Report for Calne Methodist Church

In the last three months we have:

Celebrated our 150th anniversary over the weekend which was extremely well attended. The church being full on the Sunday to thank God.
Events have included Jonah man jazz over two nights again completely sold out.
A Poetry afternoon and guitar concert. We have been part of the Duck race and Bike meet.
We hosted an advanced safeguarding training event with 50 people attending.
But above we held a very special service were we welcomed 7 new people into membership who made their declaration of faith to God.
Finally, and sadly, we said farewell to The Rev Craig Manley and Elizabeth Manley Our new Minister the Rev Will Fletcher commences duties on the 1st September.
This quarter we have been truly blessed by God.

Derek Gard

Report for Calne Baptist Church

The building work is progressing well; the steel framework for all parts of the building is now in place, and the brickwork should begin imminently. We continue to discuss the potential new name for the building.

The church continues to worship at the Scout Hall on most Sundays, where we are currently doing a series on Luke's Gospel. This will continue until Advent. We have welcomed 8 new members into formal membership this year. (2 of which will be formally welcomed in August & Sept).

Big Family Church continues once a month, at Bremhill View Clubhouse, where several non-church families regularly attend.

In July, 1st Calne BBGA had it's yearly Awards Service which was well attended by the children and their families. Our other midweek activities have also been going well: Living Room, Toddler Group, and the 3 House groups.

In September, we will begin an 8-week course called 'Discipleship Explored' – this will be on Wednesday evenings at the Scout Hall.

Wayne Lawther (Minister)

Report for DAYSPRING CHURCH

Recently we have looked at our development plan.
To facilitate this we undertook a whole church consultation where the trustees met with groups during the trustees weekend. We gathered together all our trustees, including those from Edinburgh and Cornwall.
The consultation agreed with the plan for new leadership of the church, as well as starting conversations that spread beyond the initial brief.
Rosie Hoy has now taken over the main leadership of Dayspring church (who is a generation younger), and there is now a leadership team of three.
As part of developing new leadership, we have added one of our returning graduates in her early 20's to the team as an intern.
We are again aiming to have an Alpha course run in September.

Twice a year the church has a special offering to support a slum school in Delhi where we aim to raise £5000 a year. We've raised the first £2500 for the year.
This coming Saturday we will serve cream teas at the Derry Hill village fete where we raise money for the Landsdowne Hall.
Open Blue continues to work into Calne, Corsham, Burbage, Upavon, Kennett and Avon Canal, the family support unit in Neston, the Wellington Place site of Buckley Barracks, and Thingley traveller site. The bus has an ongoing problem with its gearbox, despite bringing in two specialist mechanics to fix it. We would appreciate your prayers for the gearbox and as ever more volunteers and more grant success.

Thanks Carole

St Edmunds

Our Calne Partnership Ecumenical Service on July 19th 2026 at St Edmund's was well attended. Thank you to all who came.
Coffees and teas and homemade cake in the garden after the service was popular. The music group led by Jane Murphy took part.

Our theme for the service was Pilgrimage and Rob Pickford spoke. Rob brought the St James' banner from Cherhill church.
We have held a church BBQ and we have had a First Holy Communion Mass.

I am pleased to report that we have Gabriel Lopes who will be a permanent Deacon when he has completed his Formation Programme. He has been commissioned as a Lector last year and became an Acolyte at a service in July 2026.

Father Vincent Curtis has started Holy Hour on Fridays from 6-7 pm. St Edmund's School came for an end of term Mass on 22 st July 2026.

Rosemary Addington

St Mary's

At Holy Trinity the monthly family service continues with a small but committed congregation, as well as a monthly communion service.

At St Mary's our Project 2026 improvement programme is at the stage of detailed planning, and working through a long list of applications to grant-making bodies. The church is also working out the practicalities of using the building for worship when the west end is screened off. With permissions and tendering ahead of us still, the earliest building start date is April 2027.

Recently five different bible study groups across the benefice enjoyed a series looking at characters from the Apocrypha (the deuterocanonical books of the Bible).

Caspar (Rector)