Calne Partnership of Churches Meeting
Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday 12 October 2022 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Baptist Church Calne

Representatives

Rose Addington	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	
Linda Carter	- Marden Vale Benefice	- Apologies
Jenny Colby	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands	
Steven Colby	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands	
Lyn Cooper	- Calne Methodist Church	
Father Vincent Curtis	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	- Apologies
Tricia Davies	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	- Apologies
Derek Gard	- Calne Methodist Church	- Apologies
Dave Halls	- Dayspring	- Apologies
Elizabeth Hitchens	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	
Craig Manley	- Calne Methodist Church	
Teresa Michaux	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands	
John Michaux	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands	
Andy Miller	- Calne and Blacklands	- Apologies
Terry Mills	- Calne Baptist Church	- Apologies
Teresa Quinn	- St. Edmund's Church	- Apologies
Carole West	- Dayspring	
Joanne Williams	- Calne Methodist Church	- Apologies
Jenny Woods	- Calne Baptist Church	

In attendance Stan Woods representing Calne Fairtrade.

Quarterly Business Meeting

1. Welcome and opening prayer - Steven
   A very warm welcome was given to Craig following his recent appointment to Calne.

Minutes

2. Apologies - Noted see above

3. Minutes of previous meeting As there were representatives from each church, the meeting was quorate and so the minutes of the meeting of 6 July were passed as being a true record and signed by the chair.

4. Matters Arising:

a. Report on Ministers' Meeting - Since the retirement of Bob Kenway, and Sam King taking up his new post, there has not been a ministers meeting. The workload on ministers has increased tremendously, especially since the recent death of Revd Derek Frost, as well as Father Vincent getting increased responsibility for Melksham. Craig will follow up by contacting ministers to explore the idea of meeting up. Other church news planning permission for the Calne Baptist Church has been turned down by Calne Town Council. It now goes to Wiltshire County Council for final consideration. St. Edmunds this year is supporting the Harbour Project.
b. Calne Bike Meet - this was on 30 July. Both the Baptist Church and St. Mary's were encouraged by the response and interest. They look forward to being involved next year.
c. The Fair Trade event had been postponed because of the weather. The next one will be on Saturday 15 October. Stan Woods also gave an update on Calne's Fairtrade Status, which is due to be renewed in 2023. The meeting wanted to encourage St. Mary's to work towards being a Fairtrade Church.
d. Harvest - various harvest celebrations have taken place and the Foodbank is extremely grateful for the support it has received.
e. Open the Book, still waiting details on the subscription
f. No progress has yet been made on a website and Twitter feed, but this is to be pursued still.

5. Warm Places initiative. This is a project to provide Warm Places during the winter that people can go to. The Town Council has resources to support this. The Baptist Church will be offering this on Monday. Tuesday it will be in the Town Hall. Wednesday, the Methodist Church. Thursday it was thought support would come from the Free Church. It was hoped that St. Mary's will offer this on a Friday. This project will start the first week in November and places intend being open from 10:00 - 4:00.

6. The Angel Tree Project - this is a project run by the Prison Fellowship to enable prisoners to give Christmas presents to children - more details on https://prisonfellowship.org.uk/our-work/angel-tree/

7. Messy Church - this will be started by the Methodist Church in the New Year and happen once a month. They intend to run it ecumenically, please contact Derek Gard for more information.

8. Home for Good - Derek Gard introduced the work of Home for Good (https://homeforgood.org.uk/). Its work was commended and provided good resources and also were willing to come to talk at services etc.

9. Publicity - each member church was asked to check its publicity leaflets in the Partnership Folders and to **urgently** send updates to Steven Colby.

10. Advent and Christmas - it was felt to be too late to prepare an Advent course, but there was support for a joint leaflet on Christmas services. (**please send details to John to collate by November 13th**)

It was also noted that the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity would be from 18 to 25 January 2023. Craig agreed to host a joint service on Sunday 22 January at 6 pm and will be in touch with colleagues to support this.

11. The Foodbank is busy supporting the community. An update was given, and it was noted the increase in demand for its services. It is still without a permanent home and will most likely need to leave its current premises in 12 months. The Foodbank is also looking to work with other groups and will approach them in due course. Members were asked to highlight the need for volunteers in their notices.

12. AOB

a. The Blue Bus has returned on Fridays
b. Community First are holding a meeting on Disability Awareness on 19 October from 9:30 to 3:00 at Marden House
c. Stan Woods hoped to restart CAP courses soon, please contact him for more details.
d. The Remembrance Day service would be on 13 November at 10:15 at the War Memorial in St. Mary's Churchyard.
e. Rob Pickford has been in contact re a Walk for Witness in conjunction with Cherhill Church using their cross as it is taken up to the Hill outside Cherhill. To be discussed at the next meeting.
f. 29 October, Calne Choral Society will be give a performance of Eternal Light by Howard Goodall.

The meeting closed at 9:12 pm and the next meeting is on Wednesday 11 January at 7:30 in Church House. This will also be followed by the AGM. At the AGM, the dates of future meetings will be decided, so please bring your diaries.