Calne Partnership of Churches
Quarterly Meeting and AGM
Thursday 9 January 2025 7.30
Venue, Church House Church St

Welcome & Opening Prayer (Steven Colby)

Quarterly Meeting Business

Representatives

Steven Colby	- Marden Vale Benefice	
Rose Addington	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	- Apologies
Caspar Bush	- Marden Vale Benefice	
Jenny Colby	- Marden Vale Benefice	
Lyn Cooper	- Calne Methodist Church	
Father Vincent Curtis	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	
Sarah Errington	- Marden Vale Benefice	- Apologies
Derek Gard	- Calne Methodist Church	- Apologies
Dave Halls	- Dayspring	- Apologies
Elizabeth Hitchens	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	
Craig Manley	- Calne Methodist Church	
John Michaux	- Marden Vale Benefice	
Andy Miller	- Marden Vale Benefice	- Apologies
Terry Mills	- Calne Baptist Church	
Rob Pickford	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	
Carole West	- Dayspring	
Jenny Wood	- Calne Baptist Church	
Stan Wood	- Calne Baptist Church	
Joanne Williams	- Calne Methodist Church	- Apologies

Steven Colby welcomed everyone and opened the meeting in prayer.

1. **Minutes of meeting** held on 3rd October were agreed and together with those of 4 July agreed were signed as we were quorate

2. **Matters Arising**
   a. **Ministers' Meetings —** were now being scheduled, and were a good opportunity to work together
   b. **Social Media Update —** please get all events etc onto this and encourage Facebook users to view it
   c. **Joint Service —** the Joint service in October was well attended, and thanks to the Baptist Chapel for organising this.
   Dates for 2025 were set, **all will start at 6pm**:
   Sunday 26 January, Holy Trinity — (service just after the end of the week of prayer for Christian Unity).
   Sunday 27 April, Methodist Chapel
   Sunday 27 July, St Edmund's Church
   Sunday 26 October, Baptist Church
   Sunday 25 January 2026, St Mary's service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity
   d. **Christmas leaflet —** a 1,000 were printed, and it was felt to be a useful exercise and to be repeated.

e. **Zion Baptist Chapel-**the current proposal is for it to be taken over eventually, probably by the bookshop
f. **Lantern Parade-**this was a success, and thanks to Steven for organising the leaflet. Photographs have been taken outlining the layout of the stall. The date for 2025 has been fixed and the Town Council needs to be contacted in August regarding booking of a stall.
g. **Fairtrade Update-**The report of Patrick Kabera's visit will shortly be on the Fairtrade website. There will be a meeting of the Fairtrade group on 21 January, and they will be asking the County Council to become a Fairtrade County.
h. **Harbour Project fundraising concert-**this went well and together with other events raised over a £1000 for the project.

3. **Fairtrade Update —** As Stan and Jenny were away, there was not a full update on this, but the visit by Patrick Kabera was a success. He was well received by the schools and at the other talks he gave. Thanks to Stan and Jenny and others for all their work on this.

4. **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity-**it was agreed that given the short notice that the service will be on 26 January at 6pm in Holy Trinity. Steven and Jenny will be organising this using the published material. To allow for more time for preparation, St Mary's agreed to host the event for 2026 on Sunday 25 January 2026.

5. **Church Updates**
   a. **Calne Baptist Chapel —** Fundraising is ongoing and hopefully more news later this year
   b. **Messy Church —** the attendance fluctuates, so please do publicise this event on the second Sunday of the month at 3pm.
   c. **St Mary's Church-**is in the process of exploring ways to update its building
   d. **150 years of the Methodist Church-**to celebrate this event the President of the Methodist Union will visit Calne probably in May and more details will be circulated.

6. **Any Other Business**
   a. Terry Mills asked if churches could help with the cost of the Bible Story books distributed at the Lantern Parade. It was agreed that each Church will contribute £75 and this cost will be factored in for the next Lantern Parade.
   This was proposed by Carole West and seconded by Craig Manley and passed unanimously.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be on Tuesday 8 April, Methodist Church, starting at 7.30

AGM meeting minutes

A. The AGM opened with the group reading out loud the Partnership's Foundation Statement and ratifying it

B. The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed

C. The chairman's report was read and noted. Steven's work as chair for the past two years was acknowledged, and he was thanked for all his hard work.

D. The treasurer's statement was read, and it was noted that the balance was £227.41. It was agreed that churches be asked for a contribution of £100 each for the coming year. This was proposed by Caspar and seconded by Wayne and passed unanimously. It was noted that Andy has indicated that he wished to stand down as Treasurer and the group thanked him for his work and undertook to find a replacement as soon as possible.

E. Craig proposed and Seconded by Carole and Elizabeth Hitchens was elected as Chair for one year

F. Steven proposed and John seconded and Wayne was elected as Vice Chair

G. Craig proposed and Caspar seconded and Stan was elected as secretary for one year

H. Elizabeth and Stan undertook to investigate whether Wiltshire Churches Together was still in operation

I. Caspar agreed to organise the Walk of Witness on Good Friday at 12 noon starting at Zion Chapel

J. The dates for meetings for the next year were fixed:
Tuesday 8 April, Methodist Church
Thursday 10 July, St Edmund's Church
Wednesday 8 October, Baptist Church
Thursday 8 January, St Mary's Church (This will also be the AGM)
All meetings will start at 7.30

Elizabeth asked Caspar to close the meeting with a prayer and the meeting concluded at 8.40.