

PETERSFIELD AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER
Co-ordinating Committee Meeting
AGENDA



TIME & DATE: 7.45pm Wednesday 13th November 2019
VENUE: St Laurence Church Hall
Chair: Richard Saunders

Purpose of meeting:

A forum for 'communion' and communication between PACT churches, PACT organisations and local Christians, to facilitate events aimed at increasing opportunities for joint worship, witness and work between PACT churches.

Introduction, Bible reading and prayer

Hebrews 11 & 12 vv1 -2

Jesus was the pioneer & perfecter of faith, looking for the joy that was set before him. Our Churches need to be filled with Joy and an unanxious presence especially in such times of uncertainty.

Apologies for absence

Vanessa Dowse, Judith Bee, Jenny Parkes, Amanda Greenlea, Anna Oliffe,
Linda Reid, Josh Thomas, David Barton
(Ivan Huntington – Thresher from the Methodist Church IvanHT@yahoo.co.uk was welcomed as we said farewell and 'thank –you' to Patsy Robinson)

Items for discussion (late and short items only please)

Dates

Leaflets from John

Minutes of the last meeting 25th September & matters arising

Minutes available at <http://www.pact.org.uk/pact-minutes.asp>)

- a) It was thought that Katie has the support she needs for the Christmas Day Lunch.
- b) Catriona has produced more information on Environmental Issues.
- c) Treasurer had received £75 from Hope Church as their contribution towards cost of Prayer Space.

Treasurers' report including Annual Accounts 2018/19 – Christine Tully

The Pact Annual Accounts are attached.

Christine Tully's diligence, knowledge and keeping of records was gratefully acknowledged.

The Pact Holiday Club Accounts reflect the fact that it was on a smaller scale with Juniors and Infants using the facilities of St Peters' Church with Reggie as sole organiser . Rev: Will Hughes commented that Holiday Club could be larger and revived in the future. It needed advertising and avoid Friday and Monday.

Events since last meeting:

- a. **Women's Brunch 12th October with Sarah Wiggins from Tear Fund speaking on Plastics & Poverty. No reports / photos of the events were sent to John Studd. It was suggested he contact Sheet Church rep, Jenny Parkes for photos of future of events.**
- b. **Just One launch: Portsmouth Anglican Cathedral 09/10 7/30pm
John Callaghan and members of Life Church recommend training going on along The south coast inviting someone to the J.John natural evangelism course.
There are books and could be used as a Lenten course.**

Remembrance Sunday service

The Band led the March too early and as a consequence 15 people fainted which was 15 too many. The matter has been dealt with and will not happen in the future.

The town ceremony was deemed a huge success with a turnout of 1 in 7 of the population. There was an opportunity for listening to stories and having compassion and empathy with those massed near the War Memorial. Sheet Church Remembrance Service was meaningful at their War Memorial. In Froxfield the Remembrance Service was disturbed by an individual lacking respect. Quakers use white poppies for peace.

Reports / updates / actions

Christmas cards – Helen Mason

The Printers helped in the choosing of one of three cards from Sheet Village School

Noah received the accolade and the cards will be bundled for distribution at St Peter's Church this coming Monday 18th November.

Website questionnaire & Email groups – John Studd

It has been decided to trim the web site down and put groups which have ceased to function in an archive.

John would like to resurrect email groups and asked Helen Mason for her knowledge of dealing with personal data.

Upcoming events

Display of Nativity Sets 7/8th December, Methodist Church. A family day out!
Flyers available for all Churches

PACT Carols Thursday 19th December 6pm around town, 7pm in the Square
In St Peter's Church if inclement. If indoors St Peter's has own pa system. Richard to produce orders of service & sort refreshments. Service sheet needs to be sent to Petersfield Post in good time for printing on middle pages.
Each Church to take a dozen mince pies to St Peter's on Thursday morning (preferably during Refresh)
St Peter's Church will put monies collected through their Accounts.
To be divided between Home Start Butser and Petersfield Counselling Service.

J John Just One event 4-5 April 2020. Guildhall Portsmouth

AGM date: 7.30pm 15th January 2020 St Laurence Church Hall

PACT Unity service 3pm 19th January 2020 URC Carolyn Barton Chair

Vice – Chair. Wil Hughes kindly responded to the request for one of the Ministers to be Vice Chair next year.

Any other business

Will will give a presentation at Steve Field's Agency meeting

Emma Dean and Helen Mason are joining forces with a Messy Christingle from 3pm - 5pm at the Methodist Church on 12th January.

More Messy Events programmed for 21st April; 3rd May; 3rd June

July / Holiday Club

(World Day of Prayer meeting :- Friday, 6th March (before lunch)

(Zimbabwe : Please support Val Hart ...meeting end of November before lunch.)

Hustings 7-9pm St Peter's Church Thursday 5th December with Conservative , Labour and Green Parties. Questions to Will Hughes beforehand.

John has a box load of ' Hope at Christmas 'glossy booklets that cost 10p to produce as a gift from your local church

Closing prayer

Meeting finished at 9.15pm