Churches Together in Harborough (CTH)
Forum Meeting, 6th February 2025,
7.15pm (refreshments) for 7.30pm start
at Methodist Church, Northampton Rd.

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 Andy Murphy
3. Minutes of previous meeting (25th Nov 2024)
4. **Financial update** (Jackie)
5. Matters Arising:
    a. **'Easter Live' Event on the Square** (Good Friday: 18th April 2025, staring at 10.30am)
        - Update from Christopher Brown
        - Update from Exec: Admin, risk assessments, insurance
        - Stewarding and other personnel
        - Publicity
        - Costs (to be confirmed):
            1. Hire of Sound equipment
            2. Insurance – public liability and cancellation insurance
            3. Catering expenses
    b. **Worship and Prayer nights** - 1. Sunday 2nd February, Baptist Church, Coventry Rd.
    2. Sunday 2nd March 6pm St Dionysius Church.
    3. Sunday 6th April 6pm Harborough Community Church.
    c. **Lent 2025** – services and lunches– see **NOTE A**
6. **Reflections on recent events**: Peace Vigil and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
7. **Future CTH Events**
8. **Any news from churches or associated organisations**? Harborough Action for Justice & Peace Proposal.

9. Making sure our list of reps is up to date
10. World Day of Prayer – Friday 7th March at Congregational Church, 2.00pm
11. Date of next meetings (venues to be confirmed):
    a. 1st May 2025 (AGM)
    b. September 2025
    c. November 2025
    d. February 2026.
12. Any other business
13. Closing prayer

NOTES:

A) Arrangements for Lent 2025:

30-minute services (12.30pm) followed by soup-and-cake lunches **to be confirmed**.(1.00pm).
Suggested Theme 'Journeys of Faith' prepared and led by the following churches:

a. **14th March** – led by Congregational Church;
b. **21st March** – led by Harborough Community Church;
c. **28th March**– led by Harborough Anglican Team;
d. **4th April** – led by Our Lady of Victories;
e. **11th April** – led by 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.