



Calne Partnership of Churches Meeting
Thursday 17 October 2019 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Calne Baptist Church, Calne

Minutes 17 October 2019

Representatives

Rose Addington	- St Edmund's Parish Church
Jenny Colby	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands
Lyn Cooper	- Calne Methodist Church
Elizabeth Hitchens	- St Edmund's Parish Church
Bob Kenway	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands
Sam King	- Calne Baptist Church
Teresa Michaux	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands
John Michaux	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands
Andy Miller	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands
Carole West	- Dayspring

1. Introductory Prayer by Lyn Cooper.

2. Apologies Wendy Tucker, Father Vincent, Dave Halls, Patricia Davies, Fr. Vincent, David Munday

Matters Arising

3. As this meeting was quorate the minutes of the previous three meetings were signed by the chair after being approved unanimously.

- Street Pastors - three representatives have signed the agreement.
Action - Lyn Cooper is to contact Glenis to say Sam King needs to be contacted before he goes away on holiday on 22 October in order to sign the agreement on behalf of the Baptist Church
- Open the Book - Jenny reported that St Edmund's School session is now taking place on the first Thursday at pm.
Action - more volunteers are needed so please can members encourage Church members to consider joining in with this work.
- Open Blue Bus - going ahead young people are taking part
- Summer Walk - fewer participants as it clashed with another church event but was enjoyed by those who went.
- Pentecost 2020 - the 12 Hours of Prayer event will be taking place next year again.

Action - Teresa to email information after Christmas to get plans afoot.

4. Treasurer's Report - Andy was given approval to pay the outstanding invoices of £67 & £72 as per his report. He is also to inform the bank of the change of treasurer and it was agreed that the signatories were to be: Andy Miller, Elizabeth Hitchens, Sam King, Lyn Cooper and John Michaux. It was also agreed to review the need for subscriptions from the member churches in January.

Action- invoices to be paid, signatories to be confirmed and subscriptions to be put on the agenda for the January meeting.

5. Eco Church - Sam King reported that Arocha, <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>, has an Eco Church audit process which the Baptist Church is starting. It was felt that after the Lent talks and Calne becoming a fair-trade town that this was something that should not be forgotten. Bob Kenway reported that St Mary's was working towards starting out on the audit process.

Action - It was agreed that members take this information back to member churches for consideration and also the theme be again pursued as part of the 2020 Lent talks.

6. Remembrance Sunday - Bob confirmed that the annual Remembrance Service at St Mary's would be at 10:00 on 10 November and the ceremony at the War Memorial would start with the two minute silence at 11:00. There is to be a schools' remembrance service at 10:15 on Friday 8 November at 10:15.

7. Future events:

- Week of prayer for Christian Unity 18 -25 January 2020
- Advent Sunday Service at St Mary's 1 December at 18:00
- Ministers to bring ideas to the next meeting about Lent talks
- The Good Friday Service 2020 will be after the Walk of Witness at Calne Baptist Church. (Easter Sunday 2020 is on 12 April)

Action - St Edmund's Church to be asked if they would hold a service in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Jenny Colby to email information and details of the service to St Edmund's members. Bob Kenway to invite churches to the Advent Day Service. Ministers to talk about Lent talk proposals at the next meeting.

8. Any Other Business - the following items were tabled prior to the meeting:

- Christmas Card - Teresa Michaux suggested that the Partnership produce a Christmas Card for those moving into the new houses in Calne with information about Christmas Services on them. This would be then delivered

to the houses in High Penn and Silver St. This was felt to be feasible, especially with the support of any congregation members who had moved into the new estates being built.

Action - Teresa to organise a meeting for those interested in the next two weeks and to look at materials published by CPO <https://www.cpo.org.uk/>, and to work out design, prices etc.

- Messy Church - Teresa has asked previously if the other churches would support a Messy Church service on a weekday. Bob has been in touch with Marden Vale School and would be reporting back

Action - Bob and Teresa to report back on any progress

- Syria - John highlighted the request for prayer from Open Door about the situation in Syria.

Action - members asked to encourage prayer and the request for financial support from Open Door.

- Hustings - given the likelihood of a General Election it was felt that the Partnership consider hosting a hustings for candidates from the major parties.

Action - members to forward ideas about suitable chairpersons to Lyn as soon as possible.

9. The Closing Prayer was given by Lyn Cooper

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16 January at 7:30 in Church House St Mary's.