



**TIME & DATE:** 7:30pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

**VENUE:** Zoom Conferencing

**Chair** Ivan Huntington-Thresher

**Attended:** Carolyn Barton, Ivan H-T, Christine Tully, John Callaghan, Peter Hollins, Madeline King, Vanessa Dowse, Christine Traynier, Alison Waterhouse, Will Hughes, Lindsay Clegg, Jenny Parkes, Jan Stuart, Amanda Greenlee, PCSO Will Ive.

**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.

**1 Introduction, Bible reading and prayer**

Ivan opened the committee meeting with readings and a prayer:

**Galatians 6:2 & 8-9:** *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

**2 Apologies for absence**

Jenny Ballinger, Josh Thomas.

**3 Treasurer's Report**

**Issue:** A financial position update was presented.

- FY ended end-Sept. Accounts were presented to the committee in order to identify and answer any queries prior to formal acceptance at the AGM.
- Due to low spend this year the subs for member churches next year may be reduced.

**4 Christmas Cards**

**Issue:** Organising the printing & delivery of Christmas cards.

- The candidate designs were voted on and winners agreed.
- Gift card prizes of: £25, £15, 2x £10 were agreed.

**5 Christmas Lunch/Tea:**

**Issue:** To progress planning for the Christmas event.

**Discussions & Decisions:**

- Planning meeting to be convened soon.
- Venue to be either URC Hall or Love Lane Community Centre dependent upon final number of guests.
- Referral letters/posts and posters need to go up soon.
- Will need to source the following equipment:
  - Sound system
  - Projector (From St Peters, but will be needed for their morning service, so will be delivered on the day)

- Portable Hearing Loop System
- Radio interviews by Shine Radio with Ivan to publicise event and help call for volunteers

## 6 **Christmas Carols:**

**Issue:** To progress a Christmas Carol Service for this year.

### **Discussions & Decisions:**

- The event is to be scheduled for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in the Square -provided all Churches confirm this doesn't conflict with their events.
- Agreed to include the carolling walk from PMC (@6pm) to The Square (for 7pm).
- Extremely important to remember to take a collection as provides significant funding

**ACTION:** Ask for volunteers to help steward as well as take the collection.

**ACTION:** Each Church to deliver one dozen mince pies to St Peters earlier that week.

## 7 **AOB & Comments**

The Mayor's Quiz was discussed. A worthy activity to support as donations go to Food Bank & King's Arms. Sign up your teams soon, cost is £12.50 inc food @ Festival Hall, Weds 30th Nov.

## 8 **Next Meetings**

- Next meeting (excluding the Christmas Tea Planning Meetings) will be the AGM on January, date to be confirmed following discussion between Ivan and John.

## 9 **Close**

The meeting was concluded by sharing of The Grace.