

MINUTES

Member Church	Representatives Present
Calne Baptist Church	Sam King (Minister), Stan Woods (Secretary)
Calne Methodist Church	Lyn Cooper (Chair), Wendy Tucker (Minister)
Dayspring Church	Carole West
Church of England Marden Vale Benefice	Bob Kenway (Marden Vale Team Ministry - Team Rector), Linda Carter (Team Vicar-Marden Vale Team Ministry – Derry Hill, Bremhill & Foxham), Teresa Michaux (Team Vicar-Marden Vale Team Ministry - Parish of Calne and Blacklands)
Catholic Church of St Edmund	Rosemary Addington, Vincent Curtis (Parish Priest), Patricia Davies
The Meeting was Quorate	
Member Church	Apologies Received
Calne Methodist Church	Derek Gard (Treasurer)
Dayspring	David Halls
Church of England Parish of Calne & Blackland	David Munday
Catholic Church of St Edmund	Elizabeth Hitchens
Calne Baptist Church	Francis Bosworth, Terry Mills
<p>Polite Reminder: 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, <u>the minister and/or other representative of the absent member or members</u> 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. In particular a very warm welcome to Linda Carter (Team Vicar – Marden Vale Benefice) and Teresa Michaux (Team Vicar - Marden Vale Benefice)

Everyone introduced themselves.

Opening Prayer (Bob)

1. Apologies: As above

2. Minutes of the Meeting held 11th April 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record, with one amendment: the incorrect spelling of Teresa Michaux's surname.

3. Matters Arising

a. Open the Book Update & Admin

Year 2 storybooks and handbooks had been ordered for the new term starting September. A new batch of children's OTB stickers had also been ordered and received. The cost for 10 copies of the Year 2 books was £100.95 which came in just under the funds reserved by the Partnership for OTB. Sticker were Free of charge but usually attracted a token donation.

The first year was almost completed with very good feedback from staff and children of the two schools involved. Stan asked all to inform their respective churches of the need.

Action: All

It was pointed out that if we could recruit more OTB volunteers (say 5 or 6) the team

could perhaps extend to Derry Hill School.

Stan handed round a short job specification for the OTB Administrator. He explained that he would be standing down from OTB for the next term because of other existing projects that required quality time to address properly. He asked all to inform their respective churches of the need for an OTB Administrator which was not a difficult job but needed a small amount of weekly attention.

Action: All

Action: Stan would email the OTB job spec to all.

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

A lovely evening at St Peters – good to do it again.

c. Open Blue Bus Update

No new information other than it is on the road and still needs an undercover location. Stan had informed Andy Weeds (Blue Bus Project Manager) about Rob Pickford's Farm at Cherhill and suggested he might contact him to see if he had any suitable covered accommodation on his farm.

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 how this could be done. Francis informed Stan that he had nearly finished the paper and will send out very soon.

Action: Francis (to be reviewed at next meeting), Stan to circulate when received.

e. Church Partnership Information Leaflet – update

Stan had printed and issued to Kathryn Miller upon request.

Three other members requested printed sets at this meeting (Lyn, Patricia and Rosey)

Action: Stan to print sets and inform named recipients when ready.

f. Summer Churches Walk – update

Jon Forsyth has set the date for Sunday 29 July – circular route to be completed. Meet on The Green Calne at 2.30pm ending up at the Methodist Church at around 4pm for tea and worship. The full details from Jon were circulated at the meeting

Action: Stan to ask Jon for a soft copy of the document for email circulation to all churches (not just the Partnership) and posting on websites, etc.

g. Fairtrade Campaign – Church contacts & audit (SW)

Stan pointed out that St Mary's had made a positive comment in their last PCC minutes but this had not constituted a firm commitment to the Fairtrade Campaign as requested and required by the Fairtrade Foundation. Bob invited Stan to speak at the forthcoming PCC meeting on Thursday 19th July at 7.30pm at Church House.

Action: Bob to send Stan an email confirming.

Stan briefly mentioned the "**A Gambian Experience**" Events being put on as part of Calne Music & Arts Festival, by Calne Fairtrade Group in collaboration with "*Thriving Through Venture*" (Marlborough base charity), and St Mary's School Calne in collaboration with the John Bentley School. More information on the Festival 2018 website (when published) and now at www.calnefairtrade.org.uk/age (some details still

in planning and will be so until beginning October).

More information from the website or contact Stan Woods 07979 652783

h. Foodbank Report *update* – Further Update/Actions

No new report was available from Mike Burns.

However, since the last meeting the foodbank Team accompanied by Stan & Francis went to view the prospective accommodation at Coleman's Farm Community Centre. After some discussion it was agreed by the team that the two empty rooms would be suitable. Stan wrote to Coleman's Farm Community Centre formally, as from the Partnership, outlining the Food Bank requirements.

Shortly afterwards the Community Centre replied giving a number of reasons why they did not feel they could accommodate the foodbank's requirements. This letter had previously been circulated to the Partnership and Foodbank team.

Previously, Cllr Tony Trotman has suggested approaching the Chamber of Commerce to see if any commercial premises could help with storage. However, in the meantime Lyn had popped into Butfield Breach (Estate agents) to ask if they knew of any suitable accommodation, which at the moment drew a blank.

Action: Stan will formally write to the CofC outlining the requirement. Letter will be circulated.

Action: Wendy will speak to Cllr. Glenis Ansell (Town Mayor) when she returns from holiday to ask to present to the council about Foodbank needs.

Some members asked about how supplies were donated to Calne FoodBank. It was asked whether schools could be given a list of suitable items for donation at harvest time, bearing in mind the need to have products donated with long "use by" dates.

Action: Stan would ask the foodbank team to explain food donation sources and will circulate to members.

4. Treasurer's Report

Derek has been unwell and has not returned to work yet. We wish him well.

Derek sent Stan a summary of the account position (with his apologies) as follows (original email attached to minutes circulation):

The balance our account is £638.72. This does not allow for £100.95 to the Bible Society for Open the Book Year 2 resources, which reduces the balance to **£537.77**.

Derek also confirmed that the accounts have been examined by Louise Hale and that he would let Stan have a signed copy in due course.

The matter was raised again about Derek giving notice to the Partnership of his intention to resign at the next AGM (January 2019). Someone from Calne Methodist is talking to Derek with a view to considering the post.

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

Action: Stan to ask Derek to confirm if all members had paid their subscription.

5. Prayer

Lyn led, and with other members mentioned a number of people who were especially remembered in prayer.

6. "Thy Kingdom Come" – feedback on the Archbishop's initiative

Bob commented on the "Thy kingdom come" 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”

Generally felt that it was a Christian initiative that appealed across denominations and is ongoing.

7. Street Pastors – Email and papers from The Mayor Cllt Glenis Ansell

Stan had circulated the Mayor’s papers before the meeting, and he read out the key points Glenis had made in her introductory emails on the subject.

There was some discussion about Street Pastors and clearly some present had experience of Street Pastors in other places.

Three churches so far had offered that support in principle to Glenis’s initiative. It was agreed that, as Glenis had confirmed her attendance at the October Meeting, that some time should be spent on discussion towards achieving clarity of thought about the needs in Calne and the aims and objectives which may “fit” a Street Pastors structure. This was to determine clearly what may and may not work for Calne in this context. In addition, it was understood that Street Pastors are well thought of by the police – and it would be wise to determine what the local police view is on the “fit” in Calne.

Action: Stan to table this as a substantial agenda item for the October meeting.

8. Future Events including programme of dates

Lent course 2019 – It was mentioned that none (other than Linda and Richard) from Derry Hill and outlying places attended, even though reports of the course were outstanding. Linda thought that next year she may need to do something local at Derry Hill as well as being involved in a wider initiative.

Suggestions included the Theme of Environment with the Bishop of Salisbury.

Other names were mentioned including an author on the environment..

Action: Bob to approach the Bishop to see what could be planned.

Remembrance Sunday 2018 – 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI

Bob said that the town was hoping for visitors from the Town’s twinning partners from France, Germany and the USA.

-An idea elsewhere of transparent Silhouettes of those who died locally in WWI/II was interesting, but this was for a smaller number than would be the case in Calne.

-There would be a Civic Service at 10am.

9. Any Other Business

GDPR – The subject of the new General Data Protection Regulation arose not addressed at the April Meeting.

Action: Stan to add to next agenda

10. Closing Prayer (Vincent)