

Report on Ecumenical Links in 2021

- Local Ministers' Lunches at the *Redstart* usually on first Thursdays of the month organised by Sue Packer started after lockdown in June, attended by Fr Neil, Elizabeth and Eleanor with clergy and ministers from other Churches.
- The Ministers' Breakfasts in Maidstone are organised by Leon Mileham who is the leader of Connect Church, Maidstone. Fr Neil and Elizabeth attended the Breakfast at the URC Church in September. Elizabeth went to the November Breakfast and gave an update about Care Home ministry and Anna Chaplaincy, asking the Church Leaders to think and pray about members of their Churches who would like to volunteer to help with Care Home ministry.
- Fr Neil and Elizabeth receive regular emails and updates sent by Leon Mileham to continue the ecumenical links between the Churches in Maidstone.
- Elizabeth attended two ecumenical prayer group meetings in 2021.
- As Anna Chaplain, Elizabeth has encouraged ecumenical involvement in Care Homes Ministry while she coordinates the people from different Churches who are involved in Care Home Ministry. In February 2021 the Maidstone Deanery Submission document 'Shaping Our Life For A Flourishing Future' included: *'the recently developed Anna Chaplaincy to care homes has been inspirational in bringing together, re-focusing and developing a very important ecumenical ministry across the town.'*
- Fr Neil sent emails to maintain ecumenical links.
- Our guest speaker at Mass on Education Sunday 2021 was a retired RC headmistress.

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