

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH AGM

Held on 12th May 2015

Present: Sheila Armstrong, Jeff Bonser, Jadz Bower, Mike Bowers, Jeannie Brightwell, Nick Cook, Mary Daniels, Maureen Douglas, Jo Farnsworth, John Farnsworth, John Hughes, Phillip Jones, Brian Kennard, Clare Kennard, Lin Ball, Barry Osborne, Wendy Osborne, John Pearse, Keith Rugg, Martin Russell, Sylvia Saunders, James Shakespeare, David Tomlin, Peppy Ulyett, Sandra Ward, Brian Wilde, Rose Williams, Mans Yousef, Angela Zemplak,

Apologies: Margaret Bowers, Richard Brand, James Briggs, Gary Brown, Deborah Chaloner, Donald Clinton-Smith, Mary Danks, Phillip Danks, Lindy Kendell, Sue Macdonald, Jill Mann, Jean Molcher, Mel Stride, Alison Tomlin

1. JS Welcomed everyone to the CTH Forum & AGM with special thanks to the Baptist Church for hosting.
2. **Opening Prayers** – JS referred to the situation in Nepal where two recent earthquakes had occurred. Prayers for the people in that country. He read from Michah 6:8 . Prayers also for ourselves and others and for the wider church. For CTH and all those we represent.
3. **Reports from Groups** – all Groups had submitted their reports for the AGM and a few words were said from each:
 - i) **Bower House – JB** - over 300 hours have been recorded for counselling people with a diverse mixture of problems. Thanks to CTH for their help, support and finances and to all volunteers for this continued Christian work.
 - ii) **The Cube - NC** – 9th May will see the first anniversary of The new Cube building. The Bowden funding finished in August 2014 but they are encouraging another application. The Cube needs to be sustainable. Going into Primary Schools to form relationships. Although there have been many struggles God has provided and the Cube is going extremely well.
 - iii) **Street Pastors – AZ** – Prayers are requested for guidance for a leader with the resignation of the present Chair, Phillip Jones, after a number of years service.
 - iv) **Holiday at Home – BK** – to be on 10 – 14th August and God willing and CTH help this will continue for years to come. Help is required during that week but also prayers are asked for a new leader for the group. There is to be a meeting at the Methodist Church on 13/5/15 at 11 a.m.
 - v) **Jubilee Foodbank – JS** (in the absence of any member) – food and money are still required to keep this going and also more volunteers are required.
 - vi) **Justice & Peace & Credit Union – MD** – campaign for energy and vision and prayers for climate change.
 - vii) **Publicity Officer - JB** – thanks for local media especially HFM & Harborough Mail for their support in recent CTH events. Prayers are requested for the new editor for the H/Mail and also for new staff.

AZ thanked all volunteers from all the organisations for all the good works being done within the town. She reported that Newsletters from the Cube & Street Pastors were due out. NC prayed that more leadership would be raised by God and made aware to us so people can step out in faith.

Chair's Report – JS thanks for the work which the CTH Officers has done over the past year. Thanks also to the Cube for facilitating the Pentecost event last year. This year's 'Prayers for Christian Unity' was changed and the general opinion was positive by the daily prayers throughout the churches. The Lent Groups had been well attended with approximately 180 people from the churches. JS asked that we consolidate all the good works being done and focus on 'hope' as we move forward into the next year. BK thanked JS for the leadership.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of S.Macdonald JS asked for the acceptance of the now audited accounts which were available to the AGM. NC commented that the closing funds was not a true reflection as the Good Friday £350 was still to be deducted from the final amount.

S.Mc was thanked for compiling the accounts for the CTH and also the Holiday at Home accounts.

5. **Election of Officers**

| Position | Person | Proposer | Seconder |
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| Chairperson | James Shakespeare | Sylvia Saunders | Nick Cook |
| Vice-Chair | Maureen Douglas | Brian Kennard | Sandra Ward |
| Secretary | Rose Williams | Dave Tomlin | John Pearse |
| Publicity Officer | Jeff Bonser | Maureen Douglas | Sylvia Saunders |
| <u>Treasurer</u> | Sue Macdonald | John Pearse | Maureen Douglas |
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Open prayers were held for the work done in the town from CTH.

End of AGM

A short interval was held before the start of the Forum