

**MINUTES**

<b>Member Church</b>	<b>Representatives Present</b>
Calne Baptist Church	Francis Bosworth, Stan Woods (Secretary)
Calne Methodist Church	Lyn Cooper (Chair)
Dayspring Church	Carole West
Church of England Parish of Calne & Blackland	Bob Kenway, Kathryn Miller
Catholic Church of St Edmund	Vincent Curtis, Patricia Davies, Elizabeth Hitchens
<b>The Meeting was Quorate</b>	
<b>Member Church</b>	<b>Apologies Received</b>
Calne Methodist Church	Derek Gard (Treasurer), Wendy Tucker
Dayspring	David Halls
Church of England Parish of Calne & Blackland	David Munday
Catholic Church of St Edmund	Rosemary Addington
Calne Baptist Church	Sam King, Terry Mills
<p><b>Polite Reminder:</b> Clause 10 of the constitution states that. "A quorum of the Committee shall be one representative of each Member Church. In the unlikely event of a meeting not being quorate, the minister and/or other representative of the absent member or members are respectfully requested to check any decisions made in these minutes urgently and communicate their affirmation of them, or voice any amendments or objections to any of said content to the Secretary by email without delay, so that the business agreed at the meeting can progress as intended.</p>	

**Welcome (Chair)**

Lyn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Opening Prayer (Vincent)**

**1. Apologies: As above**

**2. Minutes of the Meeting** held 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record, with one amendment: the incorrect spelling of Rosemary as in Rosemary Addington in the attendance record.

**3. Matters Arising**

**a. Open the Book Update & Admin**

Stan reported that OTB was going well. School and children's feedback positive. Could always do with more in the team. Perhaps churches might announce the benefits and need.

Stan has not yet produced an Administrator spec for OTB and a brief description of OTB.

**Action:** Stan will endeavour to do this before the next meeting.

**b. Open Blue Bus Update**

The bus is completed and actively on the road! It still needs an undercover location. Rob Pickford's Farm at Cherhill was suggested.

**Action:** Stan to inform Andy Weeds

**c. Alabare – Rosie Addington**

Rosie had contacted Alabare and they advised her that there was no need to contact the Council re accommodation – hence Stan did not complete this action.

**d. Holding others in prayer**

Previously (Jan Meeting) - Bob said about holding other churches/persons and events in our prayers during the week of prayer. An action on all churches to send Stan prayer requests to be included in a table for circulation did not happen. Francis had offered to handle the social media advertising aspect of week of prayer.

**We misunderstood this intent thinking that it was to be an ongoing suggestion.**

Nevertheless, Francis offered to email all with a suggestion about this could be done.

**Action:** Francis – to be reviewed at next meeting

**e. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Feedback**

The event which Jacki Fox, who sadly died suddenly, was to organise, was modified and which took the form of more of a service of memorial for Jackie.

We didn't plan more than one event for the week – and it was suggested that it may have been better to have done so using existing weekly church events and advertise those open to all and to expect visitors.

**f. Church Partnership Information Leaflet – update**

Some of these folders and inserts had already been distributed. Stan had assembled an updated list of locations and people to place and maintain folders (list attached to the minutes)

Stan had offered to print for these new locations, but had not yet done so.

**Action:** Stan asked all to email him later this week to remind him to do this!

**g. Taize Service: Sunday 20th May at 6pm @ St Mary's.**

**Action:** Bob to send flyer to Stan to distribute.

**h. Lent course 2018 – feedback**

"A brilliant learning event" from those that attended, led by an excellent teacher ably supported by Bob, Wendy, and Linda Carter who led the evening sessions. Discussion was in smaller table groups with corporate feedback during each session. Obviously the degree and depth of discussion at the tables depended on who was around each table.

**i. Easter Week – Good Friday feedback.**

Start time for the walk was too early – start 9.30am if we do this again, and someone from each church to read the station text in the booklet.

Many thanks to Sam for an excellent and dramatic service at CBC which was packed, with extra seats needed at the back of the church.

**j. Summer Walk – update**

Lyn saw Jon Forsyth who suggested 6 Aug or 29 July – route to be completed. Agreed to leave Jon to choose date and advertise to all churches.

**Action:** Lyn to inform John.

**k. Fairtrade Campaign – Church contacts & audit (SW)**

St Mary's have passed a resolution to support the campaign.

**Action:** Bob to send Stan the minute of the PCC meeting.

**l. Foodbank Report & Marden Café update – Further Update/Actions**

It was noted that the Marden Café is being refurbished and is to reopen, so this property is not an option for Foodbank

Tony Trotman has suggested approaching the Chamber of Commerce to see if any

commercial premises could help with storage.

**Action:** Stan to write to them.

**Action:** Francis to ask Colemans Farm Community Centre if they have space

**Action:** Lyn to ask Wendy if she has contacted Glenis re presenting to the council about Foodbank needs.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

Derek had sent his report on accounts to Stan who had circulated it.

##### **Outstanding items:**

It was agreed that the Lent Course Balance should be ring fenced for the OTB account.

**Action:** Derek

It was unclear from Derek's report if the accounts had been examined.

**Action:** Derek to confirm

It was agreed that the Churches contributions be set at £100 each

**Action:** Derek to send invoices and ALL CHURCHES to pay ASAP.

It was agreed to pay for the renewal of the "Calnexion.org.uk" Website for a further two years. Stan will be refreshing the site with links from all other sites bearing relevant and interesting information.

**Action:** Stan

**Action:** Derek to reimburse Stan for renewing the subscription.

Derek gave notice to the Partnership of his intention to resign at the next AGM (January 2019)

**Action:** All members to consider who might fill this important position.

#### 5. Prayer – Lyn

#### 6. Farm Ecumenical Service (Lyn for Rob Pickford)

Agreed to leave it for this year.

However, a barn dance organised by Rob for St Edmunds to take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June would be advertised to all – subject to Rob Pickford's approval.

**Action:** Lyn to speak to Rob.

#### 7. Calnexion Website (see item 4)

#### 8. Pentecost (20<sup>th</sup> May) See item 3g.

#### 9. Future Events including programme of dates

Bob mentioned "Thy kingdom come" an Ascension day to Pentecost initiative by the Archbishop of Canterbury. See Website <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> for more information – "Families & Young People. Bright ideas to help families and young people pray together. Our Kingdom Kit provides everything you need for the eleven days of Thy Kingdom Come"

#### 10. Any Other Business

Vincent has been asked by his bishop to take on Melksham Parish from 23 Sept – This will add significantly to his workload which may require him to review his commitments.

Bob – Teresa Machaux is a new Team Vicar working across the benefice. Teresa will become a part-time House-for-Duty Team Vicar in the Marden Vale Benefice. She will move to Calne from Swindon and will take up here duties after being licensed on Wednesday 13th June at St Mary's Church.

#### 11. Closing Prayer (Bob)



**Calne Partnership of Churches**  
**Quarterly Meeting & AGM**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30 pm**  
**Venue: *Calne Methodist Church Silver Street***