

## **Minutes of the CTiS& District Forum held on Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 at Cornard Christian Fellowship (hosted by New Life Church)**

39 people from 15 churches attended the forum.

The Forum was welcomed by the Chairman, Malcolm Offord.

### **1 Worship**

The opening worship was led by Matt Warnock

### **2 Update on what is happening at New Life Church**

The Forum was told

- This was an exciting time
- It was an all-age group, but there were a lot of young families
- It was felt that this was a caring church
- The church was working with families and the community
- They were waiting to hear from God what he wants the church to focus on, and what he wants the church to be doing in the community
- They have joy and certainty
- Ben Troughton was now working 20 hours a week with the church
  - he was working with Wells Hall Primary School – lunch time clubs
  - he believes all the churches should work together
  - he has been speaking to a lot of people
  - he would value prayers to ensure he is doing the right things.

### **3 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from David and Pat Ford, Rev Matt Lawson, Sue Kistruk, Ann Smythe, Chris Mason and Stephen and Julia Perkins.

### **4 Welcome**

It had been hoped that Rev Matt Lawson could be welcomed to CTiS&D officially at this Forum, but he was unable to attend. The next Forum would be held at Shimpling church so it was hoped to welcome him then.

The Chairman reported that Rev Steve Morley, who had been welcomed at the last Forum, had contacted him to say that that the PCCs of Bures, Assington and Little Cornard have all agreed to become properly affiliated to CTiS.

### **5 Minutes of December Forum**

The minutes of the Forum held on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chair.

### **6 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **7 Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the Treasurer's report had been circulated. The Forum approved the report.

The Treasurer then explained to the Forum that the Enabling Group committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015 had discussed the idea of closing the Lloyds Deposit Account and transferring the resulting balance to what is called an ESLCU (Eastern Savings & Loans Credit Union) Third Sector Account – that is for use by groups such as ourselves. This proposal was seconded and agreed by the Enabling Group. The Enabling Group now request that this proposition be considered by the Forum, with the amount of the investment being £4000, this being a straight forward figure for future accounting purposes. The Treasurer said that although CTiS&D will be losing £2 per year it will provide another £4000 for the Credit Union to help people with lower interest loans. CTiS&D may gain some financial benefits in due course.

The Forum agreed unanimously with this proposal.

Mr Pullan asked how long it would take to get the money back if it were needed. The Treasurer said it would not take long.

Gratitude was expressed to the Treasurer for all the work he does on behalf of CTiS&D.

## 8 Chairman's Remarks

- The Chairman said that Rev Greg Webb was seriously ill and prayers for him were requested. He added that all clergy at this time were very over burdened and needed our prayers
- The new leaflet had been produced. If any church did not have copies, they were asked to take some away with them
- On Good Friday there would be a circular walk of witness through Sudbury starting at the Croft at 10.30 am and ending at the Croft
- I Spy Easter would be taking place on Easter Saturday. Leaflets were available for people to take. Arthur Dagleish was still looking for someone to play the part of a female villager. (Since the meeting, this role has been filled)
- On 20<sup>th</sup> March there would be debate on "The Future of the NHS – and Sudbury and District Health Services". Those taking part would include NHS executives and the prospective South Suffolk candidates for the forthcoming General Election. The meeting would be held in St Peter's at 7.00 pm and admission was free.
- Thanks were expressed to Rev Richard Tifford for all the work he has done with WATCH.
- On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April there would be a more general pre-election hustings at St Peter's at 7.30 pm
- The Chairman asked Jill Pullan to speak about the showing of "Open Bethlehem" at the Quay Theatre. She explained that it focuses on a campaign to bring peace to the Middle East. A provisional date for the showing was Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm. Booking information would be circulated.
- Explore – Andy Beard was in need of married couples who could support him in his work in schools discussing relationships
- **CTiS&D urgently need a secretary.** If anyone knew of someone who could help they were asked to let the Chairman know.

## 9 Spiritual Disciplines

The Chairman said that Christian lives need some sort of structure. The two speakers would present a couple of ways of finding that structure. He introduced Rev Chris Ramsey who was speaking on Cursillo and Ian Copeman who was speaking on the

Aidan and Hilda Community. The leaflets explaining how these organisations work are attached at the end of these minutes. The Chairman expressed thanks to both speakers.

#### 10 **Fellowship Football**

Ben Troughton presented a report of Fellowship Football. Points he made were:-

- The existence of the League should be celebrated
- 6 church backed teams meet on a Monday evening
- There was a short pre-match talk with a Christian theme
- Play will be committed to the Lord
- It was an opportunity for players to see that Christians are normal
- It was hoped to get more teams – and more overseers and assistant overseers
- There was from time to time a Soul Café – when there was possibly a quiz and a short Christianity based talk
- A 5 a side match has been run for charity
- Help is needed
  - prayer is needed
  - people could consider coming to support teams playing
  - financial support would be welcome
  - overseers – who do not necessarily have to play football are needed

Ben emphasised the opportunities that the Fellowship provides to listen to people.

The Chairman thanked Ben for his report and commended both Fellowship Football and Fellowship Snooker to the meeting. Thanks were expressed to those who organise these Fellowships.

#### 11 **Christian Aid Week - 10-16 May 2015**

Malcolm Snow said that Christian Aid works on behalf of all churches and offers aid and long-term support to people who need it. More collectors are needed. Churches were asked to see if collectors could be found for streets where there were none. Malcolm could provide a list of streets not currently covered.

Thanks were expressed to Malcolm for all his work for Christian Aid over the years.

#### 12 **Future events**

A calendar had been circulated with the agenda.

#### 13 **Any Other Business**

- Peter Halden told the meeting that Stuart Townend would be performing at St Peter's on October 12<sup>th</sup>. More information would follow.
- David Rout was thanked for the use of CCF for the Forum.

The meeting closed with prayer

### SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

*Cursillo's vision is of a world transformed by the love of God - nothing less than the Kingdom of God on earth.*

This is the longing in the heart of God who calls us to active service and involvement, following in Christ's footsteps to complete our personal calling and the mission Jesus began.

God can use us all, despite our shortcomings, frailty and brokenness, and He encourages us to use our gifts and abilities to make a difference for good in our daily lives.



### THE YEAST IN THE DOUGH

*Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." (Matthew 13:33)*

Cursillo is founded on the belief that radical change for good is possible within any aspect of human life through the action of relatively small numbers of Christian people who work with dedication and commitment to bring about such change, relying on the guidance and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

### RENEWED PEOPLE, RENEWED WORLD

*If we are to be effective in God's mission to change the world (in accordance with his values), we ourselves must be renewed people.*

Cursillo puts before us God's call to us to be

**SAINTS** – people transformed by the grace of God, and

**APOSTLES** – people sent to share in God's mission to the world.

Cursillo offers to committed Christians, a community of discipleship in which we are supported and encouraged as we grow in fruitfulness as saints and apostles.

The 3-day Cursillo weekend provides what is for many people: a life-changing experience through which God inspires, renews and challenges us.

*'It is possible to encounter God in many ways other than Cursillo - encountering God is easy - it is following Christ afterwards that is the problem.'*

Eduardo Bonnin – Cursillo Founder

The unique thing that Cursillo offers the Church is the ongoing support structure by means of small 'group reunions' that meet regularly to provide mutual support and maintain spiritual accountability, and regular occasional gatherings for larger fellowship and encouragement.

In all that we do, it is the grace of God in Christ which sustains, inspires and nourishes us.

### CURSILLO – A SHORT HISTORY

*The name Cursillo, pronounced 'koo-see-yo' derives from the Spanish "Cursillos de Cristiandad" meaning "short courses in Christian Living".*

Cursillo began on the island of Majorca in 1949 when a group of men began to pray, talk and work together to find a way to bring people to Christ. It soon spread to the mainland of Spain and today Cursillos are held all over the world in both Anglican and Roman Catholic Diocese under the direction of their Bishops.

Cursillo came to the Anglican Church in the UK in 1981 and now operates under the care of the British Anglican Cursillo Council in more than 30 Dioceses throughout the UK.



### GETTING ENGAGED

*Does Cursillo's vision of a world transformed by the love of God appeal to you?*

Are you attracted by a way of renewal in Christ which inspires, challenges, equips, supports and encourages you to play an active part in changing the world for God?

Then you need to get engaged in becoming a saint and apostle and engaged in mission of His church.

**Respond to God's call to you today!**

### What the Archbishops said about Cursillo

"Through Cursillo the love of God is experienced afresh, an experience which draws us into prayer and compassionate action. Because of this, Cursillo is a much needed instrument for the renewal of the life of the Church today, and one for which I give thanks."  
The Most Rev'd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

"In our Eucharist, we pray that we may be kindled with the fire of your love. Cursillo is a way of bringing that experience into the hearts of people. I commend it to you."

Most Rev'd David Chillingworth,  
Primate of the Scottish Episcopal Church

"Cursillo is about making disciples. It transforms people's lives and empowers them for service. Cursillo is active in most Dioceses of this Province, for which I praise God."

John Sentamu, Archbishop of York

"Developing the Mission of the Church is always a priority. To do this, individuals and parishes need to be challenged to grow in faith, to develop their individual vocations as ministers of the Gospel of Christ. The right resources are crucial in helping them to do this. The Cursillo Movement has, for over 50 years, been a leader in personal and parish spiritual development and makes an invaluable contribution to this work. I warmly commend Cursillo to you."

Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales

### If you want to find out more...

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## St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Anglican Cursillo



Cursillo is a movement of the Church providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action and enabled to share God's love with everyone.

## Three Life-Giving Principles

In common with many communities within Christianity we have three vows, which we understand as principles, not rules.

### Simplicity

Resisting greed, possessiveness and the desire to selfishly manipulate people or creation, we are bold to give all we have for God.

### Purity

Giving to God our whole being, respecting every person and being available to all with generosity and openness.

### Obedience

Joyfully abandoning ourselves to God, listening attentively to Him and honouring those He has placed in authority over us.

## The Ten Elements of The Way

### Life-long Learning

- ~ Daily Bible reading.
- ~ Study of Celtic Church and it's Saints.
- ~ Memorising of Scripture.
- ~ Learning through creative arts.
- ~ Living what we learn - not simply an academic exercise.

### Spiritual Journey

- ~ Shared with a Soul Friend.
- ~ Walking in the footsteps of Jesus, where is He leading us?
- ~ What is the Spirit doing in and through us?
- ~ Regular retreats for quiet and reflection.
- ~ Pilgrimage to - sights in Celtic Tradition
  - Communities of Prayer
  - 'Places of resurrection'

### Rhythm of:

#### Prayer

- ~ Using daily patterns of worship.
- ~ Discovering new and creative ways of praying.

#### Work

- ~ A gift from God.
- ~ Paid employment, routine activities of life or voluntary service.
- ~ Resist pressure to over-work which robs ourselves, others and God.

#### Re-creation

- ~ Including rest.
- ~ Holy and creative.
- ~ As valuable as work and prayer.

### Spiritual Initiatives Through Intercession

- ~ Recognising the supernatural and warfare between the forces of good and evil.
- ~ Engaging in intercessory prayer.
- ~ Discerning that which belongs to the sphere of human responsibility.

### Simple Lifestyle

- ~ Avoid judging others
- ~ Hold before God our finances, possessions, and talents.
- ~ Rejoice in God's good gifts.
- ~ Regular and generous giving.
- ~ Hospitality.
- ~ Resist overload and clutter.

### Care For Creation

- ~ Affirm creation as essentially good though spoiled by sin and evil.
- ~ Respect, care for and restore.
- ~ Stand against all that violates and destroys.
- ~ Celebrate, bless and meet God through creation.

## Healing Fragmented People & Communities

- Renounce self-sufficient autonomy.
- Lay hands on the sick and pray for healing.
- 'Lay hands' on God's world in blessing.
- Seek wholeness in Christ.

## Openness

- **Openness To God's Spirit**
- Desire a willingness to allow God to take us where the Spirit wills.
- Affirm proper and appropriate use of the gift of prophecy.
- Learning to listen to God.
- Cultivating inner silence.

## Unity

- Repent of our part in divisions within the Christian Church.
- Honour the God-given strands and seek to weave them together again.
- Consider fellow Christians as 'pilgrims together'.
- Resist all that damages unity or raises barriers between people and the church.
- Seek solidarity with all people in everything except sin.

## Mission

- Sharing our faith with a heart for those estranged from Christ.
- Effective witness through disciplined spirituality.
- Follow the Holy Spirit's leading.
- Speaking out for the poor and the powerless, and against injustice.
- Oppose false teaching through love, sound argument, prayer and demonstration of God's power.
- Dialogue with those in places of authority and influence to bring healing to the lands.

The Community's Way of Life is explained in more detail in our Introductory Booklet and in our Member's Handbook

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## Introduction

The Incarnational Community  
of Aidan & Hilda

## Outline

A brief outline  
of  
The Three Life-giving  
Principles  
and  
The Ten Waymarks

## Principles