

## MINUTES

<b>Member Church</b>	<b>Representatives Present</b>
Calne Baptist Church	Francis Bosworth, Sam King
Calne Methodist Church	Lyn Cooper, Wendy Tucker
Dayspring Church	
Church of England Parish of Calne & Blackland	Kathryn Miller (Secretary for this meeting), Bob Kenway (part meeting)
Catholic Church of St Edmund	Elizabeth Hitchens (Chairman), Patricia Davies, Rosemary Addington (new rep.)
<b>The Meeting was not Quorate</b>	
<b>Member Church</b>	<b>Apologies Received</b>
Calne Baptist	Terry Mills, Stan Woods (Secretary)
Calne Methodist	Derek Gard (Treasurer)
Dayspring	Carole West
Parish of Calne & Blackland	David Munday
Catholic Church of St Edmund	Vincent Curtis
<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 <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 of the meeting can progress as intended.</u></p>	

### Welcome (Elizabeth Hitchens)

Elizabeth welcomed Rosemary Addington as a new representative for St. Edmund's and introduced those present.

### Opening Prayer (Wendy Tucker)

#### 1. Apologies (as attendance record above)

#### 2. Minutes of AGM meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The minutes were approved by those present at the previous meeting and signed by the Chairman.

#### 3. Matters Arising

- a. Elizabeth has sent letters as agreed. Sam commented that the sponsorship by the Bible Society was rather more than the original £6,000 they had agreed (the registration fee with GBR). The Town Council had also contributed to cover needs.

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b. Youth Matters

Howard Marshall Youth Meetings

Attendance at this had been difficult because some representatives were not sent minutes or dates for meetings. Bob was not able to attend when meetings were arranged for Mondays.

Francis and Kathryn had attended a meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Positive ideas were put forward regarding possible input from local youths towards running a “café caravan” to be taken to Skate Park area. Howard has stated that no further meetings will be held until after the Local Council Elections in May.

(Francis will forward minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> March to all representatives)

(Bob joins meeting)

Bob has not contacted Jason Tudor (Head Teacher for John Bentley).

(Add to Agenda for next meeting)

c. “Open the Book”

Bible Society rep (Val Ralston) will run a training day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July for those wanting to commit to the activity. All partnership representatives and those who had indicated interest at the briefing session had been emailed details.

Elizabeth has contacted St. Edmund’s school but details of input cannot be arranged until after training has taken place and presenting team/s are formed.

**ACTION: All - Publicise training day and encourage people to attend.**

d. Open Blue Bus

Terry sent an email update:

“The conversion is on track for completion in the summer. We have enough funds to complete it with the exception of a canopy which would have been really good. We would need another £2000 to purchase this.

Garaging is still the biggest concern, Andy is investigating a couple of possibilities.

We have received some funding to carry out some activities from September. Mainly from Greensquare to support some of their new developments, youth work in Chippenham, Corsham and Malmesbury and one pot cookery courses.”

There was discussion of similarities with BIOS projects that Rosemary had experienced in Swindon. Bob confirmed that BIOS had made an appearance in Calne but had not been developed here.

**ACTION: Elizabeth** to send Terry details of a Chippenham charity that may be able to support this project, also

**ACTION: Bob** to contact Lord Lansdowne to see if Calne Welfare Charity might be able to help.

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e. Westbury Cross Point visit

This item will be removed from further agendas until Sam is able to report on a visit. There was discussion to give Rosemary background.

f. Lent Groups (feedback)

Elizabeth and Tricia explained that some St. Edmund's people had been following a 12 week course titled "**The Big Picture**" put together by CaFE (Catholic Faith Explored) and the Bible Society. Next week (13<sup>th</sup>) will be a session to consider the merits of the course. Elizabeth commented that twelve weeks had seemed a long time but it has passed quickly because the course was varied and interesting, based on both Old and New Testament passages. Meetings were held in St. Edmund's school library.

The Ecumenical Group that used to meet at The Wharf are enjoying using "**Staying Close**". Four more people joined for Lent the eight who meet monthly throughout the year. Lyn commented that it was valuable and at times challenging.

The "Who Cares" series of talks arranged by Dayspring with Ann Massey at Derry Hill have been valued by those who have attended from a variety of churches and places. The speakers were varied but all presented their subjects well. The evenings were well planned and organised. Wendy and Bob thought it might be possible to set up a similar series in Calne next year.

**ACTION: Wendy and Bob** to prepare plans for next meeting.

**ACTION: Kathryn** to send letters of appreciation to Derry Hill and Dayspring.

Diocese of Salisbury booklet "**Praying Together**" **Lent 2017** had been well received by many in the Parish and beyond. This booklet was made freely available throughout the Diocese. It contained short Bible Reading, Reflection, Prayer and Action for each day during Lent. The handy size made it easy to take around. Bob gave a few copies to some members who had not already seen them.

Three small Parish groups are using the Course booklet "**Life Source**".

g. Church Partnership Information Leaflet

*In February, Steven Colby gave Elizabeth a quote from Jake of Jamprint  
A5 Folder, 350gsm Silk, 1 Colour print  
100 = £259, 200 = £295, 500 = £360*

*This was circulated to all partnership members for comment. There was little response.*

A more recent update from Steven indicated that information for the Methodist's leaflet was still required. **ACTION: Wendy**

Ministers appreciated that Steven was using the same format to present each churches' information. A discussion followed relating to the various churches that would be included even though they were not Partnership members.

It was agreed that Partnership funds could still be used. Where the folders would be available was considered, to determine how many copies would be required. Places

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included the Calne Christian Bookshop, the Town Information Centre and The Hub in the Library. Churches were discounted because leaflets could be collected from the other places to give to new neighbours.

The information is likely to go out of date relatively quickly so a print run of 250-300 was suggested. Further quotes are needed before an amount can be agreed.

**ACTION: Elizabeth to continue liaising with Steven**

h. Financial Procedures to be included on Agenda for next meeting  
Stan will speak to Derek Gard with respect to implementing them.

**ACTION: Stan**

i. **Vice Chairman** Lyn Cooper agreed to take on this role with the support of other Partnership members. It was noted that there was precedence for a newcomer to take on Officer roles.

Further efforts will be made to recruit more lay representatives but the commitments of active church members make this difficult. Many people have served their time in various capacities for their churches and need to step back rather than take on new roles.

j. Food Bank – Elizabeth has written to express thanks to Eleanor Bujalska.

k. Good Friday

**Stations of the Cross Procession** will start from St. Edmund's Church, Oxford Road at 9.30 am aiming to arrive at the Methodist Church before 10.40 am.

**ACTION: Bob** to send out readings Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

**United Service** at Methodist Church, Silver Street at 11 am.

l. Songs of Praise on the Green, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 3 pm – approx. 4 pm.

Elizabeth reported that St. Edmund's musicians would participate and Stan Woods will provide a Sound System. She circulated a list of ten "hymns" on the theme of Unity. It was agreed that any other hymns that members would like to add or replace these should be emailed to Elizabeth. Help will be needed to collect gazebos from storage behind Iceland, set them up on The Green, later dismantle and return.

**ACTION: Elizabeth** to contact Stan Woods and David Munday to arrange a date to meet to consider further organisation.

**ACTION: Kathryn** to contact Chris Robins to book use of Gazebos.

m. Ecumenical Walk – 20<sup>th</sup> August was agreed s preferred date.

**ACTION: Kathryn** to contact Jon Forsyth.

n. Calne Baptist Church Field - continued prayers requested as the church decided on financial possibilities.

There was discussion of representatives experiences or knowledge of other churches who had sold buildings. It was noted that the proprietor of Marden Café had died recently. This

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left the regular clientele without a suitable venue in Calne.

**4. Treasurer's Report** – none received.  
(Reminder annual subscriptions of £50 are due.)

**5. Prayer** – Elizabeth led Bidding Prayers.

**6. Taize Service**

Bob suggested that this could be held in the summer at St. Peter's Church, Blackland.  
18<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm was agreed. **ACTION: Bob** to arrange and circulate details.

**7. Any Other Business** - none

**8. Closing Prayer (Bob Kenway)**

**Next meeting** Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Catholic Church of Edmund 7.30 pm