

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BISHOP'S STORTFORD

Report to St.Michael's Church APCM 26th April 2020

Chairperson: Clive Weir-St. James Thorley: **Deputy Chairperson:** Chris Goddard-Vineyard Church: **Honorary Secretary:** Christine Neal-Methodist Church: **Honorary Treasurer:** John Emmett-St.Michaels Church

The Member Churches are *All Saints, Baptist, Community Church, Havers Community Church, Holy Trinity, Methodist, St James, St Joseph's, Salvation Army, St Michael's, and United Reformed Church.*

The Associate Members are: *Bishop's Stortford Money Advice Service, Christian Aid, Company at Christmas, Great St Mary's, Sawbridgeworth, Food Bank, Grow, Holiday Bible Week, Portland Child Contact Centre, Stort Valley Schools Trust, Street Pastors, Y.M.C.A., and Thirst Café.*

Representatives from the following organisations and initiatives have spoken at meetings during the year:

The YMCA, Election Hustings, *Love Stortford, Hope for Justice.*

It was noted that *The Good Friday Walk of Witness Holiday Bible Week, Carol Singing in Jackson Square, Company at Christmas* and distribution of the CTBS Christmas card had again all taken place happily and successfully.

Other notable events and successes were *The Week of Prayer, The Lunch Bunch, Community Café and Night Shelter* all managed at Holy Trinity, the *Displaced Persons Exhibition* at The Charis Centre, the *YMCA Summer BBQ*, distribution of leaflets and a Welcome Pack regarding *Stortford North. Lent Try Praying and Catch the Wave. United Service for week of Christian Unity-the Methodist Church.*

Forthcoming Events and Projects

Week of Prayer. 8th -12th June 2020

Churches to focus prayers on a specific area. Suggested so far:

St. Michaels Church	Persecuted Christian.
URC Church	Justice and Peace.
St. James Church Thorley	Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery.
Holy Trinity Church	Homelessness.
Charis Centre	Young people.

Love Stortford Week 15th-19th June Sunday 14th June Love Stortford Walk and Celebratory Service at Charis Centre. 16.30pm. Church Reps to get people to think about ideas. Suggestions welcome.

Carnival Procession. 20th June 2020 Teas and coffees at HTC and Methodist Church. Help requested from other Churches. Eco friendly cups and Fairtrade teas and coffees.

Eco CTBS. Bridge Church is supporting Eco Churches.

The CTBS website is [<http://ctbs.org.uk/>]. Anyone who would like something entered on it should contact David Clapham at the Community Church.

Details of all *Churches Together* current and forthcoming events are posted on the display boards within our Church. Your CTBS representative will be happy to provide more information on any CTBS activities or refer enquirers to the appropriate sources.

7-3-2020 *Margaret Fox and Jocelyn Guilhaumaud BSCCT Representatives.*