

**Minutes of the Forum held on Wednesday 11 May 2016
At The Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Flitwick
at 8.00pm**

Welcome The Revd Monsignor Sean Healy (Chairman) welcomed all present.

Business Meeting 34 present

1	Apologies	Revd Anne Brown	Revd Peter Kay
		Revd Keith Brown	Revd Angus McCormick
		Jeff Bulled	Mary Mead
		Ian Gordon	John Parkinson
		Adrienne Gordon	Revd Peter Protheroe
		Peter Hammond	Roger Sewell
		Janet Hornsby	Revd Glayne Worgan

2 **Approval of Minutes of Forum held 22 May 2015**

The Minutes had been circulated and copies were available at the meeting. These were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

3 **Matters Arising** None

4 **Report from Chairman:** Revd Monsignor Sean Healy
Copies of the Report were distributed at the Meeting and are attached with these Minutes.

5 **Report from the County Ecumenical Development Officer** (Copy attached)

6 **Finance**

Copies of the 2015 Accounts were distributed.

Proposed: Revd Stephen Toze Seconded: Alan Dansey

Accepted by all present.

It had been agreed at the AGM 22 May 2015 that the sum paid by CT Groups and LEPs be increased to £30 for each church per annum. This will take effect from 1 January 2017.

Honorary Treasurer Peter Hammond has agreed to continue as Treasurer for the Bedfordshire Ecumenical Committee; all agreed to this.

Honorary Independent Examiner Alban Macdonald will continue to be the Independent Examiner for the Accounts. All were in agreement.

7 **Appointment of Chair** The Revd Msgr Sean Healy has served as Chairman for more than the usual three years. Revd Andrew Hollins has agreed to take on this role; all were in agreement. Father Sean was thanked for all his work for BEC; he will continue to serve on the Committee.

8 **Any Other Business** Thanks were expressed to Father Bennie Noonan for the use of the church and hall and to Margaret, a member of Father Sean's church, for kindly preparing and serving the delicious refreshments.

9 **Date of the Annual Forum 2017** Tuesday 9 May 2017 (Venue to be confirmed)

JAH/October 2016

Revd David Cornick General Secretary of Churches Together in England

We were very grateful to our speaker who spoke on the subject:

The importance of unity in a changing church