Calne Partnership of Churches
Quarterly Meeting & Annual General Meeting
Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Church House, 30 Church Street, Calne, SN11 0HU

Present

Rose Addington	St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church
Caspar Bush	Parish of Calne and Blacklands
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
John Michaux	Parish of Calne and Blacklands
Teresa Michaux	Parish of Calne and Blacklands
Craig Manley	Calne Methodist Church
Terry Mills	Calne Baptist Church
Carole West	Dayspring

Welcome & Opening Prayer (Steven)

Quarterly Meeting Business

1. **Apologies** were received from Derek Gard, Jenny Wood, Elizabeth Hitchens, Teresa Quinn, Joanne Williams, Dave Halls, Andy Miller

2. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 10th October 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising**
   a. Ministers Meetings - this will be held on February 13 at 12 noon at the Methodist Manse
   b. Care Home Services these are happening once a month at The Firs and Marden Court with support from Calne Evangelical Church
   c. Feedback on Lantern Parade stall - this went well and was felt to have been a useful and good experience. Recognition that in some ways the stand was in a prime position, it was not ideal when the music played or when the parade started, but it was felt that this was outweighed by its prime location outside the library.
   d. Leaflets in the Library adjourned to next meeting

4. **Visiting Speaker -** Kirsty Cross Community Volunteer Manager from Safe Families UK gave a short presentation about their work (https://safefamilies.uk). This is an organisation working primarily through churches. It is looking for support either from potential volunteers, or those who can help with resources or for support in prayer. Leaflets were given out with contact details and Kirsty said she is more than willing to come to talk to congregations. They are looking to develop their work in Calne and working with local churches.

5. **Lent Talks -** it was felt that rather than there be a series of Partnership lent talks, the Partnership would circulate the details of each churches' lent talks and encourage members to sign up for whichever one they felt drawn to. Therefore, details of lent talks need to be sent to John by 2 February at the latest - **preferably earlier,** as Ash Wednesday is on 14 February this year. (Please advise those leading lent talks that they maybe contacted about joining their group from outside their congregation, and please include contact information with the details.)

6. **Subscriptions,** given the expenses likely to be incurred this year with Open the Book etc.

it was agreed that members be asked to pay £75 each this year. Please contact Andy Miller about details of payment, and please take this request back to the relevant Church committee for approval.

7. **Prayer** – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 21st 2024 6 pm at St Edmunds. This is in hand, John will print 50 copies of the service booklet and a copy is with St Edmunds' already to finalise details. Please advertise this service to your congregation.

8. **Easter -** Details of services will be circulated similarly to the Easter Services. So details of services for Easter need to be sent to John by 4 March, who will then devise a notice sheet for circulation. Caspar as part of this will explore the idea of a march of Witness on Good Friday

9. **2024 Meetings** – These were agreed as follows:
   18th April at Calne Methodist Church
   4th July at St Edmunds' Church
   3rd October to be confirmed
   9th January 2025 at St Marys'

10. **Any Other Business**
    Terry Mills discussed the idea of having a Christmas Tableau this year on the Saturday before Christmas. He was going to investigate a suitable site and report back.

    Meeting closed at 8.45

AGM Business

A. **Annual Ratification of Foundation Statement -** this was read by all

B. **Chairman's Report** this had been circulated prior to the meeting. Steven was thanked for his work as chair over the past year.

C. **Treasurer's Report -** The balance of the account is currently £313.61.

D. **Election/Confirmation of Officers**

   a. Chair, it was proposed by Carole West and seconded by Rose Addington that given the circumstances Steven be asked to remain as chair for a further year. This was carried unanimously.
   b. Vice Chair was not appointed, but Steven was asked to approach suitable candidates for this role over the next few months.
   c. Secretary – confirmed as John Michaux, but this would be his last year in this role, so a new secretary will need to be in place before the next AGM
   d. **Treasurer** – Andy Miller would be asked to continue

E. **Any Other (AGM) Business there was none**

F. **Closing Prayer (**New Chair)

Meeting closed at 9.05