

**Churches Together in Boscombe**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held at St Andrew's Church, Florence Road**  
**Tuesday, 12th January 2010**

**Present** : Geraldine Elliot Smith (Chair) and Valerie Goulding (St. Andrews) Rev Kevin Arkell, Jo Outten, (St Clements) Fr Peter Willcocks, Fr Denis Blackledge (Corpus Christi) Rev Bob Vernon, Rev Neil Houlton , and Miranda O'Gara (St James' and St Andrew's) Rev Alison Overton, Jo Harmsworth and Maurice Hawkes (Rosebury Park Church) Rev Sue Gowling ( St George's)

1. The chair welcomed everyone and led an opening prayer.

2. **Apologies** : Martin Bedford, Rosemary Horrell, George Haines, Gwen Barter, Peter Cornell, Pam Scholler

3. **The Minutes** of the last meeting were read and accepted.

**4. Matters Arising**

**a) Carols in the Precinct.** Members wished to record their unanimous thanks to Vintage Brass for their support for Carols in the Precinct. They and the large turnout of singers made it a very special occasion. Bob Vernon also thanked the Chair personally for all that she contributed to the event.

**b) Facing Christmas.** The Chair thanked all those involved in the planning of the service. To be put on the agenda for discussion next autumn.

**c) One World Tea.** It is hoped that this event can be rearranged. Neil asked for as much support as possible. The sub group will meet and discuss.

**5. Walk of Witness. Good Friday 2nd April. Gathering at Boscombe Crescent at 9.45 for 10.00am Service will be held at St George's.** Chair will contact Shirley McKenna re stewards. 5 yellow jackets required. Three to be provided by GES, one by BV and one by MH. The Banners will be required. There will be refreshments after the service. *All members asked to encourage others to attend, particularly families.*

6. **Posters.** Miranda to speak to her husband who is a graphic designer. Members very appreciative of our recent posters and grateful to Yvette for all her support.

7. **Questionnaire.** Three churches still to complete. To be put on agenda for next meeting.

8. **Mission Statement.** Deferred to next meeting as Peter Myleschreer was not present. GES will contact Peter.

9. **Fun Day in Boscombe.** It was agreed that such an event required a lot of organising and there was not enough time for this year. To be deferred to next meeting with the suggestion that it takes place in 2011.

10. **Boscombe Police and Street Pastors Initiative.** Next meeting February 4th at 1pm at Rosebury Park church. Bring a sandwich - drinks provided. A visit to Weymouth for Saturday 13th Feb to see what is being done there has been arranged.

11 **Bournemouth 2010.** After discussion the members agreed to hold a service at Corpus Christi on 23rd May, Pentecost Sunday, ( date already booked as a CTIB United Service) at 6.30pm. The Mayor of Bournemouth is to be invited to attend. The

service will celebrate the contribution of the church communities to life in Boscombe as part of the Bournemouth 2010 celebrations. GES will initiate a planning group.

**12 Open the Book.** Alison introduced this initiative which seeks to take themed and dramatised bible stories to schools by teams of volunteer storytellers. Leaflets were handed out to members who were encouraged to advertise and seek volunteers from their churches. For more information visit [www.openthebook.net](http://www.openthebook.net)

**13 Dates of CTIB Meetings for 2010** - Please note that the first date is on a **THURSDAY**. All meetings at 7.30pm. St Andrew's church.

Thursday 18th March  
Tuesday 18th May  
Tuesday 20th July  
Tuesday 21st September  
Tuesday 16th November

#### **14 AOB**

- a) **Chaplain to the probation hostel.** Martin Bedford has forwarded this request to CTIB. It was agreed that Bob, Denis and Kevin act as a team, rather than one person only being involved.
- b) Bob Vernon stated that Faithworks Wessex had forwarded an email to the local churches regarding the Equality Bill which is due to come into force in 2010. The Bill will have implications for faith groups.
- c) Sue Gowling gave a brief outline regarding the Future of Springbourne Family Centre. A decision has been made to make it a separate charitable entity, possibly even merging with a similar charity. Could this be something for CTIB to be involved in? To be put on agenda for next meeting.

**15 Food for Thought.** The Beatitudes were read by Geraldine and Kate using both NIV and The Message Translations. Neil will lead the next Food for Thought.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Geraldine

**Next Meeting Date Tuesday 18th March St Andrews at 7.30pm.**