



Minutes of Annual General Meeting Forum held on 6 October 2010

At St Peter's Church, Lords Mead, Chippenham

The meeting was attended by 30 members representing twelve churches including Rev Roy Fowler representing Wiltshire Churches Together.

Apologies were received from the following: - Caroline Rice, Mrs Perkins, Debbie Loveday and Maeve Opie.

- 1. Opening Prayer:** - Rev Andrew Gubbins opened the meeting with worship.
- 2. Minutes of the AGM Forum held on 7 October 2009:** - The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman. Proposed by Rex Waghorne and seconded by Barbara Fenner.
- 3 Annual General Meeting:** -
 - 3.1 Secretary's Report:** - Jenny Guy has received the following correspondence:
 - i) Copy of a letter written by Rev Simon Tatton-Brown to the Council regarding the increase in cost of car parking in Chippenham mainly on a Sunday.
 - ii) Wiltshire Care Services Directory 2010/11. May be borrowed by anyone.
 - iii) Seminar at Market Lavington called "Making a difference together" on Saturday May 14th 2011..
 - 3.2 Treasurer's Report** – Rex Waghorne presented the accounts. We have a total of £951.10 in the account. The Report of Accounts was duly accepted by the meeting. Proposed by Rev David Alderman and seconded by Rev Simon Tatton-Brown. The chairman thanked Rex Waghorne for his work during the year Rex also said the Christian Aid Accounts total £14,586.63 this year. which is an increase of about £2,000. Thanks were expressed to all Christian Aid collectors. Rev Simon Tatton-Brown told the meeting that the next meeting for Christian Aid will be held on 19 January 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in St Andrew's Vicarage.
 - 3.3 President's Report**

Dave Halls thanked Jenny Guy for her work throughout the year. He told the meeting that he was in fact President in 2000. He then showed how life has changed over the

past ten years. *The President's Report is attached.*

3.4 Election of All Officers

Dave Halls said that all the officers were prepared to stay in their posts for the forthcoming year. He then asked the meeting to accept the officers reaffirming their roles without an election. This was agreed unanimously
Jenny Guy – Secretary; Dick Spencer – Vice-President; Rex Wagborne – Treasurer.

3.5 Election of President

It was proposed by Rev Andrew Gubbins and seconded by David Thompson that Rev David Alderman be elected as President. This was agreed by the meeting. Rev David Alderman took the chair at this point. He thanked David Halls for all his work behind the scenes and introduced himself to the meeting.

4. Report on proposed Lent Lectures.

Donna Murray from Dayspring Church explained the proposed Lent Lectures. The themes suggested are Peace, Justice and the Integrity of Creation. *The Information on the Lent Lectures is attached.*

The meeting agreed the proposals were worth pursuing
Donna agreed to head up the Lectures. Hosts were needed to invite people to the Lectures and publicity needed in all churches. Offers of help to be sent to Jenny Guy. The Lectures would take place in St Andrew's church hall, probably on a Tuesday. Thanks were expressed to Donna for her work on this project.

5. Report on Street Pastors

Mal Munday from St Paul's Church gave an interesting insight into the proposed Street Pastors Scheme for Chippenham. It is proposed the Street Pastors will be on the streets late at night among the youngsters. They will be affiliated to the Ascension Trust which is a Christian Street pastor charity that licence the Street Pastor Schemes. The Schemes are working successfully in other parts of Wiltshire. It is proposed the Scheme could be active in April/May 2011. All Pastors will be fully trained and will wear a uniform. *Full report and information is attached.*

6. Ratification of Proposal to Improve Networking within the Churches

David Halls asked the meeting to agree the Proposal to Improve Networking within the Churches and outlined some of the proposed events in the future.

- a) A Festival of all churches perhaps based at St Andrew's Church.
- b) Communication in the form of Facebook/Video Clips etc.
- c) Planning Forum being set up by Rev Andrew Gubbins who will need people from each church.

David Halls felt we are moving forward even though we will not hold Forum meetings on a regular basis. We may have a Forum in March/April to keep everyone updated.

7. Dates of Future Meetings

AGM on Wednesday 5 October 2011 7.30 p.m. at St Peter's Church.

8. The meeting closed with Grace