

REPORT OF THE **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON TEAM** FOR THE
PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM TO BE HELD ON 19TH JULY 2025

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1.	This Report covers the activities of Churches Together in Upton (CTU) over the past twelve months.
2.	CTU has continued much as before with Committee Meetings every two months. These meetings now rotate round the three churches. A major improvement has been Lyn Coyle joining David Savage as an additional parish representative. However, there is still room for more, the constitution allows for clergy and four lay people from each member church. The other two churches have three lay representatives each despite their very much smaller congregations. The AGM will be held on 10 th September.
3	Four Fifth Sunday Services have been held, two of which were at St Columba's, and both based on Passion themes. They were well received but attendance from St Columba's was disappointing. The next such service at St Columba's will be on Advent Sunday, 30 th November. Our friends appreciate coming to St Columba's because of its "atmosphere".
4.	The Annual Quiz Evening will be held in St Columba's Hall on Friday 10 th October. We have a Quiz Master and the promise of some questions but will need a lot more help. Watch the Newsletter for more details and the opportunity to offer help
5.	The final Open Church event was held at St Columba's on Saturday 21 st June. Thanks to those who attended and those who assisted Lyn with the arrangements.
6.	The small crib which used to belong to CTU is now owned by St Columba's. It was displayed during Advent 2024 in the rear porch and the plan is to repeat this this year. This will include deploying the rather beautiful hand-painted backdrop of a Palestinian landscape which comes with it.
7.	CTU has been represented and laid a wreath at the annual British Legion Remembrance Service at the War Memorial.