



Notes of meeting on 30 April 2026

1. **Easter review** – Lent groups at St Mary’s much appreciated. Good Friday – good to see so many joining in.
2. **Christian Aid Week** 10-16 May, street collection on 16 May. Volunteers needed – please ask in churches.
3. **Bus proposal** – each church has considered it but not required at present.
4. **United Service** – Sunday 24 January 2027. To be held at the URC, ? led by Abigail (new minister). Community Church to provide preacher. Note: *we will be able to use the balcony, stewards to be better advised re seating arrangements*. Discuss at Sept meeting.
5. **Good Friday event** – Cornell Court held a community on afternoon of Good Friday which impacted various church events. Julia and Alison Jiggins to try and meet with the organisers to see if it could be different next year, ie do on a different day or allow us to join in and include a short Christian message. Report back to Sept meeting.
6. **Topics for conversation** – Alison Jiggins spoke about the URC hosting a series of evenings in the autumn where we could listen/learn and share about current topics, eg Christian nationalism. Positive response to this idea, would need to be ticketed and ensure some form of security if topics are sensitive. Also advertise just among churches.
7. **Prayer rota** – out of date. Tony and Jonathan to meet and revise it.
8. **News from the churches:**
 - a. *Baptist Church*: Celebrating growth and community engagement. Prayer for heating – cost and practical issues.
 - b. *St Mary’s*: Celebrating completion of lighting project. Prayer for Jeremy’s sabbatical to be fulfilling and inspiring.
 - c. *Community Church*: Celebrating good start for Golden Acre Hub. Prayer for worship team.
 - d. *Catholic Church*: Celebrating good attendance and people received into membership at Easter. Prayer for growth and good health for Father David.
 - e. *URC*: Celebrating answered prayer – Abigail starting as new minister in Sept 26. Prayer for health of members, especially one young woman who has been very poorly.
 - f. *Friends*: Celebrating successful home schooling events held in the meeting house. Also that some children are attending the Sunday meetings. Prayer for older people at the end of their lives, for God to smooth their journey.
 - g. *Salvation Army*: Celebrating some growth. Continued prayer for the way forward.
9. **Next Meeting**: Thursday 17 September, 1.30 pm for 2.

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