Churches Together in Harborough (CTH)
Forum Meeting, 25th November 2024,
7.15pm (refreshments) for 7.30pm start
At Congregational Church-Coffee Lounge

CTH is part of *Churches Together in England*, and has the following objectives:

- To be a visible sign of the churches' commitment to one another.
- To facilitate common witness to Christ.
- To respond to the needs of the community in shared service and outreach where this is possible.

Chair's note: CTH is made up of member and associate churches and organisations. Member churches should have nominated representatives, according to our constitution. We also welcome members of all local churches and Christian organisations, whether or not they are reps, so that they can hear and be part of the ecumenical work of Market Harborough.

AGENDA:

1. Welcome
2. Opening Devotions – Rev Jan Turner
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Financial update
5. Matters Arising:
    a. Christian Unity Service at Methodist Church, Sunday 19th January 2025, 3.00pm
        - Rev Andy Murphy
        - Refreshments
    b. Good Friday Act of Witness on the Square (18th April 2025)
        - Update from Christopher Brown
        - Admin and insurance
    c. Worship and Prayer nights (Christopher)
6. **Main Business:** Speaker Rev Barry Osborn. Rural Mission 20minutes
7. Any news from churches or associated organisations?
8. Future CTH Events:
    a. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: - see **NOTE A**
    b. Lent 2025 – services and lunches at Church – see **NOTE B**
    c. Peace Vigil: Friday 10th January 2025
    d. World Day of Prayer: 7th March 2025- Congregational Church.
9. Date of next meetings:

Any other Business: (should be notified to Chair or Secretary prior to meeting)

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Dates of next Forum meeting:

Thursday 6th February 2025. Methodist Church.

Monday 19th May 2025- AGM and Forum (tbd)

10. **Closing prayer.**

NOTES:

A) Arrangements for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

a. **Sunday 19th Jan – United service at Methodist Church at 3.00pm**.

b. **Monday 20th January** – prayer meeting at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Victories;

c. **Wednesday 22nd January** – Harborough Anglican Team.

d. **Friday 24th January 2025** - prayer meeting at the Baptist Church.

B) Arrangements for Lent 2025:

30-minute services (12.30pm) Lunches may take the form of people bringing their own packed lunch or a bring and share. (1.00pm) at Church. Services prepared and led by the following churches:

a. **14th March**– Congregational Church;

b. **21st March** – Harborough Community Church;

c. **28th March**– Harborough Anglican Team;

d. **4th April** – Our Lady of Victories;

e. **11th April** – Methodist Church.

These are only suggestions at this stage. Please let the Exec know if there are any problems or you would rather not be responsible for a service this year.

Services are typically (but not necessarily) led by lay members of the churches.

The usual format is: *Welcome, hymn, prayer, reading, short reflection, prayer, hymn, blessing*. Or something similar. Please feel free to vary style and structure. We welcome variety and a flavour of each denomination.

The Church can provide musicians to accompany, or you are welcome to bring your own. Please notify…..? of music requirements and choice of hymns, one week in advance.