# Calne Partnership of Churches
# Quarterly Meeting
**Thursday 27 April 2023 at 7.30 pm**
**Venue: Methodist Church Calne**

Welcome & Opening Prayer (Steven Colby)

**Quarterly Meeting Business**

**Representatives**

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| Steven Colby | - Parish of Calne and Blacklands | |
| Rose Addington | - St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church | |
| Linda Carter | - Marden Vale Benefice | - Apologies |
| Jenny Colby | - Parish of Calne and Blacklands | |
| Lyn Cooper | - Calne Methodist Church | |
| Father Vincent Curtis | - St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church | |
| Derek Gard | - Calne Methodist Church | |
| Dave Halls | - Dayspring | - Apologies |
| Elizabeth Hitchens | - St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church | - Apologies |
| Craig Manley | - Calne Methodist Church | - Apologies |
| 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 | |
| Teresa Quinn | - St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church | |
| David Sandberg | - Open Blue Bus in attendance | |
| Carole West | - Dayspring | |
| Jenny Wood | - Calne Baptist Church | |
| Joanne Williams | - Calne Methodist Church | - Apologies |

1. **Minutes of meeting** held on 11 January 2023 agreed and signed as a true record.

2. **Matters Arising**
   a. Progress on Ministers' Meetings - unfortunately, owing to Craig's health problems no progress has been made on this - the meeting sent him best wishes for a speedy recovery and that he and his family were in our prayers
   b. Feedback on Lent talks, Easter Services etc.
   It was felt that these went well. The Theatre performance was a sell out. The Good Friday service was felt to be excellent. Many members appreciated too, joining in with the walk at Cherhill on Good Friday.
   c. Feedback on Warm Space initiative and future development
   This initiative to the current economic situation has gone particularly well at the Methodist and Baptist Churches. Numbers on a Wednesday can be as high as 30. So the Baptist Church on a Monday and the Methodist Church on a Wednesday will still be providing sessions. Church House will operate a drop in on two Fridays a month. The Calne Community Spaces Flyer will be circulated for members to circulate.
   d. Church Information Sheets Update
   Little progress has been made on this, but contact has been made with Churchill Retirement Living and once they have appointed a manager for the unit some of the leaflets will be distributed.

**4. Opening dialogue with other churches in the town**
It was felt that this is something worth pursuing but given the current situation with the lack of ministers, this was put back till the autumn agenda.

**5. Open the Book and Subscription Scheme**
It was agreed that we join the membership scheme as from July 2023 and pay the fee of £180 (i.e. £20 per participant). Proposed by DG and seconded by CW

**6. Bike Meet arrangements**
This is on 29 July. The Baptist Church will be offering refreshments and Helmet storage and St Mary's will have a Holy Communion Service at 12 noon.

**7. Thoughts on Advent events**
Advent will soon be upon us, so it is important that members bring ideas as to what we want to see happen to the next meeting.

**8. Any Other Business to be notified at start of the meeting**

David Sandberg gave a talk on the Open Blue project. He has led the project since 2021, but it has been in existence since 2002. It works with young people in rural areas and is now in Calne on Fridays from 6 to 7 in the lower Pippin car park. They are funded till February 2024, but are in need of volunteers. Please contact (information to be sent separately) David, and please advertise this amazing project and appeal throughout your churches, if you can help. More information will be circulated, but also visit http://www.openblue.org.uk/.

Messy Church now happens on two Sundays a month at the Methodist Church, but is a Partnership event. It has had up to 32 people attending, and thanks go to Michelle for her efforts in this. Please advertise this across your churches.

St Mary's Under Fives (SMUFs) meets on Tuesdays 10 - 11.30 in Church House and would welcome new members.

Teresa talked about the fact that around 70 men are being housed under the government accommodation scheme at the Wiltshire Country Club and Hotel just outside Royal Wootton Bassett. The Partnership of Churches in Wootton Bassett is looking at how to help them, and Terry and Jenny will liaise to see what help we can offer.

The plans for the Baptist Church have been approved despite some local opposition. Prayers were asked for, as this is taken forward.

It was noted that the Revd Linda Carter has resigned for health reasons and although not present she was thanked for her help and support. Her last service at Derry Hill will be on 9 July.

The Methodist Church will be doing some modifications to its entrance to make it more welcoming.

The idea was floated about organising a games/social evening for the Partnership to be discussed further.

**Meeting closed at 8.45**