



## **PETERSFIELD AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at  
St Laurence Church Hall , Petersfield,  
on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm

### **1. Introduction**

Genesis 12 vv1-3 "I will bless you and make you a blessing"

Richard spoke briefly about how God has blessed us and wants to make us a blessing to others. We shall be reviewing some of those blessings tonight.

### **2. Those Present:**

Richard Saunders (Chair), Christine Tully (Treasurer), Hilary Bonney (Secretary), John Studd, John Callaghan, Will Hughes, Madeline King, Vanessa Dowse, Carolyn Barton, Jenny Ballinger, Judith Bee, Jenny Parkes, Anna Oliffe, Linda Read, Jane Owen, Jill Watts, Amanda Greenlee, Josh Thomas, Ivan Huntington-Thresher, Peter Hollins, Steve Field, Brian Edwards, Lynn Carter, Janet Calby, Terry Doubleday.

### **Apologies for absence:**

Laura Hauer, Lindsay Clegg, Simon Mason, Helen Mason, John Owen, Tim Concannon, Belinda Shaw, David Barton

### **3. Minutes for last AGM (16.1.19)**

Read & approved

### **4. Matters Arising from minutes**

None

### **5. Chairman's Report** Richard Saunders

It's been a privilege to be Chair of PACT for the past year.

The good relationships between the various ministers and churches have made it a pleasure rather than hard work.

- It's been very good to be able to do our usual things together: Our Good Friday walk of witness and service & Carols in the Square took place, with huge help from the Salvation Army band. They and Life Church have also done a great job again holding a short service in the Square at the Festival weekends.
- We had a good time in the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost in the Pop up Prayer Space in the High Street.
  - A lot of different churches took turns in looking after it for a day.
  - It was lovely that Hope Church joined in with it.
  - I'm very grateful to the team of people who worked very hard to get it all together.
  - I reckon that about 250 people made use of the space, some of them more than once. It was good to have a place to pray together.

- I'm also very impressed by the work done by groups that are linked with PACT. It's sad that we need a Foodbank but we do and it's great that it's there. Home Start Butser, The King's Arms, The Christmas Day Lunch, Town Centre Chaplaincy, Counselling Service all do a brilliant job. It's great that Holiday Club happened again this year and that Messy Church is starting up again. To say nothing of Knit & Knatter and the Christian Arts Group, Fairtrade, In Ministry to Children, Men's Group....the list goes on and on.  
You can read about them in the reports for the PACT Linked Groups that are available on the Pact web site [www.pact.org](http://www.pact.org)
- This was the first time that I had been Chair and
  - Helen Mason has been a great help in teaching me the ropes and helping me to remember things.
  - Christine Tully has done a meticulous job as Treasurer again. It's good to know the finances are in safe hands.
  - Hilary Bonney has been a huge support with taking the minutes and
  - John Studd has been as thorough as ever with his updating of the website. I'm very glad that he decided to continue to do it.

Thank you to all of you for doing the things the Lord has called you to.  
If you're thinking you would like to get involved in something else / have a change, today is a very good opportunity to talk to someone to find out what is needed.
- Finally, thank you to Carolyn for her support as Vice Chair. I am sure we all want to support her as she takes on the role of Chair – assuming we elect her in a minute!
- It's very good that Will Hughes is willing to be Vice Chair. If you or someone you know would be willing to take the minutes, they would love to hear from you!

6. **Accounts:** Christine Tully (see next two pages below)

Christine presented the accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, explaining the receipts / payments / & surplus as a comparison for the items listed. This was the first time since its inception that the Christmas Day Lunch (CDL) had shown a deficit.

Christine was not concerned about this as we had good balances in our Nat West Current and Reserve Accounts. Ivan Huntington – Thresher suggested that each church could possibly raise some funds for CDL if this turns out to be needed.

Peter Hollis noticed that £187 was sitting in the Soup run reserves. He suggested that this was passed to Marika Kyjovska for the work she was doing with the Homeless in Portsmouth. John Callaghan seconded the motion and with a show of hands this was passed unanimously.

The Pact Holiday Club almost did not happen this year and was scaled down to accommodate it happening in St Peter's Church and Church Hall. This is reflected in the accounts.

PETERSFIELD AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER  
 ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

2018			2019		
RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	SURPLUS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	SURPLUS
2700		2700	2700		2700
380		380	481		481
96		96	77		77
117		117			
	-238	-238		-241	-241
	-190	-190			
	-238	-238		-279	-279
	-400	-400		-156	-156
	-645	-645		-400	-400
	-655	-655		-645	-645
	-4	-4		-660	-660
	-6	-6			
	-286	-286		-243	-243
1		1	3		3
	-138	-138		-138	-138
	-395	-395		-687	-687
<b>3294</b>	<b>-3195</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>3261</b>	<b>-3449</b>	<b>-188</b>
770	-805	-35	461	-472	-11
3660					3724
	2387			2199	
	1150			1139	
	187			187	
3724					3525
2324					2122
<u>1400</u>					<u>1403</u>
3724					3525

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 *Christopher Town*

Date *5 December 2019*

**PETERSFIELD AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER**  
**PACT HOLIDAY CLUB ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

	2019	2017		2019	2017
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>Fees</b>	82	1300	<b>Juniors</b>	127	288
<b>Donations</b>			<b>Infants</b>	148	785
churches:					
<i>central funds</i>	450	500			
PACT		190	<b>The Petersfield School</b>		800
<i>individuals</i>			<b>6 Stationery/stamps/telephone</b>		9
gift cards from 2017	12		<b>Printing/copies</b>		17
			<b>Badges</b>		
			<b>Registration</b>	14	
			<b>Refreshments</b>	24	42
			<b>Security &amp; First aid</b>	8	0
<b>Bank interest</b>	3		<b>0 Gifts:</b>		
			helpers	134	166
			school workers		30
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>547</u></b>	<b><u>1996</u></b>	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>454</u></b>	<b><u>2137</u></b>
			surplus/deficit for the year	93	-141
			Reserves brought forward, 1 November	1524	1665
			Reserves carried forward 30 September	1617	1524
			Reserves comprise		
			Natwest Bank Current Account	442	352
			Natwest Bank Reserve Account	<u>1175</u>	<u>1172</u>
				1617	1524

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

*Christopher Town*

Christopher Town

*7 December 2019*

Date

**7. PACT Partnered & Linked Groups Reports.**

See compilation of Reports on the web site [www.pact.org](http://www.pact.org).

Reports from Fairtrade and Petersfield Counselling Service were sadly missing

There was some discussion of some of these reports as follows:

**Christmas Day Lunch:** Katie Wigley was standing down after organising CDL for many years. John Callaghan was to buy Flowers as a token of our appreciation & funds were approved to do so.

Brian Edwards & his wife were happy to take on the role next year and the first meeting would be 24<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm at a venue t.b.c.

### **Pact Food Bank:**

As Chair, Terry Doubleday reported that it had been a good and a bad year. Good because food and monetary donations (£1000) meant that fresh food vouchers for Market Traders could be increased from £5 to £10. Bad because one statistic of importance shows that there had been a 58% increase in Referrals. Volunteers have coped with the work load.

### **Home Start Butser**

Terry Doubleday reported as Chair.

Biggest 'Give to match' initiative meant that £24,000 was raised from a giving of £12,000 It takes £1000 a year to support a family. Soon there will be the launch of a new training session.

Terry, who worships at St Mary's Buriton, was very happy to talk with groups and Churches on the two above mentioned Pact Linked Activities.

### **The King's Arms**

John was ecstatic that thanks to two large donations the new home on Dragon Street is nearly ready to accommodate staff and children.

The more volunteers to support the paid staff the more children that can be supported . All the information is on the web site.

The Council in Alton has bought a dilapidated building in the hope of securing a King's Arms there . Do let any tradespeople know if they could give their time and expertise to what we know to be a worthwhile project for the young people in our towns.

### **News from the Churches**

J. John is booked, with £5 tickets available at the Life Church Office

He is a funny, endearing evangelist.

Take a friend and it might help them on a Faith journey.

6 week bible study 'Natural Evangelism', suitable for Lent, available to prepare for this.

### **Agencies Working Together – Steve Field**

Approximately 38 agencies

Important to talk with people and to reach those who are isolated.

### **Lent Activities**

Peter Hollins suggested that Lent activities could be encouraged through the pact web site.

### **8. Elections:**

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|--------------------|----------------------------|
| a. PACT Chair      | Carolyn Barton             |
| b. PACT Vice Chair | Will Hughes                |
| c. Treasurer       | Christine Tully            |
| d. Secretary       | Ivan Huntington – Thresher |

The above were voted en bloc with a show of hands: All for and no abstentions

### **9. Future dates and events**

Service of Unity Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 3pm at Petersfield URC

### **10. Closing prayer**