

Churches Together in Boscombe  
Minutes of the Meeting held at St Andrew's Church, Florence Road  
Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Present: Rev Bob Vernon (Acting Chair) Jo Outten (St. Clement's) Mrs Valerie Goulding (St. Andrew's) Mrs Miranda O'Gara (St. James' & St. Andrew's) Mr Martin Bedford (Corpus Christi) Rev Kevin Arkell (St Clement's) Rev Sue Gowling (St George's) Fr Denis Blackledge (Corpus Christi) Ms Connie Hazell (Friends) Ms Gwen Barter (St George's) Mr Peter Willcocks (Corpus Christi) Mrs Jo Harmsworth (Roseberry Park)

- The chair welcomed members and gave a bible reading and opening prayer.
- Apologies: Mrs Rosemary Horrell, Rev George Haines, Maj Peter Mylechreest, Kate Harris, Rev Alison Overton, Dr Geraldine Elliot Smith, Rev Neil Houlton, Mr Peter Cornell, and John Dodwell. ( Geraldine, Alison, Neil & Kate all attending Boscombe Angels Training also at St Andrew's) Shelia Cumber.
- The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

- **Matters Arising**

**Christmas Day Lunch** – Bourne Spring, Bob advised us that unfortunately, due to nearby drilling Bourne Spring has suffered some structural damage. It also has financial difficulties. Bob will be stepping down as trustee; therefore, there will be a vacancy in due course. No other venue was offered as a suitable alternative for hosting a lunch.

**Fun Day** – Some churches run their own Fun Days; no one had any positive feedback from their councils to run our own one.

**Interfaith Tea**

Neil has now received two replies in total.

**Action** – to look at Interfaith calendar decide on date likely to be in October. Hope to have four different faiths represented possibly to be hosted in someone's home?

New chair needed for next year – pray about.

- **Food Bank Scheme**

Some churches already commit to providing specific items on a monthly basis. The depot is based in Charminster, churches responding individually.

- **'Open the Book' Project**

Written report was handed out to all members along with posters to advertise. Jo said that more volunteers are very welcome, CRB check would be required; church ones would cover you. Please ring Kate first 396026.

- **Boscombe Angels**

Sg Guy Nicolas broke off from training programme taking place upstairs at St Andrew's to come and give us a brief talk. Twelve volunteers are being trained in a six week pilot scheme starting Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**Action** – prayer support please 7pm – 11pm.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Accounts distributed to all members, good news that we are in credit £303.80, some subs still outstanding and some have yet to be recorded.

- **AOB**

**BARG – Boscombe Area Regeneration Group**

Bob advised us that a new committee has been set up and it would be good if CTIB could be represented on it. This involves one meeting per month on a Tuesday, Roumelia Lane, Boscombe. Miranda volunteered to go along to the first meeting.

**Action** – May need a future volunteer.

**Hope FM- Market Stall Bournemouth Centre/ Procession** – See separate letter from Hope FM with regard to churches manning a stall for 2-3 hours each, week prior to 11<sup>th</sup> December between 10am – 6pm each day.

**Action** – Volunteers to man stall, Advertise.

**Facing Christmas**

Fr Denis Corpus Christi, happy to host this service again along with help from Rev Sue Gowling, Miranda and Fr Kevin Arkell. Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

**Asda, Prayer Box**

New project, Rev Sue Gowling told us about, leaflets have been left by checkout at Castlepoint Asda for shoppers to complete with their prayer requests. Churches then take it in turn to empty the box and take to their prayer groups.

**Scouting**

Connie was pleased to report that scouting magazine given to beavers and scouts was teaching Christianity.

**Godly Play**

Recommended by Winchester for telling Bible Stories, focuses on props, very effective.

**Quiz Aid Social Event**

Bob suggested that we have a social event, 'Quiz Aid'; each church to provide a team. St George's to host, date to be confirmed around late September early October.

- Kevin gave us **Food for Thought** posing the question 'How to reach men?' (Colossians) and then closed the meeting in prayer.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, St Andrews 7.30pm**