

Churches Together in Boscombe
Minutes of the Meeting held at St Andrew's Church, Florence Road
Tuesday, 18th January 2011

Present: Miranda O'Gara (St James), Valerie Goulding (St. Andrew's), Peter Cornell (St John's), Alison Overton, Jo Harmsworth, Maurice Hawkes (Rosebery Park), John Dodwell(Quakers), Rev James Rodley (St Clement's) Rosemary Horrell(St George's)
Rev Neil Houlton - Chair.

1. The chair welcomed everyone and led members in an opening prayer.
2. **Apologies** - Rev Sue Gowling, Maj. Peter Mylechreest, Handel Everett, Geraldine Elliot-Smith, Rev Denis Blackledge, Rev George Haines.
Jo Outten sent in her apologies and stating that she was stepping down from CTIB.
Action: Neil will send a letter thanking Jo for all that she has done for CTIB
3. **Minutes of last meeting** – were read and accepted with one amendment.
- Taize services are held at St Andrews Church and not St James.

4. Matters Arising -

- a) **Nativity Procession** – Those who attended felt that there were not many participants and the event may need rethinking. 'Manning' the hut also needs to be developed further.
- b) **Carols in the Precinct.** This event was successful and special thanks were due to Vintage Brass Band for all their support. **Action: Neil to write and thank them for their support.**
- c) **On the Fringe of Christmas.** It was agreed that the service went well and is worth doing. It was also agreed that the hosting parish requires two of its own people to be on the planning group to ensure that all runs smoothly in the event of sickness.
- d) **CTIB Chair.** It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Geraldine, expressing the members' great appreciation of her two years as Chair of CTIB. **Action: Neil**
- e) **New CTIB Secretary.** No one has come forward as yet.
Action: Kate to explore possibility of a parishioner from CC taking on role.

5. Dates for CTIB Prayer Meetings - To take place in April, June and October.
Information to be sent by e mail for members to offer to host the meetings. Could the meetings be part of an existing prayer meeting? **Action: Kate to e mail members.**

6. Dates of United Services 2011

13th March	St Andrew's	6.30pm
8th May	St Andrew's	6.30pm (TBC).
10th July	TBC	
11th September	TBC	
13th November	Friends Meeting House	6.30pm

Dates of CTIB Meetings for 2011

Tuesday 1st March
Thursday 5th May
Thursday 14th July
Thursday 8th September
Thursday 10th Nov

7. Update on 'Open the Book' Project – There are now 13 volunteers. and the scheme is going well. Alison has been in touch with Ruth Oliver at the Evening Echo regarding a write up in the Faith Matters section. It is hoped that some more volunteers will come forward as a result of the publicity.

8. 'Boscombe Angels' scheme – The application for funding was successful and the sum of £1500 was received from Bournemouth Borough Council.

- Boscombe Angels were out on the precinct on two Fridays in December.
- An open meeting has been planned for Feb 2nd and dates are in place for volunteers to go out on a fortnightly basis.
- Thanks were expressed for the support that BA has received from Michael French of Bournemouth Night Club Chaplaincy.
- A prayer chain is to be established
- Prayers are sought for this venture from all CTIB member churches.
- Public Liability insurance. In the absence of Geraldine, Kate is to check when this is due for payment. **Action: Kate**

9. Walk of Witness on Good Friday. Members felt that the present format is a bit tired and there was discussion on how it might be improved. One suggestion was to walk to some of the local churches, staying for a short time of prayer. An example was to start at St James, visit Rosebery Park, Corpus Christi and finish at St Andrew's. Boscombe Angels could be asked to help with stewarding. Another suggestion was from Peter Cornell who said he would contact Roy to see whether the service could be held at St John's. As a number of members were absent, it was agreed to send an e mail to hear the views of others. **Action: Kate**

10 Any Other Business –

- A Current Treasurer's report was presented to each member. The balance at 18th January 2011 is £451.31. The PL Insurance is due sometime in March. Subs are now due for this year. Please make cheques payable to Corpus Christi Church.
- A brief discussion took place on the possibility of CTIB organising a united 'Songs of Praise' early one evening in July or September - ideally outside. To be put on agenda for next meeting.

11 Food for Thought Neil led members in a prayer for Christian Unity.

Next CTIB Meeting on Tuesday 1st March at St James.

**CTIDorset AGM and Forum St Nicholas Church, Corfe Mullen. 11th Mar 2011.
(Lunch inc).**

CTIDorset Pentecost Service 12th June at Sherborne Abbey