

Minutes

©	Representatives Present
Calne Baptist Church	Sam King (Minister), Stan Woods (Secretary), Francis Bosworth,
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), Teresa Michaux (Team Vicar-Marden Vale Team Ministry - Parish of Calne and Blacklands), Jenny Colby
Catholic Church of St Edmund	Rosemary Addington, Vincent Curtis (Parish Priest), Patricia Davies, Elizabeth Hitchens
The Meeting was Quorate	
Member Church	Apologies Received
Calne Methodist Church	Derek Gard (Treasurer)
Calne Baptist Church	Terry Mills
Dayspring	David Halls
<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>	

Quarterly Meeting Business

Welcome & Opening Prayer (Lyn)

1. Apologies
As header above
2. Minutes of meeting held on 17th October 2018 to be agreed and signed as a true record.
– agreed unanimously.
3. Matters Arising
 - a. **Street Pastors** – no further info.
Action: Stan will drop a line to Glenis to ask for an update. **(Done)**
 - b. **Christmas Day Lunch** – Reports from Glenis and Robert and a guest Stan spoke to said that it was very well received and a very enjoyable occasion. Stan reported that both Glenis and Robert have said they are looking forward to organising it again in 2019.
 - c. **100th Anniversary of the end of WW1** – about 1000 attended (inside and outside the church) – it was good to welcome our German visitors from the twinned town. Good conversations about keeping the links. – The "silhouettes" were impressive and emotionally moving.
 - d. **Fairtrade Campaign** – Fairtrade Town Application – Stan updated the meeting. A Fairtrade Town Award Application had been submitted to the Fairtrade Foundation at the beginning of January – a decision could be expected by 2nd week in February. The Fairtrade Fortnight (Feb25-March11) main event this year will be in **Calne Library** on Saturday 2nd March 4.30pm-7.30pm – please see www.calnefairtrade.org.uk/FTF2019 for details of the programme.
Stan mentioned that he had never received replies to letters sent to Bowood catering businesses and Lord Lansdowne regarding their potential part in the Fairtrade

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Campaign.

Action: Stan to send copies to Bob **(Done)**

- e. **Open the Book** – Update – Marden Vale as usual, Holy Trinity every week now, St Edmund's now once a month on Tuesdays but only for one class. Very well received. Jenny asked for more volunteers to join the OTB Team.
 - f. **Open Blue Bus for Calne Youth** – Update on funds – Private donations are now at £600.00 with other cash coming from an event in Marlborough last year. Bob mentioned that St Mary's would include the OBB for Calne Youth in its giving this year. Wendy mentioned Swindon Youth for Christ has a van with outside display screens. Worth following up to see what they do.
Action: Stan
 - g. **Summer Walks** – Jon Forsyth's response to disabled access to walks. Stan mentioned the Jon did not think the Partnership suggestion about vetting walks for disabled access capability was viable.
Action: Stan to forward Jon Forsyth's email response. **(Done)**
 - h. **Church Partnership Information Leaflet** – update. Stan to send file to Bob for printing. St Edmunds change has been done.
Action: Stan **(Done)**
 - i. **Lent course 2019** – April. Subject – climate change & sustainable living, including a speaker on a novel way of recycling plastic by reducing it back to oil.
Action: Bob to send programme for distribution
 - j. **Foodbank Report** – Situation similar to last meeting. Wendy understood that Glenis was still thinking about possible locations following the presentation to Town Council.
 - k. **Future Events** list – review of 2018
 - l. **Pentecost** – Teresa mentioned a Prayer event being planned
Action: Teresa to send Stan a note about it for circulation.
As an aside, Jenny mentioned that Freda Ackroyd from CBC is planning something more on Dementia Friendly Services.
 - m. **GDPR Policy** for CPC (Statement Attached) Stan drew attention to the statement. As no one had any objection to it or anything to be amended Stan would tidy it up and file it. **Action:** Stan
 - n. Surviving Winter Grants – Members were encouraged to tell people in our churches about the scheme – info already circulated to partnership.
Action: All
 - o. Calne Baptist – Update – Sam gave a brief update. Northern Area Planning Committee expected to have it on their agenda for their 27th February @ 3pm meeting. The agenda is not published until the week before the meeting. There is a meeting on 31 January @ 3pm but it is not expected that the town plan item will on this agenda. Meeting Venue for both of these meetings is: Council Chamber - Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham, SN15 1ER
See www.calne-baptist.org.uk/townplan for updates
All encouraged to attend the planning meeting!
4. **Prayer** – Particularly for Christian Unity (Lyn)
After the prayer Jenny Colby mention the arrangements for the **Service of Prayer for Christian Unity** (details and poster already circulated) and request for readers.
5. **Easter-11am Good Friday Service** (Methodist Church). Walk to begin at St. Edmunds and end at CMC.
Banners in shops – Lyn to ask - Elizabeth to help take the actual banners.
Action: Lyn & Elizabeth

6. 2019 Meetings – Confirmed

Wednesday Apr 10th (CMC) then Thursdays - Jul 11th (St Edmunds), Oct 17th (CBC) and Jan 16th 2020 Church House.

AGM Business

7. Chairman's Report (Accepted as circulated at the meeting)

8. Treasurer's Report

Derek was unable to present the accounts as the final bank statement had not arrived. However, we should also note that he is still recovering from serious illnesses.

The bank position is similar to the last meeting (see October minutes), apart from extra monies coming into the account for the Blue Bus project.

Derek will complete the task as soon as possible (but see election of Treasurer below)

The accounts will be presented for adoption at the April meeting.

9. Election of Officers

a. **Chairman** – Lyn Cooper (2nd Year) -confirmed

b. **Dayspring** (to be selected) Carole West from Dayspring will stand as it is their turn to be chairman in 2020/21 & 2023/24.

c. **Secretary** – to be appointed – Stan was standing down as minuted in 2018 AGM No other candidate was proposed at the meeting. The members were asked to find a candidate as soon as possible.

Action: ALL (Ministers should lead on this)

Stan would complete the business following this meeting and then stand down after assisting Derek Gard and the new Treasurer (see below) to complete the changeover.

Action: Stan

d. **Treasurer** – Stan explained that Andy Miller (St Mary's) had agreed to keep the books with conditions. Stan had agreed with him that he would attend only the AGM to present the accounts, would provide quarterly reports for the meeting to the Secretary and obviously manage the account in respect of cheques, etc. Stan would assist the changeover by providing a spreadsheet model which would keep the account reports up to date. Proposed Stan Woods, Seconded Sam King, all were in favour.

Action: Stan, Andy and Derek.

Francis announced that he would be standing down as one of the CBC reps at this meeting. He is standing aside from a number of external duties to be more available to assist his wife.

Thanks to Francis for his time on the Partnership.

10. Annual Ratification of Foundation Statement

The meeting read this statement together.

11. Review of past year – Covered in Lyn's report

12. Any Other Business

- Sam thanked Stan for his time as Secretary of the Partnership.
- Government consultation on the definition of "extremism" and briefing from the "Christian Institute". This had been circulated by Elizabeth, and Stan provided some

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copies at the meeting. Elizabeth mentioned that we should take the consultation seriously and respond to help avoid strongly held minority views from being considered extremism.

- Parish Nursing – Wendy reminded everyone that the Parish Nurse Service was no longer operating. Stan said he had already updated the CBC website, but he had noticed the CMC website needed updating.

Action: Wendy

Wendy asked whether anyone knew of a Christian Nurse who might be interested in taking on the Service.

13. Closing Prayer - Bob