Calne Partnership of Churches
Minutes for Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday 29th July 2026 7.30pm at St Edmunds Church Hall

MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting Business – Representatives		
Steven Colby	- Marden Vale Benefice	
Rosey Addington	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	
Caspar Bush	- Marden Vale Benefice	
Jenny Colby	- Marden Vale Benefice	
Father Vincent Curtis	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	- Apologies
Sarah Errington	- Marden Vale Benefice	- Apologies
Derek Gard	- Calne Methodist Church	
Wayne Lawther	- Calne Baptist Church (Chairman)	
Rob Pickford	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	- Apologies
Carole West	- Dayspring Church	
Jenny Woods	- Calne Baptist Church	
Stan Woods	- Calne Baptist Church	
Joanne Williams	- Calne Methodist Church	- Apologies
Julie Gibson	- Calne Methodist Church	
Maria Schofield	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	Welcome new member
At least five member church representative being present the meeting was Quorate.		
Expected Guests		
Kim Vale	Eden Vale Festival	- Apologies

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1. **Welcome (Wayne Lawther) opened the meeting in Prayer**

   We welcomed Maria, a new member from St Edmunds.

2. **Notification of Any Other Business**
   None presented.

3. **Minutes of meeting held on 8th January 2026 were agreed unanimously.**

4. **Matters Arising**
   a. **Ministers Meetings** - Report back – A meeting was held in May.
   Five Ministers/Leaders were present.

   b. **Social Media Update** - Partnership Facebook page
   Wayne reported that there were more social media posts from the Churches.

c. **Christian Bookshop relocation – update**
The Business Unit developer is awaiting planning consent from Wiltshire, hopefully it won't be too long before the Units are completed and the Bookshop can relocate to Unit 3 for which they have placed a securing deposit. It was noted that the Trustees are Steven Colby, Wayne Lawther and Andrew Bowker and the Bookshop charity is now a CIO.
Action: Stan agreed to send an email to all members asking for offers to volunteer in the Bookshop once it reopens.
Offers of help to Steven at stevenc@mardenvale.org.uk

d. **Fairtrade update** (Fairtrade Fortnight 2026 Mon Sept 21st, to Sun October 4th)
The FT Group met to discuss lack of a Chairman, all agreed that they would be able to continue adequately for the time being.
Stan had prepared the FT Float for the Carnival, but disappointingly the Carnival was cancelled. The FTF Display at the Library will be arranged as usual.

e. **Lent Courses** – Feedback – Already covered at the April Meeting

f. **Encounter:** CBC Encounter Worship evening with live music will form the October Partnership Joint Service – **See item k. below. For Venue details**

g. **Eden Bridge Festival 2026 – Saturday 22nd August**
Kim Vale was due to attend**.** Stan will resend details of this local Christian Festival to everyone with the latest from Kim. Free Tickets from https://www.edenbridge.love/

h. **Walk of Witness 2027** – to be discussed at Jan27 Meeting

i. **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2027 (**Mon 18 Jan 2027 – Mon 25 Jan 2027)
To be discussed at the October 2026 Meeting. Stan to add Agenda item.

j. **October Business Meeting** – Confirmed as Tuesday 6th October 2026 @7.30pm in Church House.

k. **October Joint Service** – Confirmed as Sunday 18th October 2026 @6pm in the **Calne Scout Hall, Quarr Barton SN11 0BU. There is limited parking** – if you can please park in the town Heritage Car Park and walk up to allow Scout Hall parking for those less able. Thank You.

5. Finance
Derek reported by email the current account balance as £660.41.
Derek thanked member churches for receipt of their respective subscriptions.

6. Reregistration of the Open the Book Team
The fee to the Bible Society of £160.00 was agreed (8 team members)

8. Church Updates

Reports were received by the Secretary and distributed by email to all members.
St Edmunds was handwritten and read out by Rosey.
Rosey will have it typed up and sent to the Secretary.

9. Any Other Business

Messy Church – Low in numbers this year.
Plan to restart in October after consultation (Questionnaire) with Parents and Carers as to timing and content with the aim of fitting needs better in 2026/7.

Casper closed the meeting with prayer.