

Churches Together in Boscombe
Minutes of the Meeting held at St Andrew's Church, Florence Road
Tuesday, 16th November 2010

Present: Geraldine Elliot-Smith (Chair – St. Andrews), Miranda O’Gara (St James), Rev Bob Vernon, Valerie Goulding (St. Andrew’s), Peter Cornell (St John’s), Alison Overton, Maurice Hawkes (Rosebery Park), Rev Kevin Arkell (St Clement’s), Connie Hazell(Quakers), Rev Denis Blackledge, , Rev George Haines Denis O’Shea(Boscombe Baptist).

1. The chair welcomed everyone and led members in an opening prayer.
2. **Apologies** - John Dodwell, Jo Outten, Neil Houlton, Jo Harmsworth, Rev Sue Gowling, Maj. Peter Mylechreest, Handel Everett Jo Outten
3. **Minutes of last meeting** – were read and accepted.
4. **Matters Arising** - It was noted that with reference to item 9 of the Sept mins that no letter was sent to Bournemouth Borough Council regarding the Sexual Entertainments Regulations review.

5. Hope FM – Christmas Project

Nativity Procession – A request has been made from HopeFM - Christmas project for financial support. £50 per church is suggested to be sent direct to the appeal. Cheques to be made payable to Bournemouth Deanery.

6. **Carols in the Precinct** – the date 18th December at 11am was suggested for this event.

Action – Event to be advertised in our churches with request for singers.

7. **On the Fringe of Christmas (formerly Facing Christmas)** – Change of date for this service to **Tues 14th December at 7pm, Corpus Christi**. Apologies from St John’s and Rosebery Park for being unable to attend this service.

Action: Poster is being organised plus service sheet. Service sheet to have contact details of local churches on back. Geraldine is chasing the Council as the request to hold the event has not been responded to yet. Prayer ministry teams required from local churches.

8. **Update on ‘Open the Book’ Project** – The project has gone well and the team has been invited to continue in the New Year.

Action – Alison to contact the Faith Matters page of the Daily Echo in the New Year to increase publicity for this scheme and encourage more volunteers. Prayer support for the scheme please.

9. **Update on ‘Boscombe Angels’ scheme** – An application for funding has been presented to a committee at Bournemouth Borough Council. As numbers have increased more high visibility jackets have been bought. A request for financial support from CTIB churches would be appreciated. Volunteers due to be out in the precinct on Friday 23rd Nov.

10. **Sexual Entertainment Venues Regulation** – As agreed in matters arising the deadline to comment on this regulation has long gone.

11. **Dates for Prayer Meetings** - To be deferred until next meeting.
Also United Services to be fixed at next meeting.

12 **Appointment of Secretary** – A secretary has not yet been appointed.
Action – each member to ask at their church to see who would like to be our secretary for 2011.

13. **Any Other Business** – Future dates for prayer meeting to be deferred to next meeting. United Services also to be arranged.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Theme ‘All things in common’. 18- 25th January.

Action: Leaflets to be ordered. (KH)

Tues 18th Jan St Andrews

Wed 19th Bob St James

Thurs 20th Rosebery Park Baptist Church

Fri 21st Boscombe Baptist Church

Mon 24th Corpus Christi

25th St George’s TBC.

OTHER DATES

Corpus Christi - Advent Service Sunday 4th Dec at 4pm.

**10 Dec Treasure Island. A Contemporary version of the Christian story.
Boscombe Baptist Church**

Action: George to send posters to CTIB members

Monthly Taize service but not Dec and Jan. 3rd Sunday of month at St James at 6.30pm

14 and 15. Food for Thought and closing prayer– A reflection on the rich symbolism of celtic crosses was offered by Geraldine as a closing prayer..

Bob Vernon thanked Geraldine as outgoing Chair for her commitment and hard work for CTIB over the last two years. All members also showed their appreciation for all that she had done.

Sunday 16th January 2011 – United Service meeting to hand over the chair to Neil at St James 6.30pm

Tuesday 18th January 2011 – first CTIB meeting of the year, to be held at St James, 7.30pm.

Churches Together in Dorset

AGM and Forum Wimborne. 11th March 2011

Pentecost Service 12th June at Sherborne Abbey.

