



# Petersfield Area Churches Together Annual Reports 2020-21



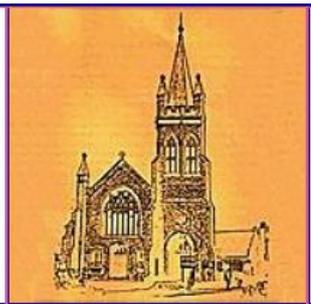
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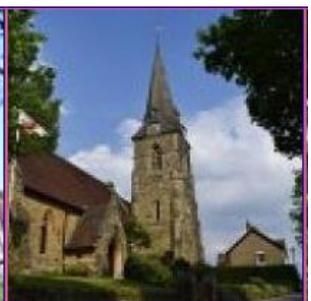
The Quakers



St Laurence



St. Mary's



St Mary Magdalen



St Peter's



The Salvation Army



United Reformed Church

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# Chair's Report

When I began the year by suggesting how much small acts of kindness were needed, I had little idea how prophetic this would be. To use a recent cliché, we have had to deal with unprecedented times.

The Easter cards were all printed and ready to be bundled, the Good Friday Service was ready, when we quickly realised that we would be soon in Lockdown and could not go ahead. Thank you all for the speedy decisions and emails that were sent. Churches had to close, but so many of you rapidly learned new IT skills, producing on-line services. It seemed that many people accessed them, who might not otherwise have attended a church.

Sadly, it soon became apparent just how grave the situation in our country was. We all felt the need to visit a Prayer Space. We could not visit a physical space, as we were still restricted. In May, Richard Saunders set up a virtual Prayer Room on-line, which was very well attended and brought much spiritual comfort to us. Thank you, Richard.

Meanwhile, all meetings have had to be held on Zoom. This has proved a bit of a challenge, but of much benefit, so thank you all for your patience and persistence.

It was felt that our website was needing a more modern look, especially due to so much being done on-line. A working party was set up, with Steve Field as chair, along with John Studd, Simon Mason and Jan Stuart all working hard on ideas. The new site is gradually emerging and is looking very good indeed. Thank you all for the effort you have put in.

The summer meeting still took place on Zoom, with a little more optimism. The Christmas Day Lunch Committee started to meet, as it looked hopeful then that we might be able to hold the lunch as in previous years. By September, however this was looking less likely. We had to consider the prospect of a 'second wave' of the virus. Alternative options would need to be considered.

It was decided to hold the 'Design a Christmas Card' competition. It was not deemed safe for volunteers to bundle or deliver cards, so it was suggested that publication in the Petersfield Post could be explored. A working party was formed, comprising John Callaghan, Helen Mason and Josh Thomas. Herne Junior School could not be visited, so I made a short video to be shown, with thanks to Josh and our URC Community Development worker, Jo Hopkins. The pupils were so excited to take part and 109 entries were submitted. Our thanks go to all Year 6 and their teachers. Our thanks too, to the Petersfield Post; the double page spreads looked amazing and more cards could be seen by the town.

By November, the country was in Lockdown for four weeks, and it looked likely that the Carols in the Square Service would not go ahead. It was decided that each church could send small groups of Carollers out to different streets, all to sing at the same time, 6pm on December 17th. This was coordinated by Mike Harris of the Salvation Army. The reports coming in point to this being a great success, with different members of the public joining in. My thanks to Mike and to each church who participated.

It was felt that it would not be right to leave some of our more lonely townfolk without some kind of Christmas Lunch and human contact over the Christmas period. It was decided that a delivery service could take place instead. Age Concern, led by Sheriden Rocher, along with Churcher's College and the Petersfield Lions delivered on December 21st, with PACT deliveries taking place on Christmas Day. The aim was to provide a cheery face and chat, along with food, so that recipients felt less lonely over the

Festive Season. PACT food was prepared by Marika Kincosvska Kyjovska and a team of volunteers. Another team of volunteers made the deliveries. Our thanks go to all concerned and to Will Hughes, who undertook the task of arranging this event.

Christine Tully has continued as Treasurer, with her usual efficiency and Ivan Huntington-Thresher has taken over as Secretary, keeping excellent, detailed minutes, and nudging me towards correct proceedings. My thanks to you both.

My thanks go to Will Hughes, for his support as Vice-Chair. We wish him success in his role as Acting Archdeacon. Thanks also to Josh Thomas for his support and guidance.

While the Pandemic is still so virulent and widespread, we will continue to meet via Zoom, for a while. Yet there is now the hope of vaccines being administered. We look forward to the time when we will once more be able to worship together.

Carolyn Barton

Chair

# Annual Accounts

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

2019			2020		
RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	SURPLUS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	SURPLUS
2700		2700	2700		2700
481		481	329	-13	316
77		77	85		85
			255		255
	241	241		-592	-592
	-279	-279		-492	-492
				-85	-85
	-400	-400		-400	-400
	-645	-645		-695	-695
	-660	-660		-695	-695
		0			
		0			
	-243	-243		-243	-243
1		1	2		2
	-138	-138		-156	-156
	-687	-687	75		75
			1250		1250
				-30	-30
<b>3261</b>	<b>-3449</b>	<b>-188</b>	<b>4696</b>	<b>-3401</b>	<b>1295</b>
461	-472	-11	257	-604	-347
				-187	-187
3724					4287
	2199			2745	
	1139			792	
	187			0	
				750	
3525					4287
2122					2882
<u>1403</u>					<u>1405</u>
3525					4287

I have examined the financial records of Petersfield Areas Churches Together for the year ended 30 September 2019 and confirm that this financial statement, the result for the year and the reserves at the end are in agreement therewith

**Christopher Town**

**Date**

# PACT Donation Recipient Reports

## Counselling Service

[Report still awaited at publication date]

## The King's Arms

King's Arms has continued to provide support for teenagers through lockdown and this March completed the purchase of its own premises on Dragon Street. We are very grateful for all the generous support PACT churches have given us this year and trust we shall soon be able to show everyone round the new buildings.



## Home Start Butser

During this past year from March to date, through the Covid-19 pandemic Home-Start Butser has continued to support around **70** families in our local community. We have been providing food and sundries to many families in partnership with the **Petersfield Foodbank** and our Ambassador Robert Ingram delivered an incredible **1200** hot meals courtesy of **Churchers College** between May and August. We delivered two lots of creative, age-appropriate craft activities to all children to help during the first lockdown and then during the summer holidays.



The support being offered to families from our band of amazing volunteers has been dependent on what is possible, in exceptional circumstances some have continued home-visiting where the need is great, the majority have been meeting up outside for a walk and a talk with the children or making contact remotely through phone, whatsapp, facetime etc. Over these last months we have continued to take on new referrals.

We have provided some bespoke play sessions for individual families where a parent and child are supported to engage in focused play. These sessions have taken place, either outside when the weather permitted with families benefiting from the positive effects of being outside in the fresh air away from their homes, or in a Covid secure room in Winton House.

We completed a **Preparation Course** online in December, training 6 new eager volunteers and have a healthy waiting list of potential volunteers. We look forward to training more early this year.

Christmas generated enormous generosity from the local community with our youngest Ambassador, Joe Tully, sourcing presents for every single one of our children, over 100. Fresh meat, Christmas dinners, vouchers from the Petersfield Lions for parents and goody boxes for children were also provided by the community.

Through our Big Give Christmas Challenge we were able to match donations and raised just over £30,000, a phenomenal result, ensuring that we can continue with our vital work in the next challenging months ahead.

Quotes:

*Thank you so much, really appreciate it...also just want to say a massive thank you to yourself and everyone at Home-Start for all you do and all the support you have given! Honestly you have been a massive help."*

*"I honestly don't know what I would have done without all your help and the others you work with honestly. P (volunteer) has been amazing too."*

*"Just about to tuck into the most gorgeous toad in the hole. Thank you for sorting these meals it's been brilliant."*

*"I just wanted to say thank you so very much for the boys' activity bags. You should have seen their eyes light up. They have had such fun doing some of the crafts today."*

*"You are doing a great job continuing with remote support. I have been hearing from families that you are continuing to support them." Health Visitor*

*"What a delivery! Everything we were running out of. So, so happy! Thank you! We are so grateful!! Sending love to you all at Home-Start! Xx*

*"Thank you so much. I am completely overwhelmed!"*

# The New PACT Website

It is interesting that the old (current) website has been going for nearly 13 years since it was set up and launched on Pentecost Sunday by a small team which included John Studd and myself. Whilst it is good to see that some parts of it were still being maintained, this was to a great part due to the hard work of John Studd to constantly chase for information. Sadly, it seemed that the churches and groups who make up PACT had lost interest in their 'shop window' to the world of Petersfield and beyond.

For a time, John and I wondered whether there would be any interest in a new website, so we presented some initial ideas to the PACT Committee, and in April 2020 the working party started meeting to discuss what kind of website may re-kindle the interest of the PACT Churches and Groups to make the new website their 'shop window' to the general public and the church community. Our team is made up of Jan Stuart from St Mary Magdalen (St Mary Magdalen webmaster), John Studd (current PACT webmaster & Life Church), Simon Mason (former PACT Chairman & Life Church), and myself (Working Party Chairman & Salvation Army).

We initially met by Zoom to set about laying out the aims and objectives (see appendix A) before carrying out the work involved. This has required us to:

- Choose the type of website (we chose Wordpress)
- Choose a style of website (we chose Metro)
- Decide on the layout of the website (completed)
- Decide on the contents of the website (in progress)
- Make contact with all churches (completed)
- Make contact with all groups (in progress)
- Appoint key positions to oversee website and facebook (in progress – see below)
- Train church representatives on how to load their own information (early 2021)
- Launch the website (planned for Easter 2021)

We have also appointed the following people

Webmaster	-	John Studd (until December 2021)
Monitoring Team	-	Steve Field (1 further vacancy exist)
News item reporter	-	Simon Mason
Social Media Admin	-	Vacancy

If you are interested in any of the vacancies above, please call Steve Field on 02392 598954

If you would like to take a sneak preview of the website, then please visit [www.pact2.org.uk](http://www.pact2.org.uk)

I would like to particularly thank Jan Stuart and John Studd for their hard work in producing the website, and at times accepting some massive challenges, as well as accommodating changes of direction to produce what I believe (and I hope you will) a fantastic new website of which PACT can be proud of.

Also, my thanks to Simon who has provided help and advice on the present day PACT, as well as assisting in obtaining information from churches and groups.

If you have any comments to make about the new website, please send them to [stevej.field@ntlworld.com](mailto:stevej.field@ntlworld.com)

## **APPENDIX A: PACT WEB SITE WORKING PARTY**

### **Terms of Reference**

- To establish a small WP of 4 or 5 individuals.
- John Studd, Steve Field (Chair) and 3 others to make up working party
- The WP's role is to include determining the policy/strategy for web-presence overall (i.e. including social media, etc)
- The target date for completion is Easter 2021.
- PACT reps to consider which web-site platform (including WordPress) would be best for website design.

### **Aims & Objectives 2020**

- To enable PACT to be valued, known and understood better
- To encourage and enable all members of PACT churches, organisations and the general public to subscribe to one or more email groups to receive updates about the website
- To draw together and create a portal for all churches and organisations that work within PACT
  - list names of PACT officers and committee members
  - list brief details of churches: leader, location and contact details
  - Links to other church and organisation websites where possible
  - Central calendar for all PACT and Church 'open' event
  - Retain history e.g. minutes, faith comments for 2 years
  - Create archive area for history over 3 years old for limited access?
  - Encourage historic material to be scanned and added to archive area
- be easy to use, access and update – with churches and organisations being able to update their sections of the web site, with provision for supervision to avoid inappropriate content being uploaded.
- To act as a witness to our faith
- To make the site accessible and navigable to all in our community
- be valued by both members of PACT churches and the general public and that it should appeal to everyone aged 18 and above (provision for those under 18 should be considered at a later date)
- To provide members of the public with a feedback form. This could be for senior members of PACT e.g. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster

### **End Product 2020**

- A website that is clear, simple and easy to navigate
- A website that informs visitors by displaying relevant information
- A website that provides resources such as logos, photographs and various documents such as prayer cards
- A website that is truly for the community and for all ages (i.e. introduction of social media for younger generation)
- A website that provides proactive information going out via email to people who have subscribed for updates in specific areas
- A website that provides a feedback/contact form back to the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Webmaster
- Monitoring statistics of user levels and where they are visiting (using software such as Jet Pack)

- Monitoring of information to ensure that it is accurate and up to date
- A proactive annual reminder to each content manager to check all information
- A website that enables churches and organisations to update their own page
- A team set up to monitor and check that all parts of the website are kept up to date

### **Success Criteria 2020**

- Maintain high ranking in Google Search Engine Optimisation
- 100 visits to the website per month
- Wide spread of interest across all current pages (google analytics)
- Over 300 email subscribers in first year
- Never out of date
- Improve and increase communications between churches, organisations and the public
- Minimal cost to set up and maintain the website
- Growth in church attendances

### **What We Know 2020**

- We have a diverse working party who has key knowledge of building websites
- We will need to find a designer for the website once we know what is required
- Some churches and organisations have their own web-sites – see appendix A
- We will need to conform to GDPR regulations
- We will require an online privacy policy
- A visit will need to be made to each church and organisation to explain the requirements and the plan going forward
- A representative/volunteer from each church or organisation will be required to oversee and manage contents of their page
- A small monitoring group will be required
- That we already have a low cost Wordpress product which is being assessed by JS, and provides a facility of content management

### **What we don't know 2020**

- Budget available from PACT
- If all churches are on-board with this idea
- How much engagement will be required to bring every church and organisation onboard
- What is required in setting up social media pages (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) and what purpose would each one serve
- Who would volunteer to run the social media pages

# PACT FOOD BANK - 2020

## 1. Overview

An extremely busy year which has seen dramatic increases in all areas of our work in the community; extraordinary high volume of referrals, 5-day week opening (with the help of the Salvation Army), more volunteers to train, additional donations and collections, more fresh food vouchers distributed and exchanged.

We have received both food and funding from an increasing number of residents and businesses, too many to mention individually but the number of schools has also increased this year – Bedales including Dunannie, Churchers Juniors, Froxfield (reverse Advent calendar), Herne, Petersfield Infants and Sheet School.

It has been difficult for PACT Churches to collect food donations on a regular basis due to the Coronavirus regulations, but we welcome new sources such as The Nationwide Building Society, Froxfield Stores, Lidl and Poundland. We have received funding from St Peters, St Mary's Buriton, St Laurence (Youth) and East & West Meon PCC's, the Townhouse Runners, Peekaboo & Re-Format LLP. This year, we thank Joe Tully from Herne (Petersfield Awards winner), who has raised over £1,100 plus many collections of donated food.

We have managed to cope with the increased volumes and social distancing requirements with the help of the Petersfield Methodist Church in allowing us to expand out of our small store/sorting area into the main Church area, even during the brief time when services resumed for a while. Grateful thanks to all at the PMC for this opportunity.

We would like to thank Vanessa Dowse for her support since 2015 as she retired from the Management Committee for personal reasons during 2020 and to David Barton, who along with his other roles, took over the training of volunteers during this time. We welcome two new members to the committee – Carole Noon and Simon Mason – who both agreed to join towards the end of year. We look forward to working with them fully in 2021.

The PACT Food Bank applied to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) during 2020 after successfully overcoming several hurdles (such as the use of the word Bank in our name!), we are pleased to confirm that on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 we received approval from the Charity Commission and are now a registered charity with the number 1193002. This will not change our name or the way we work, apart from having Trustees, but will make us more accountable in the future and enable us to claim Gift Aid.

We thank all those who have given their time and made donations of both food & toiletries and funding that enable us to continue to support those in need in our neighbourhood and we look forward to continuing this vital work in the community during 2021.

## 2. Food Bank Finance as 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Bank account** £45,487.25

**Cash in Hand** £ 481.55

### Major Donations

➤ PACT Churches	£ 4,539.11
➤ Townhouse Runners	£ 2,069.31
➤ Re-Form LLP	£ 2,020.00
➤ Peekaboo	£ 1,340.00
➤ Joe Tully	£ 1,131.30

<b>Major Expenditure</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
➤ Bryant Bros - Fruit & Vegetables	£ 4,940.00	£ 965.00
➤ Clowes – Bread, Cheese & Eggs	£ 4,515.00	£ 920.00
➤ Salvation Army Christmas Hampers	£ 1,000.00	£ 0.00
<b>Total Referrals</b>	<b>1073</b>	<b>319</b>
➤ Number of Adults Supported	1692	497
➤ Number of Children Supported	959	210
➤ Total number of Adults & Children	2651	707

## 3. Management Committee as 31<sup>st</sup> December

➤ Chair & Treasurer	Terry Doubleday
➤ Secretary	Sue Jupp
➤ Volunteer Rotas & Training	David Barton
➤ Stock	Audrey Hollingbery
➤ Referral Agencies	Elaine Knox
➤ Donation Sites	Danielle Balmforth
➤ Support	Colin Tilley
➤ Support	Marion Voller

## 4. Volunteers

There are currently 75 Volunteers on the Shift Rota who give their time in 2-hour sessions at the Petersfield Methodist Church on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 10:00 and 12:00 noon to sort, label and store the food donations and make up the various size food bags for distribution. Also, on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 09:30 and 11:30 at the Salvation Army Hall to distribute the food bags to those in need.

# PACT Christmas Lunch

From the Rev Will Hughes

'Now that the dust has settled, I wanted to say what an extraordinary thing you achieved on Christmas Day. I've heard a stream of compliments about every aspect of the day- rave reviews for the food, especially amazement that there was even cranberry sauce!, deep surprise and delight at the thoughtfulness of the presents, and again and again the huge impact of having friendly faces on the doorstep on Christmas Day. You made 76 people very happy, and in fact I believe the number is far higher, because Petersfield knows and rejoices that this happened, and because I hope that it also gave you huge pleasure to do.

I've also heard a great deal about how smoothly it worked, and several people assumed that we'd been doing this for years! This is a testimony to your care, thought, preparation and dedication to making it work. I've never helped to organise an event at which I wasn't able to be there, and which had no dedicated coordinator on the day. It makes a huge difference to work with a team who take responsibility for what they do- thank you for making my role so easy.

On behalf of the guests, of the Churches of Petersfield and of the town, thank you for making to time to make a difference. No amount of online activity can equal real practical action. It takes much more time and energy, and this serves to make it more real, more costly and more valued.

I hope and pray that you have all found St Francis' prayer to be true, that it is in giving that we receive.

With my best wishes and prayers for a very happy New Year, and blessings in 2021.'

Will

Finance note: Donations completely covered the cost of food and gifts. Many gifts were donated by the supermarkets. Marika did an excellent job in sourcing these gifts and donations, but our thanks are to everyone who advertised the event and supported it financially.

(the PACT financial report presented to the AGM is for the financial year 2019-2020 records the finances of the 2019 Christmas lunch).

# Other Group Reports

## Christian Arts Group

'..... Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things' Phil 4 v8

This is our motto and it is such an encouragement during this awful Covid Pandemic.

Workshops continued throughout January, February and March coming to abrupt halt on the 21st. People were working creatively towards our second exhibition in the Garden room of the Physic Garden in August. But alas that was not to be.

June continued to work on her watercolour landscapes through out the summer in the workshop whilst I beavered on making essential face masks, some 300 by the finish.

All workshops have now ceased due to our present lockdown but people are continuing to work at home on their creative projects.

All looking forward to when we can start again later this year.

Belinda

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## Knit and Knatter

We were able to meet in the Leisure Centre on Herne Farm in January, February and March in 2020.

These were enjoyable times and our numbers swelled.

We completed the making of the knitted chicks with Easter eggs for the project run by Francis House, a children's charity, and posted them off. Unfortunately, they were unable to use these in their Easter Fayre due to Covid so they could not fund raise. We have kept in touch with them for future projects.

As most of the knitters and card makers are ladies in their senior years, the risks of meeting between lockdown 1 and 2 were deemed too risky but we are hoping to start up again later this year and looking forward to this.

Belinda Shaw

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## Messy Church

Well, 2020 didn't happen in the way any of us thought!

Emma and I had planned to restart Messy Church in Petersfield, after a 15 month break while Emma was at university, in March 2020 – the Tuesday after the 1st national lockdown was announced in fact!

When we came out into the more relaxed period in July we decided that we couldn't run Messy and that for us both it would be difficult to find successful way to engage with the families online – especially as the weather was fab and a lot of the families we were in touch with were enjoying lots of time together as families during the lockdown – so we took the decision to put our plans on hold but to keep reviewing them every few months.

As 2020 has turned into 2021 it is clear that the restrictions surrounding the Covid-19 virus and daily life remain in place and there is no date for the lifting of them. Emma & I will continue to review whether it is safe for all involved with Messy Church in Petersfield to run an event.

Blessings

Helen and Emma

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### Town Chaplaincy

The Peterfield Town Chaplaincy continued to provide support for the market trainers every week, Pages Court and Lavant Street's service was interrupted but nine this less appreciated.

At Easter and Christmas PACT did not hold town wide events and so chaplains helped on their own streets where many celebrations were held. Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day parade were marshalled and their efforts drew words of appreciation from the Mayor and Town Council.

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### Petersfield Voluntary Care Group

Petersfield Voluntary Care Group's purpose is to provide volunteers with their own transport to drive people to medical appointments. For example, we may go to QA, various other hospitals, or to GP surgeries, dentists or ophthalmologists. We also do shopping for the housebound and prescription collections. We cover not only Petersfield and surrounding areas, but also have a dedicated Coordinator in Froxfield too. Buriton and Liss have their own groups.



The number of drives during 2020 was roughly halved compared to the previous year, at 731. The type of drive varied when we started doing more prescription runs, especially delivering about 16 scripts free of charge for Day Lewis every day for nearly 100 days from after Easter until the end of July, totalling 1472 prescriptions. The number of hospital appointments went down considerably owing to Covid, but we still took some clients. We continued shopping and local medical runs as usual. We also acted in partnership with HomeStart Butser by driving a keyworker and her baby to a nursery twice a week, when her own nursery nearby closed for the duration. Some of our drivers did this without the reimbursement which is normally given to drivers too. We really do have some wonderful people.

All our drivers are DBS checked for driving passengers in their cars. Any drivers over 60 are also risk-assessed every 6 months in order to be quite sure that they have taken into consideration all risks associated with driving passengers at the present time. Those drivers who did not wish to continue driving are held in abeyance until they have had their vaccinations, and we hope that they will return then, with a risk assessment in place too. About 6 decided to call it a day at the beginning of the pandemic. However we were able to recruit a good number of new drivers during the first lockdown, so that now we are ticking over nicely. Any new drivers recruited just for shopping and prescriptions will not need to be DBS checked. The DBS check is necessary for driving passengers in their cars.

We recently became a registered charity with the Charity Commission and we have a new logo. We also have a new email address and website pages on the Winton House Centre website. We are planning to develop our own website soon.

During the lockdown we researched our history and started a scrapbook which I would like to make available to people once we are allowed, possibly at the new Petersfield Museum. There are photos, newspaper cuttings, reports and records going back to 1975.

We really appreciate working in partnership with agencies in the town, especially Winton House Centre who take our telephone requests for transport. During the pandemic we have established new relationships with PACT, The Petersfield Town Council and the Petersfield Community Help Network, as it is now called. In fact we discovered through speaking to Joyce Perry and Bea Kenchington that our formation was due to a meeting held by PACT back in 1975. It is for this reason that we would rather like to be able to use your logo at the foot of our headed notepaper, if you would be willing. Thank you for all the good work you do through all the churches in the town.

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### Christian Aid

The year's fundraising began, as usual, with the Simple Lunch, which was held on February 15th at the Petersfield United Reformed Church. About 65 people ate a lunch of home-made soup, bread and cheese. Everyone enjoyed the food and great fellowship together. Along with the takings from a sales table, 568.25 was raised.

Unfortunately, due to the National Lockdown, the Town Street Collection, normally held on the third Saturday in May, could not take place. Instead, a virtual quiz was hosted by Josh Thomas. It is not possible to track the amount raised, as donations had to be made directly to Christian Aid by phone or on-line.

During the past few months, Christian Aid has rationalised its operation, with many regional offices closing, reflecting the trend of reducing contributions. The Pandemic has further impacted the amount of money being raised.

The usual collection over the Christmas period at the Petersfield and Liss United Reformed Church, took a different form, as the church was not open for services. Christian Aid had asked that donations could be made using a JustGiving page, which has so far raising £850. Many thanks to all who contributed in this way. This can be found at:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/PetersfieldandLissURC>

It remains to be seen what activities can take place in 2021.

Carolyn Barton