Churches Together Forum Agenda

Monday 21st September 2026

at 7.15 p.m for 7.30pm @ Baptist Church ,Renew Wellbeing Cafe, Manor Walk.

Our Objectives are:

- 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 appropriate.

If you are unable to attend, please nominate a substitute and let the Secretary know who that is in advance of the meeting. Attendance at Forum meetings is open to anyone so please let your church know when it is happening and what is being discussed. Voting on motions, however, is restricted to the named representatives from affiliated churches (or to named substitutes notified in advance).

Welcome and Opening Devotions: Led by **Janet Smith**

1. **Minutes of Forum on 15th June 2026 at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church.**
2. **Financial update. Jackie.**
3. **Matters Arising:**

a) Peace Vigil- Date. Roo.

b) Churches Column in Harborough Mail? Roo.

c) Easter Live on the Square- Good Friday (26th March 2027) Maureen to contact Stephen and members of the organising committee for named organiser of the event.

d) Lent Services and Lent Lunches : (Lent begins 10th February 2027). Church to host and coordinate provision of cakes?

e) CTH treasurer and auditor vacancy 2027. Please publicise. See Foot note.

4. Update on CTH Reps & require number in order to vote at Forum meetings.

5. Prisons Week - 11th - 17th October. Matt 22 v 1-14 **Theme. All ARE INVITED, There's A Place For You.** Prayers for the Week of Prayer can be downloaded or

ordered online. prisonsweek.org Maureen has 200 copies that will be distribute to churches in Harborough.

6. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18th to 25th January 2027. Church to host the United service - Sunday 24th January.

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2027 is: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32)

7. **Centenary of The World Day of Prayer.** Theme— United In Prayer For Justice & Peace. Friday 5th March 2027. Venue - Methodist Church.

8. Reports of recent events: Holiday @ Home.

9. Any other Business: (should be notified to Chair or Secretary prior to meeting) chair@harboroughchurches.org.uk

Dates of next Forum meeting:

Wednesday 18th November 2026, 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Harborough Community Church

Thursday 4th February 2027 - at the Methodist Church

Thursday 10th June 2027- AGM and Forum- at the Congregational Church in the Lounge.

All meetings 7.15pm (for refreshments) for 7.30pm start.

Treasurer Volunteer Wanted - Harborough Churches Together
Would you like to help Churches Together?
Can you spare just an hour a month and are you comfortable using an Excel spreadsheet?
Then **we have the role for you!**
As the CTH Treasurer, you would:

- Send subscription invoices to the Harborough churches. Payments are made by BACS and recorded on an Excel spreadsheet.
- Pay invoices submitted to the Treasurer. Payments are made through the bank and authorised by the Chair, with each payment recorded on the spreadsheet.
- Reconcile the accounts by checking that the Excel spreadsheet matches the bank statements.
- In March and April, prepare the accounts and spreadsheet for checking by an accountant or independent third party, ensuring that the money has been spent as Churches Together intended.

The time commitment is very manageable:

- Approximately **one hour per month** for most of the year.
- Up to **two hours per month in March and April** to prepare the accounts for checking.

Full training and support will be provided.
This is a simple but important way to make a real contribution to **Churches Together** and help support the work we do across our churches.
If you would be willing to take on this role, please speak to **Maureen Douglas 07966 515115** maureen.e.douglas@btinternet.com **or Jackie Melhuish 07914 038650** jackie.melhuish@outlook.com for more information.
Could you be our next Treasurer? We'd love to hear from you!