

Minutes of Churches Together in Farnham Annual General Meeting 2013 24th October at Farnham Pentecostal Church

1) **Welcome by Pastor Michael Hall and opening prayer.**

2) **Extra item:**

As agreed at the 2012 AGM, the Steering Committee had met with delegates from Farnham Humanists regarding their proposal to be jointly involved with CTF in arranging future General Election Hustings. Following a discussion, the CTF Chair invited a representative of Farnham Humanists to address CTF's Annual General Meeting about their proposal.

Dr David Savage, of Farnham Humanists, explained their proposal to the meeting.

3) **Apologies from the following were recorded:** Stewart Dakers, the Revd John Edwards, Ann Edwards, Jenny Floyer, Judith Gains, Canon Dr Anne Gell, Pastor Sean Gubb, Canon Karen Hutchinson, Brian Kurton, Kirsty Bruton, the Revd John Ross.

4) **Minutes of last year's AGM on 9.10.2012 were adopted.**

5) **There were no matters arising.**

6) **Farnham Humanists' proposal to be jointly involved with CTF in hosting the next General Election Hustings was considered.** After views both for and against had been expressed (*see Appendix for a report on the debate*) a vote was taken. **Members voted six in favour to 14 against Farnham Humanists' proposal, with one abstention.**

7) **A report on the Golden Jubilee of Churches Together in Farnham was presented by Michael McDonnell, the co-ordinator (see Appendix).** This historic event was memorably celebrated at St Joan's Church on 14th October 2012, with a Service of Thanksgiving in which all member churches took part.

8) **WHAT HAS CTF BEEN DOING THIS YEAR?**

Reports were presented by :

Chair – *Pastor Michael Hall*

Secretary – *Mary Clarke*

Treasurer – *Andy Marriott*

(see Appendix for these reports)

& from the organisers of:

Friday Focus	– <i>Gwen Mansfield</i>
Prayer Meetings	– <i>on behalf of Jenny Floyer</i>
Good Friday Walk of Witness	– <i>on behalf of Stewart Dakers</i>
Christmas Day Lunch	
` & Library Christmas Crib	– <i>Michael McDonnell</i>
CTF Website and E-News	– <i>Mary Clarke</i>

(see Appendix for these reports)

A Vote of Thanks to Richard Wimbush for outstanding service to Churches Together in Farnham as Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster was passed by unanimous acclaim. Richard and Brenda moved away from Farnham in May this year. They are greatly missed.

9) WHAT HAVE ASSOCIATES OF CTF BEEN DOING?

Christian Aid	– <i>Karen Fewster</i>
Farnham ASSIST	– <i>Christopher Packwood (chair)</i>
Farnham Foodbank	– <i>Rose Williamson</i>
FCCT / Catalyst /Signposts	– <i>Andy Marriott on behalf of Revd John Edwards</i>
Bible Society	– <i>Margaret Freeman</i>

(see Appendix for these reports when available)

10) Election of Officers - Pastor Michael Hall was re-elected Chair and Andy Marriott Treasurer. Andrew Partridge was elected as the new Secretary. Mary Clarke, having retired as secretary, was elected to the committee. Tim Visser was elected to the committee last year for a three-year term.

11) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18th to 25th January. In 2014 the Week runs from Saturday to Saturday so Farnham CTF's United Service will be on Sunday the 19th. The Revd Michael Hopkins volunteered to host the Sunday United Service at Farnham United Reformed Church. Daily Prayer Meetings will be held during Unity Week – details to be announced later.

12) Date and place for next AGM. The date of **Tuesday 14th October 2014** was agreed.

13) Any other business - Michael McDonnell proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Chair, Treasurer and retiring Secretary for their work during the year. This was passed unanimously.

14) Closing Prayers were said by Pastor Michael Hall.