

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BOSCOMBE.

Minutes of Meeting March 1st 2011.

St James Church

- Members present: Denis Wheadon, Valerie Goulding, Denis Blackledge, Handel Everett, Peter Cornell, Bob Vernon, Kate Harris, Miranda O'Gara.
- Susie Beirne, project manager of the BH1 project was welcomed to the meeting.
- Item 1 – Opening Prayer and welcome. Olga Crist was introduced as a possible secretary to the group.
- Item 2 - Apologies were read out. Rev Sue Gowling, Rev Alison Overton, Rev Neil Houlton, Jo Harmsworth, Maurice Hawkes, Rev George Haines, Geraldine Elliot Smith, Major Peter Myleschreet, John Dodwell, Rosemary Horrell
- Item 3 - Minutes of last meeting were read out, and accepted.
- Item 5 – Updates on prayer meetings and services

☐ Dates of Prayer – new

02/04/11 St George's 8.30 am with a light breakfast

21/06/11 Rosebery Park Baptist Church, 7 pm prayer walk, 7.45 pm drink followed by 45 minutes of prayer

October. Prayer meeting will be held at St James' date to be fixed.

☐ United Services

13/03 St Andrew's, 6.30 pm

08/05 Salvation Army, 6.00 pm (this could become songs of praise)

11/07 Corpus Christi, 5.00 pm

13/11 Society of Friends, 6.30 pm

- Item 6 - Open the Book

A successful project. Head teacher is very positive about the scheme. There are at present around 10 volunteers going into Pokesdown Primary School. Posters handed out to members with a request to advertise for more volunteers as the team wish to expand this project..

- Item 7 - Boscombe Angels

There are now 20 volunteers. At the moment they are a presence on Boscombe precinct, until 3am. They plan to extend to 5am when the Academy is open late. In the summer they hope to cover the seafront again.

The Salvation Army BH1 project, was outlined by Susie. It is Community Style Home which will open mid March in Palmerston Road. This would include a café, serving basic food & drinks, a quiet room, WIFI, a games room and a shower room. It will be open each day. Tuesdays and Fridays it will stay open until late. It will be staffed by volunteers. There will be an all welcome policy and hope to run a work club from the address and also other groups will be able to hire the premises for bible evenings and narcotics dependency sessions. Boscombe Angels are welcome to to liaise with this project. See mission statement and timetable for further information.

- Item 8 – Walk of Witness on Good Friday

It was agreed that we did not have time to make major changes to this years Walk of Witness but discussion could continue at the next meeting. For this year Denis suggested that the walk was held **after** the 10.30am service (a 30 min service) at Corpus Christi and this would mean more people would be around to witness the walk. The usual contact would have to be made

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with the police and notification for insurance purposes. Good Friday is the 22nd April. It might be possible to stop in the precinct and the crescent for hymns. The banners will be required. If we do sing could anyone help with an instrument to keep us in tune?

Action: Kate to contact Sally Coulson re change of times for walk.

➤ Item 9 – Any other business

- **Songs of Praise:** This idea had been mooted at the January meeting. It may be difficult to arrange a suitable outdoor venue. Denis then suggested that the existing date in July which the Salvation Army are hosting could be known as a Song of Praise event. Action: Handel to discuss possibility with Peter Myleschreet.
- **Trustee required.** Bob Vernon announced that with his resignation from Bourne Spring Trust, they are now requiring a trustee. This is a challenging role and requiring hard work. The website for information is <http://bournespringtrust.com/about.html>. Please could this be advertised.

Action: Bob to put send a paragraph outlining the role to CTIB members for them to publicise.

- **Big Green Believers' Agreement.** This is an interfaith environmental initiative open to every faith community and faith group in the local area. There are over 300 faith based groups in the area. Bob encouraged members to consider signing up for this historic event. Action: Details can be found at <http://eco-faith.org/>
- **Easter Services.** It was questioned whether an advert in the Echo for Easter should be placed as in previous years. The consensus was no and as Fr Denis was speaking soon on Hope Fm he would plug it then and also speak to Ruth Oliver at Bournemouth Echo.

➤ Item 10 – Food for Thought

To mark St David's day, Miranda offered a reflection on the life of the Saint.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting Thursday 5th May 2011 St James' Church at 7.30pm