Calne Partnership of Churches
Quarterly Meeting
Thursday 18 April 2024 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Calne Methodist Church, Calne

Welcome & Opening Prayer led by Steven Colby, who also welcomed Wayne Lawther the new Baptist Minister to his first partnership meeting

Quarterly Meeting Business

Representatives

Steven Colby	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands	
Rose Addington	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church - Apologies	
Caspar Bush	- Marden Vale Benefice	
Jenny Colby	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands	
Lyn Cooper	- Calne Methodist Church	
Father Vincent Curtis	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	- Apologies
Derek Gard	- Calne Methodist Church	- Apologies
Julie Gibson	- Calne Methodist Church	
Dave Halls	- Dayspring	- Apologies
Elizabeth Hitchens	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	
Wayne Lawther	- Calne Baptist Church	
Craig Manley	- Calne Methodist Church	
Teresa Michaux	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands	- Apologies
John Michaux	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands	
Andy Miller	- Parish of Calne and Blacklands	- Apologies
Terry Mills	- Calne Baptist Church	
Teresa Quinn	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	
Carole West	- Dayspring	- Apologies
Jenny Woods	- Calne Baptist Church	
Stan Woods	- Calne Baptist Church and Fairtrade Calne	
Joanne Williams	- Calne Methodist Church	- Apologies

1. **Apologies were recorded as above**

2. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 11 January 2024 were agreed but not signed as the meeting was not quorate.

3. **Matters Arising**
   a. **Ministers' Meeting** this was held on 13 February and the next one will be on 14 May at Caspar's house. The time spent together was extremely useful.
   b. **Christmas Tableau** Terry was still following this up and will be forwarding a letter to John to send to the landlord of Studio 18 on behalf of the partnership asking for permission to use the space.
   c. **Lent Talks** The various talks were found to be well-supported, the one on Poverty and Solutions and the ones on the Lord's Prayer were very useful. The Good Friday walk of witness was well-supported, and it was thought should be repeated, especially at the time chosen.

d. **Subscriptions** Members were reminded that these need to be paid as soon as possible.
e. **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** the service went well and was well-supported. A vote of thanks was recorded to Father Vincent and the congregation of St Edmund's for their hard work and support for this event.

4. Joint Service on 28 April, Craig gave a brief outline of the proposed format and those taking part were asked to make sure any material to be included in the service sheet should be with Craig, preferably electronically, by 24 April.

5. Community events the dates for Calne Spring Sing, the Duck Race, Bike Meet, Carnival, and the Lantern Parade were noted. There would be a SMUFs Duck in the Duck Race and the Methodist Church would be holding a plant stall at some of the events, but the churches will be concentrating their resources in the Bike Meet and Lantern Parade. The Baptist Church will be offering tea and coffee as well as helmet storage. Caspar will be following up with the Christian Bikers Association about holding a communion service and using St. Mary's for talks in the afternoon.

6. Fairtrade Update Stan Woods gave a brief update on this. The town's Fairtrade Accreditation has been renewed till 2027. Fairtrade Fortnight will be in September, which is the 30th anniversary of the founding of the national organisation. Calne will be working with Corsham, Trowbridge, Devizes and Bradford on Avon in organising a variety of events. The highlight will be the visit by Patrick Kiberia from Kenya to talk at first hand about Fairtrade. Hearteningly, 92% of the costs of this event has already been raised or pledged.

7. Foodbank - a brief update was given about the Foodbank - the demand is still as high, and the town in general was thanked for its support.

8. Christmas Leaflet, an example of a more professionally produced leaflet, was circulated, and it was agreed that this was something the Partnership should aspire to. It would be fully discussed at the July Meeting, but it was emphasised that in going ahead there would be deadlines to be met, especially the earlier planning of the timetable for Christmas services.

9. Chair and Secretary members were again reminded that these posts will be becoming vacant in January and to please to encourage new members and people to fulfil these roles.

10 Any other business

- Election Hustings - it was agreed that the Partnership should again sponsor hustings for the General Election and probably at the Methodist Church. John will write formally to the various parties.
- Social Media Wayne was willing to organise a Facebook page and John will send a copy of the Logo.
- Blue Bus will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.35

The next meeting will be Thursday 4 July at 7.30 at St. Edmund's Church.