Churches Together in Harborough (CTH)
Forum Meeting, 5th February 2026,
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 – Christine Hodgson.
3. Minutes of previous meeting (12th Nov 2025).
4. **Financial update** (Jackie). Good Causes Fund & Homelessness Account.
5. Matters Arising:
    a. **'Easter Live' Event on the Square** (Good Friday: 3rd April 2026, staring at 10.30am)
        - Update.
        - 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.
            4. Gospel Choir – is there a cost for this – donation/expenses?

    b. **Worship and Prayer nights** - 1. Sunday 1st February at 5pm Living Rock Church, Meadowdale School 2. Sunday 29th March at 5pm, Harborough Community Church.

    c. Lent 2026 – services and lunches– see NOTE A

6. Reflection on recent event: United Service (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) Our Lady of Victories.

7. **CTH Executive Body. Moving Forward - specific and general roles.**
8. Future CTH Events: Peace Vigil?
9. Any news from churches or associated organisations?
10. Making sure our list of reps is up to date.
11. World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March at Harborough Community Church at 2.00pm.
12. Its your move Books - Decision to order again for this year.
13. Date of next meetings (venues to be confirmed): Please sign up.
    a. 15th June 2026 (AGM) Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church- Confirmed.
    b. September 2026
    c. November 2026
    d. February 2027
14. Any other business.
15. Closing prayer.

NOTES:

A) Arrangements for Lent 2026: Venue Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church.

2**0-minute services** (12.30pm) followed by soup-and-cake lunches **to be confirmed**.(12.50pm).
Suggested Theme "God's Word: our greatest treasure and our deepest delight." prepared and led by the following churches:

a. **27th February** – led by Congregational Church;
b. **6th March**– led by Harborough Anglican Church,
c. **13th March–** led by Harborough Community Church;
d. **20th March** – led by Catholic Church;
e. **27th March**– 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.