

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE.
Minutes of Meeting May 5th 2011.
St James Church

- Members present:, Valerie Goulding, Denis Blackledge, Handel Everett, Bob Vernon, Kate Harris, Miranda O’Gara, Jo Harmsworth, Neil Houlton, Sue Gowling, John Dodwell, Geraldine Elliot Smith, James Rodley
- Chaired by Neil Houlton
- Item 1 – Opening Prayer and welcome. Prayers also offered for Peter and Val.
- Item 2 - Apologies were read out. Alison Overton, Maurice Hawkes, Peter Myleschreer, Rosemary Horrell.
- Item 3 - Minutes of last meeting were read, and amended. It was noted that apologies from James Rodley for the previous meeting had not been noted.
- Item 4 – Updates on prayer meetings and services
21/06/11 Roseberry Park Baptist Church, 7 pm prayer walk, 7.45 pm drink followed by 45 minutes of prayer – a poster is required
- Item 5 - Correction for other dates for United Services for 2011. **10/07** Salvation Army, 6.00 pm **11/09** Corpus Christi, 5.00 pm **13/11** Society of Friends, 6.30 pm
- Item 6 - Boscombe Angels Update
A recent social gathering/planning meeting was well supported. The police had a date when school leavers go to the beach at Hengistbury Head. These are Y10 and are underage for alcohol, numbers estimated around 300. There is a proposal for angels (in small groups) to be present, available to interact with the teenagers. Some of local radio stations have given the angels a plug to create awareness. The police are keen for a Bus Safe scheme seen as in other areas around the country (for when people get lost/separated or sense danger they can get on the bus. Local companies may be willing to sponsor. A parishioner at Corpus Christi is keen to know more as he is licensed to drive a bus. More volunteers required. The leaflet, Bournemouth Street Services, to be handed out to all CTIB members also the Food Run List.
16/07 1-6pm, An open meeting at Hedge End will be held for all angels in the South of England.
- Item 7 – Walk of Witness on Good Friday
A greater number than last attended, the consensus was that it worked well. Future walks should have stewards trained to prevent clogging up the pathways etc.
Fr Denis offered the use of Corpus Christi church again with ministers of CTIB taking part in the service. The question was raised of why the crescent was an essential part of the walk, may be the precinct is the place to end the walk with a hymn. The service set the tone for the walk and maybe for those unable to complete the walk the church hall could be opened and offer tea and coffee for those waiting for others on the walk. Perhaps there could be training for the stewards.
- Item 8 - Churches Together in Dorset are holding a service in Sherborne and hopefully some ideas from CTID will be put forward and taken up. Bob will be attending and will let others know.
- Item 9 - Anne Frank exhibition begins this week for a month, ending 28th May. This is being held at St Peter’s church 10.30 am – 5 pm.
- Item 10 - AOB :
 - St Andrews run a retreat every year in the Brecon Beacons. This year the week is 15th – 18th August, costing £177 full board. There is also a quiet day on July 17th, 10 am – 4 pm.
 - There is a Science/Spirituality/Philosophy conference on August 8th in Winchester.

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- Trustee required. Bob Vernon announced that with his resignation from Bourne Spring Trust, they are now requiring a trustee. This is a challenging role requiring hard work. The website for information is <http://bournespringtrust.com/about.html>. Please could this be advertised.
- Interfaith Dorset Education and Action (IDEA) Its primary focus is on the environment. A day will be held on 25th August at the Bishop of Winchester School. Rabbi Neil is a prime mover. Visit: www.eco-faith.org/
- Corpus Christi, 8th June, 'We do do God', an all day conference at Bournemouth University. The speaker has been at the front line of the media for 20 years. Many faiths will be represented.
- The church of St George will be celebrating its 80th anniversary from September 2011 to August 2012.
- Rev Sue Gowling asked for prayers for her move from Boscombe, where she has been since 2009. A decision will be made soon.
- Bishop of Winchester, Rev Michael Scott -Joynt will soon retire.
- St Clement's and All Saints have been without a permanent minister for 5 months. Candidates are being seen. Please could prayers be offered for this to be resolved soon.
- The Society of Friends –have joined the National Quiet Gardens movement, 6th July, 10 am – 4 pm. (16, Wharncliffe Road, Boscombe BH5 1AH). Provides an opportunity for stillness and reflection for visitors of any faith or none. Other dates 11th Aug and 20th Sept.
- In 2000, CTIB organised an event at the BIC, where 5,000 turned up with 2,000 young people's event elsewhere. Conceivably something similar could be organised again.
- A service on the beach will need permissions and a risk assessment carried out. This would be for young people, with Boscombe Angels present, near Boscombe pier in August.
- Pentecost service for CTI groups at Sherborne Abbey 3.30pm. Sunday 12th June. Bob Vernon will be attending and can offer transport to others.
- A letter to be written to the Echo with regard to public reaction to Osama Bin Laden's death.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting Thursday 14th July 2011 St James' Church at 7.30 pm