

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BELPER

MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2016 IN ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH

1 PRESENT

Angela Thomas, Alison Roome, Phil Taylor, Pam Bain, Jen Scotchbrook, Yvonne Sewter, David Pipe, Revd Anne Stratton, Revd Andrew Baguley, Richard Poyser, Fr Jonathan Page, Fr Michael Kirkham.

2 APOLOGIES

Dianne Churchill, Wendy Martin, Dot Pipe, Pat Whetton, Sarah Bradbury, Dave Perry, John Whiteman, Jo Lambourne, Johnny White, Barbara Wareing.

3 The meeting opened with prayer.

4 ANDREW BAGULEY – CHAPLAINCY IN BELPER

This item was dealt with first as Andrew needed to leave early.

A good start has been made in appointing Chaplains, but more are needed. Andrew offered for someone to come to speak to our church congregations, as part of a normal service, to try to recruit more of them. Please let Andrew know if your church is willing. They can also produce "Prayer News" which will be sent out to all CTIB churches. This was agreed.

5 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (1 March 2016)

These were agreed to be a correct record. Anne Stratton reminded us that the Derby Conference on Mental Health would be on 17 May.

6 REVIEW OF GOOD FRIDAY EVENT "THE WALK OF THE CROSS"

Generally this was felt to be good, giving churches chance to meet together in their own churches, and then join together. Thanks to David Roome for making the cross. There were possibly as many as 160 people there, with a simple format which everybody could join in with. Lunch at No 28 was good and well attended £187 was donated to Christian Aid.

After the service, not many people on the street noticed the cross, or wanted to engage in conversation. This part of the witness may need to be altered. We suggested that this idea continues for another year, and then maybe try a big drama again.

All the churches were involved and Hope came along too.

7 CTIB JOINT SERVICE IN OCTOBER

This will be at Our Lady's Catholic Church in Gibfield Lane at 6 30 pm on 9 October.

8 FRATERNAL MEETINGS FOR CTIB CLERGY

Anne Stratton would like this to start up again. Due to some clergy having sabbaticals this year, this cannot start until after the joint service.

9 thykingdomecome.co.uk

This is an initiative from the Archbishop of Canterbury to encourage us all to pray hard in the week leading up to Pentecost (8-15 May). The website has lots of resources and ideas for all churches. Please look at them.

10 CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (15-21 May) A few churches still manage house to house collecting, or organise special events. David Pipe suggested that we have collectors at Morrison's or the new Aldi, or the Co-op next year. Enquiries need to be made at the shops. Anne Stratton said she would ask John Beddoes and Barbara Anderton to look into this.

11 QUEEN'S OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS (11-12 June)

St Peter's is having a street Party (with hats) and a flower festival. Other churches are thinking about it.

12 WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO TOGETHER?

All kinds of ideas were suggested:

Link with "Larks in the Parks"

Combined Lent Groups

Meditation (at the Presbytery, Gibfield Lane) still needs more denominations to join in

Link into Belper Games / Belper Goes Green

Talk to our church members – ask them how we can be more of a presence in the town.

More sharing of church events and information

A CITB website

A fellowship day to enjoy being together

Next Christmas try stars as the theme (following on from angels and sheep)

Need to get more of our church folk involved and helping (eg for our Christmas event)

Report from Hope for Belper at our meetings

13 CHURCH NEWS

Catholic Parish Weekend in mid July

Christ Church Flower Festival 24-26 June

Somme Event at St Peter's 3 July

St Swithun's Flower and Banner Festival 15-17 July

14 PRAYER

Please pray for each other's churches and their events. Please note particularly that Methodist (Central) have had to close their hall, after dry rot was found.

15 NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be 27 September at Our Lady's Church.

Please note also that the meeting planned for 1 November has been deferred until 8 November.

Minutes prepared by Angela Thomas in the absence of Jo.