

## **FACT Prayer Meeting 22.10.16.**

### **‘Thoughts and burdens’ carried on our hearts as we gathered:**

That we may find the right language to speak the Good News of Jesus afresh to the people of Frome

Discover new ways of engaging the Gospel message in our homes and communities

How can we take Jesus to the people?

Children – young people – unchurched of Frome

For families, young & old, to recognise the missing peace / piece in their lives, and to find a welcome and a relevance in the local church ... so that hope and purpose is restored

To see our local church as more relevant to the needs of the community

For Christians in the community to connect better with enquirers and non-believers

For the church in Frome to regain the ground it’s lost by bringing many people to Christ through renewal and revival

That a more confident heart of our common purpose may overshadow all the cultural issues that divide the churches...

How do we pass the baton to the next generations before it’s too late!

Gifted people to work with children

Churches working together more

The fact people don’t seem to understand that there is a problem with drugs around the Trinity

The Hope team is under estimated – is stronger than people think

I feel a desperate need to Praise our Lord and give thanks – Also to learn to listen to Him

We are going through a very difficult time at present. We pray for the people directly concerned and for the congregation and the future. We believe it will be alright in the end but there is a difficult road ahead. We’d value your prayers.

That we may be a Community of Blessing – making for the transformation of town & villages – Restored to the first love of Jesus (Rev 2 4) – not clinging to the past, but itching to embrace the new things that God is doing to reach a lost generation

The lost generation(s) for whom church is irrelevant, unknown

The feeling that, despite the close fellowship of those actively involved in FACT most congregations seem to live in their own bubble ignoring the above, feeling unable to do anything...

How to reach out to neighbours & the community & convey God's love & plan for their lives to good but humanistic people in this secular age. Especially the young.

Be a better bridge for God's Kingdom

**Collation of information arising from an extended time of prayer/reflection/informal discussion:**

Seek God's Kingdom and His Righteousness (Matt 6: 33 and 34)

Steep your life in God's reality

Give your entire attention to what God is doing now

Habakkuk 2 v4 : Be a Watchman! "Righteous shall live by faith"

Habakkuk 3v18: (*In spite of everything*): "yet I will Praise God"

Encourage our church to move out into our communities with the love of God

"The Way of Blessing": God's Authority to bless our communities

Ps 90 v 2: *Hills of Frome*: "from everlasting to everlasting you are God"

Ps 90 v 17: "may the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us"

**Pictures**

**Feather:** lovely but dirty and rejected. But pruning: old feathers discarded/ new feathers emerging

**Nightingales:** People came to hear the song of the Nightingales: "sing to God a New Song"

**Music and singing:** "All my fountains are in you" Ps 87 v 7

**Tower/Lighthouse** with 4 bases (like Eiffel Tower) fixed in communities in and around Frome. Overall light for town and surrounding area

**David and Goliath:** David felt so much better without his armour (less encumbered)  
1 Samuel 17 v39 and 40

Call to **unshackle the church**

**Magnifying glass:** Concentrate the light: burn and destroy dross

Magnify: "Magnify the Lord with me"

## Notes from “post-it” stickers

As they make music they will sing “All my fountains are in you!” (Ps 87 v 7)

Hab: 2: 20 “The Lord is in His Holy Temple: let all the earth be silent before Him”

Hab 3: 2 “Lord, I have heard of Your fame. I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known, in wrath remember mercy”. **Renew them in our day**: pray for Holy Spirit revival once more: we can do nothing without Him!

1 John 3 v 18: Dear Children, let us love not with words or tongue but with actions and in Truth

Matt 6 v33: Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well

Find a way of representing the churches to the Town Council and the Mayor.

In the environment today acknowledge that being a Christian is more important than denominations. Get to know all the Christians in your local area of Frome. How? Occasionally meet there, instead of where you normally go!! (or is that too revolutionary?)

Full recognition of each other (different churches): existence, difference, strengths and weaknesses.

Praying for each other: regular “prayer call” for the FACT churches and ministries. Eg in each others intercessory prayers each Sunday.

Occasional large “celebration” events encouraging Christians (like G Kendrick and J Welby)

Other initiatives might spring from this.

1 Samuel 17 v39 and 40: We should be like David shaking off the old armour of Saul, nimble and ready for the battle, trusting only in God and what he already had (a sling and 5 smooth stones)