



Notes of the CTSW meeting held on 17 September 2026 at 2 pm in the Salvation Army Hall.

1. Apologies

Gareth & Nicola McCormick (Crimson 22)
Colette Gilmore (OLEC)
Val Bowtle (URC)
Shawn Martin (St Mary's)

2. Matters Arising

- Prayer rota – discussed. Include Swards End & Little Walden as one item
- Café Cornell, report from Alison Jiggins:

On 3rd August, Julia (SA) and Alison (URC) visited Café Cornell (located in Cornell Court) and meet with Sam the project manager. The purpose of the visit was to explore how Churches Together Saffron Walden can support and work more closely with Café Cornell. It was a positive meeting.

- A. *Good Friday afternoon event, Sam explained that as they welcome people of all faiths and none, this was not a religious service, just a chance for people to come together at this special time, with an opportunity for either personal prayer or quiet reflection.*
- B. *“Let’s Eat Together” Christmas lunch, last year they provided free meals for around 140 people. Each person received a present. One-way CTSW could support CC would be to provide gifts. Sam explained that the value is limited to £5.00 and where possible be gender neutral as this makes it easier to distribute them. For example, a mug & hot chocolate set. Abbey Lane URC are hosting a free Christmas themed festival, but will accept donations which will go towards buying presents for CC’s Christmas lunch. Also any offers of help to wrap presents given to CC would be gratefully received.*

3. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- United Service Sunday 24 January at the URC, Rev Abigail Perrow to lead, Jonathan Burton to preach.
- Agape Meal – St Mary’s to host, date TBC

4. Finance

£750 in bank, subscriptions to remain at £75 per church

5. Environmental issues

St Mary’s to host an evening showing the National Emergency Briefing film on behalf of Churches Together. Please see www.nebriefing.org/peb for more information.

6. CTSW mailing list

- i. For Reps and ministers only – reps please make sure meetings are publicised in your churches
- ii. All comments to be attributed – name and church please
- iii. For arrangements only (discussions can be held in CTSW meetings)

7. CTSW website

- i. Adverts for Churches Together activities only, but links to all churches' websites
- ii. Ministers' to discuss and amend constitution at next meeting

8. News from churches

- **Crimson 22** (to join CTSW formally in January). New meetings in Town Hall from October.
- **Friends** – thanks for 350 years in Saffron Walden. Prayers for events celebrating this.
- **St Mary's** – thanks for safe return from Sabbatical (Jeremy), prayers for Open the Book groups and for those who visit the church
- **Salvation Army** – thanks for growing outreach in the market – prayers for it to bear fruit
- **Community Church** – prayers for the Golden Acre Fun Day. Thanks and prayers for autumn outreach activities
- **URC** – thanks for new minister, prayers for Gifts and Journeys outreach
- **Baptist** – thanks for Sunday morning gathering and growth, prayers for heating, especially clarity on how to proceed
- **Our Lady of Compassion** - thanks for refurbished hall, prayers for canal boat talk and trip

9. Children's chairs & books

Available from St Mary's, please email parishofficesaffronwalden@gmail.com if interested.

10. Next Meeting

Tuesday 12 January 2027, 1.30 pm for 2 pm. Salvation Army Hall