

# Notice of Meeting

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## Schools Forum

**Monday 10 March 2025 at 5.00pm**

**At Shaw House Church Road Newbury**

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday 5 March 2025

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**Forum Members:** Reverend Mark Bennet, Nicolle Browning, Heather Codling, Iain Cottingham, Paul Davey, Jacquie Davies, David Fitter, Richard Hand, Michelle Harrison, Keith Harvey, Jon Hewitt, Trevor Keable, Jo Lagares, Julie Lewry, Jo MacArthur, Jamie Morton, Chris Prosser, David Ramsden, Lesley Roberts, Graham Spellman (Chair), Phil Spray, Chloe Summerville, Edwin Towill and Charlotte Wilson

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