



**Calne Partnership of Churches Meeting**  
**Thursday 14 January 2021 at 7.30 pm**  
**Venue: Zoom**

Minutes 14 January 2021

**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
Pam Stranks	- Calne Methodist Church
Carole West	- Dayspring
Tricia Davies	- St Edmund's Parish Church
Joanne Williams	- Calne Methodist Church
Terry Mills	- Calne Baptist Church

**Introductory Prayer** by Carole West.

Carole welcomed everyone to this Zoom Meeting which was the first full meeting for 12 months.

1. **Apologies** Father Vincent, Dave Halls, Andy Miller.
2. As this meeting was quorate the minutes of the previous meeting of 16 January 2020 were signed.
3. **Matters Arising** each Church was asked to give a brief update of their situation in the current lockdown and also during the whole of the current pandemic.
  - Parish of Calne and Blacklands - this was now closed again and services were being held on You Tube as the Parish adapted to the current situation. The Parish had particularly enjoyed the Partnership Christmas online Service
  - Calne Baptist Church was similarly grappling with holding services online

- Calne Methodist Church again was holding services online with Corsham and Bromham. The Church is heavily reliant on Zoom to stay connected. Services are also recorded and a written version is also sent out where necessary. It was still evident though that God was at work in the current situation.
  - St Edmund's Church Mass is being held on a Thursday evening and twice on Sunday. Numbers are limited, places must be pre booked and social distancing etc. observed. This third lockdown was affecting people far more. The school was also sending out resources.
  - Dayspring was hosting services on YouTube and contact with members was largely through phone calls.
4. **Chair's Report** - Carole felt she had little to add as we had not met and the Partnership due to the situation had not been able to hold any of its planned activities. She did point out that the Christmas Service had had 250+ views which suggested that more had watched it.
  5. **Lent Proposal** - Sam suggested that the Partnership support the Big Lent Church Read which is 'Living His Story' and is Archbishop Welby's book for Lent. (see <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/living-his-story/> for more information). It is £8.95 a copy but if we order 30+ then this would be reduced to £6.95. This was agreed and Sam King would take the lead on this.  
**Action: Sam King**
  6. **Easter Service** - it was agreed that we would do a joint You Tube service and the details would be finalised at the forthcoming Ministers' meeting.  
**Action: Partnership Ministers**
  7. **Subscriptions** the agreed £100 per church subscription has not been collected in the past year as there has not been a need for it. Sam would liaise with the Treasurer and may need to come back to members for subscriptions if it was necessary to underwrite the cost of the Lent Books (see point 5 above).  
**Action: Sam King, Andy Miller and Partnership representatives if necessary.**

8. **2021 Meetings** this was problematic due to the current lockdown, it was proposed and agreed that the next formal meeting would be on 17th June at 7.30 either on Zoom or at a venue to be confirmed if regulations allowed. The next AGM was fixed for Thursday 13th January 2022 at 7.30 pm at a venue to be confirmed.

**9. Any other business**

- Week of Christian Unity - this was next week , (18th - 22nd January). There would be no formal Church service as in the past, but churches would be invited to the Compline Service on 22nd January at 8.00 pm. Bob would be sending out the link for this Zoom meeting to the churches. It was also suggested that the Prayer Walk developed by St Mary's could be used in this week as well (to be sent out with these minutes)

**Action: Bob Kenway - link for Compline Service & John Michaux for Prayer Walk details.**

- Open the Book - Jenny reported that this had been held using Zoom twice and had been again requested by one of the schools. It will be recorded and used as part of the home schooling project.
- Foodbank - this is now a separate Charity and has moved to temporary accommodation at 4a Mill St. Thanks was expressed for the Partnership's support of this project and especially the work of Eleanor. The town was very generous in its support and the demand for its services had grown in the past weeks.
- Blue Bus - this had not been in operation over the past year due to the pandemic. Some work had happened using alternative formats in other communities but as such there had been no request for funding.

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The AGM was then held:

The following posts were confirmed:

Chair - Carole West

Secretary - John Michaux

Treasurer - it was requested that subject to his agreement that Andy Miller be asked to stay as Treasurer. This has now been confirmed.

Andy has confirmed that as agreed unless there was a need for funding no subscription would be requested from Partnership Churches. The accounts are not

subject to the Charities Act 2011 but have been examined independently and have raised no concern. The current balance is £82.21

The Foundation statement was read and ratified by all.

**The Closing Prayer** was given by Bob Kenway

**The next meeting will be on 17th June at 7.30.**