

## Churches Together In Hemel Hempstead

### Autumn Forum – St Johns – 29th Nov 2007

**Worship:** was led by Rev Laretta Wilson

**Apologies from:** Rev Dave Middlebrook, Rev Chandrika Perera, Jean Garner, Penny Crosswell, Kerry Ann & Angela Such.

**Chair's notes.** Stephen Reported on:

1. God and the Tsunami. This had been very well attended and was quite interesting.
2. John Hardaker. Sends his regards as he is moving on to further studies and work.
3. Pray Hemel dates for 2008 were given.
4. Angela Such had informed us that a youth event is taking place at St George's: 13,14,15 Feb 08. All 11-18 years welcome. See <http://www.awakeninghemel.co.uk/>.
5. Bert Inward. Rent Aid. Poverty and homelessness week is 26 Jan to 3rd Feb 08. Special events are planned by and with Churches. Details Tel: 01442 257703 Also Dacorum Poverty week starts 8th June 08. Special meetings are planned. Contact Rev Chandi on 01442 255023.
6. Dacorum Partnership. Graham Richardson, Arno and Rev David Lawson are representing the churches while an interfaith group is established.
7. Email coverage. Any amendments to Stephen please.

### Presentations

1. Robin McEwen. Town Centre Chaplaincy. He showed a DVD of the Chaplains work in Watford, a model for Hemel. Graham and Pat and 2 others work with Robin in Hemel. He has office space at St Johns, and needs more volunteers and future funding. He hopes to increase work to Leisure World and will speak at Churches.
2. Francis gave a report on the Mustard Seed bookshop. They had broken even this year. Penny is new manager with an assistant. Sales are presently down 10%. Exploring links with Amazon.com. A new vision is being worked out, they can provide special church bookstalls on request.
3. Arno. Hope 2008 in Hemel Hempstead. See [www.hope08.com](http://www.hope08.com). There is room for any/many churches to engage in community action with this next year. He will call a ministers meeting Jan 08.
4. David Elliott. NHS Chaplain at Hemel Hospital. Based in HH and St Albans since August. Work is very moving, varied and unpredictable, to staff, patients and family and friends. Services are held, he takes referrals, and would welcome volunteer help.
5. Graham Richardson led in prayer for all these.

### Future

1. On the Box Missions. It was agreed to ask them to come and give a presentation.
2. Rhema travelling Christian Theatre group.
  - a. Stephen asked if rather than one church inviting them to present their 08 Drama "Home" based on the Exodus. Could we as CTHH invite them and put them on in the old Town Theatre?
  - b. 120 seats x £6 = £720. Rhema = £420 plus travel. Theatre = £182 (all in) Charity rate. One church offered to guarantee a minimum of 10 tickets. If other Churches could also guarantee a number this could be done.
  - c. Stephen to ask all churches for a response. All agreed.
3. Web page. Vaughan Allen offered to update and maintain this. Agreed.
4. We have 2 spaces on CTHH enabling group needing to be filled.
5. AOB. Dens is looking for a new Honorary Treasurer.
6. Date of next meeting. Thursday 10th April 7.45pm Quaker Meeting House.