

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE.**  
**Minutes of Meeting September 8th 2011.**  
**St James Church**

- Members present: - Denis Blackledge, Bob Vernon, Olga Crist, Kate Harris, Miranda O’Gara, Jo Harmsworth, , Sue Gowling, , Maurice Hawkes, Geoff Carpenter, Valerie Goulding, Handel Everett, James Rodley, Alison Overton, Geraldine Elliot Smith.
- Chaired by Sue Gowling
- Item 1 – Opening Prayer and welcome.
- Item 2 - Apologies were read out. Neil Houlton, Peter Myleschreet, Connie Hazell , John Dodwell, Martin Bedford, Marilyn Smith, George Haines.
- Item 3 - Minutes of last meeting were read, and amended.
- Item 4 – Matters arising: Bournemouth Collegiate to be put on November agenda when Neil will be here. Chatterbox and the Hearing Support Group is for both parents and children and not just children as noted in previous minutes.
- Item 5 – Andrew Creamer, Bournemouth Borough Councillor. Andrew was due to speak to CTIB about local churches liaising with the Council on possible areas of outreach. Andrew requested the postponement of meeting with CTIB for a couple of months.
- Item 6 - Invitation from Boscombe Regeneration Group for Faith Rep from CTIB to join them.

An email has been received stating that they would like to have a church representative able to attend meetings. If not a member of the CTIB, maybe this could be opened up to someone suitable from one of the churches. How much of a commitment would this require and what is the expectation of the group? It was discussed as to whether this was a role that could be shared. Could the presence be a floating attendee? Meetings tend to be lunch time. The council, police and youth workers are represented amongst others.  
Action:Kate to make more enquiries.
- Item 7 - Update on summer on the prom Boscombe Angels Scheme plus feedback on Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge have not been able to set any date for a meeting so far. Action: Neil to be in touch and arrange a meeting hopefully with other groups such as , Faithworks Wessex, BH1 Project, The Vineyard and anyone else who may be interested.

The promenade was patrolled every Friday until around midnight during the summer by the Angels. Their presence was known and liked. It was said to be enjoyable, saying that the atmosphere could be felt to change at times.

Now with the students returning, O2 will be hosting events and it is hoped that there will then be 2 BA teams patrolling, in the precinct, one early shift and one late.

There were some thoughts as to whether a stall should be set up in the market area on Saturday afternoons. Would there be permissions required? It was suggested to liaise with the police and take the advice given.  
Action: BA Steering group to make enquiries.
- Item 8 – New date to be set for United CTIB prayer walk around Boscombe

The next prayer walk will be on Sat, September 24th, 3 – 5 pm at St George’s. There will be tea and biscuits after the walk.
- Item 9 – Open the Book.

From Sept. there will be 2 class groups in 1 morning. New volunteers coming in - more welcome. They rehearse on a Tuesday and then go into schools on the Wednesday. The first group at 9.45 am and the second 10.15 am.

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➤ Item 10 – Olympic torch, July 13th 2012.

This item to be put on the agenda for November's meeting. What are other churches doing? It would be best not to duplicate activities. Geraldine will ask Bournemouth Churches at their next meeting. If the torch is going through Boscombe what will the route be?

➤ Item 11 – Training Boscombe Angels volunteers to be stewards.

Stewarding became a concern during the Walk of Witness last year. Could Boscombe Angels be trained up, if they were willing? They have the high visibility wear already. During the summer some members of Boscombe Angels met Michael Dodwell, who runs a security business. Michael was willing to support the project with training. Action: BA Steering group to arrange to meet Michael and report back.

➤ Item 11 - AOB :

- Rumours of Angels to be performed on a stage in the Square Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 4 pm. The rehearsals would be in West Cliff Baptist Church, Westbourne, 2 – 4 pm.
- Christmas Market stalls in Bournemouth will take place again, Thursday & Friday. Volunteers required to run the Churches Together stall. The stall will finish earlier this year.
- Bob will be showing movies in the next couple of months:-  
Sept 12 & 19, Oct 10, 17 & 24, Nov 14 & 21
- Bob will also be holding a farewell bash April 13<sup>th</sup> 2012. It will be all live music. It will be held in Michael's Home in aid of Christian Aid.

**The meeting closed with a prayer.**

**Next Meeting Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 St James' Church at 7.30 pm**

**PLEASE BRING DIARIES .**

**Dates to be fixed are, CTIB meetings, United Services and United Prayer meetings for next year.**