous agreement of Members present that this should not be repeated at joint CiP/St Margaret's events in future. Gary Streeter to notify St Margaret's in writing.
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Magna Carta event, Attlee Suite, joint with Theos and LCF, very good discussion and excellent presentations by speakers
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: 'What can Christianity contribute to British society today?' with Tim Keller, Attlee Suite, very positive feedback, also dinner afterwards with Members & Q&A with Dr Keller

#### 5. Forthcoming events

- Speaker's House event on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, speaker and topic to be confirmed
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November: discussion with Salim Munayer of Bethlehem Bible College on reconciliation work modelled by Israeli and Palestinian Christians.
- Mark Harris asked those present for suggestions of possible topics for future events. Suggestions included: persecution of Christians; assisted suicide; Christianity and music; 'Inclusive Capitalism'; the church's role in the care profession; climate change and the Papal Encyclical

- Fiona Bruce noted that there is an event on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July on the Assisted Dying Bill, in the Attlee Suite at 7pm with Professor Nigel Biggar.

#### **6. AOB**

- Date, speaker and chair for 2016 National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast to be confirmed in October 2015.
- James Lee will need a new sponsor for his pass after August. If any Members have any spare capacity, we would very much appreciate use of a pass from September.

#### **7. Date of next meeting**

The next Steering Group Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.