

**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) Jo Outten, (St Clements) Martin Bedford, Fr Peter Willcocks, Fr Denis Blackledge, Kathleen Wood (Corpus Christi), Rev Neil Houlton , (St James' and St Andrew's) Rev Alison Overton, Maurice Hawkes (Rosebury Park Church) Rev Sue Gowling ( St George's), John Dodwell, Society of Friends

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

**2. Apologies** : ,Rosemary Horrell, Rev George Haines, Gwen Barter, Maj Peter Myleschreet, Maj Handel Everett, Rev K Arkell, Miranda O'Gara, Jo Harmsworth, Rev Bob Vernon

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

**4. Matters Arising**

- a) **One World Tea.** Neil Houlton reported that he has contacted a number of multi faith groups. A date will be fixed in due course.
- b) **Chaplain to the probation hostel.** It was noted that Sue, Bob and Kevin will form a team for the hostel and will arrange to meet as soon as possible.
- c) **Springbourne Family Centre.** The Centre will be a separate charity. Trustees are being sought. Names will be put forward at the circuit meeting in May. Information packs for potential trustees will be available soon.

**5. Walk of Witness. Good Friday 2nd April. Gathering at Boscombe Crescent at 9.45 for 10.00am start. Service will be held at St George's at 10.30am. All members asked to advertise and encourage others to attend, particularly families.**

6. **Posters.** Thanks to Miranda and Daniel for poster. Neil will discuss ongoing need for posters with them.

7. **Questionnaire.** Faithworks are still waiting for one questionnaire. Neil to follow up.

8. **Mission Statement.** Deferred to next meeting as Peter Myleschreet was not present.

9. **Fun Day in Boscombe.** Members agreed to discuss this in our churches to see what interest there is. Could other churches be willing to come on board?

10. **Boscombe Police and Street Pastors Initiative.** The next meeting ( Monday 22nd March) has been well advertised. Feedback of the meeting will be given at next meeting.

11. **Celebrating 200 years of Bournemouth in 2010.** The next United Service which is on Pentecost Sunday will celebrate the church's birthday and Bournemouth's 200th birthday. Planning meeting due on Tuesday 23rd March.

12 **Database.** Kate to produce an up to date list for the next meeting.

**13 Open the Book Scheme.** Alison suggested that an open meeting is held on **26th April at Rosebery Park Church at 7pm.** Alison to put a few words together and send round to churches for newsletters.

**14 CTIB Open Forum for Prospective Parliamentary Candidates.** The possibility of such a forum was discussed. Martin undertook to find whether candidates are willing and able. Suggested dates are 19th and 27th April. Neil to check if St James' would be available as a venue.

**15 AOB.**

a) **Day on Christian Meditation at St Catherine's Wimborne** on April 24th 11/30 - 4pm. Contact Roz Stockley on 01258 841390. John Dodwell has more details.

b) **Subs for 2009 are due.** All churches invited to forward £50 to the treasurer at Corpus Christi Church. C/O Denis. An updated report will be produced for the next meeting.

**15 Food for Thought.** Neil led members in Night Prayer.

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