



PACT
AGM REPORTS
16th January 2025

A - Chairman's Report

I have been please to chair the meetings of the PACT committee during the last year and to prepare and organise events. However at times this has been quite a burden and the help of a secretary would have been greatly appreciated.

Neither the organisation of Easter or Christmas cards went smoothly. In both cases because of different time restraints. Nevertheless they were delivered in good time throughout the area.

The Good Friday witness and Carols in The Square were well attended -two special occasions in the year when we come together.

Early in the year the Committee was really concerned to find a facilitator for the Christmas Day Lunch. However by June Caz had offered to do this and the committee did a really good timely job.

We had an approach from Restoration House to join PACT and have taken various steps. I hope that a decision can be made at the next meeting.

Later in the year the PACT website went down and along with it our usual means of communication. Christine has made valiant efforts to rebuild the site and make good the communications. But it has been difficult to assemble information in preparation for this AGM.

Nevertheless it is so impressive to read about the many good activities taking place for the good of our community around Petersfield.

Peter Hollins



B - The King's Arms

Dom Clarke addressed the meeting.

It has been a typically busy and fruitful year for The King's Arms, if not without some challenge. Those challenges have mostly come from

obtaining suitable grant funding to run our many programmes and

follows what appears to be a national trend with grant making bodies giving less, whilst demand for services increases - as do the general costs to run a charity like KA. However, we continue to be blessed in so many ways by financial support, donations, fundraising and other sources of income that we have seen our work flourish and grow in 2024 in many ways.

The work of KA falls into four main programmes:

After School clubs which are open-access and run daily from our two youth centres.

Mentoring Programmes (both group and one-to-one) for anxious and vulnerable young people who are finding it hard to stay in school, or make wise choices about the behaviour.

Targeted Work aimed at offering respite fun for young people with learning difficulties or who are Young Carers.

Faith work aimed at supporting local churches to access top quality Christian youth work and a space for young people to ask the Big Questions in life.

In 2024 we saw a new piece of work hit its first important milestone.

Empower, a programme that supports a group of year 11 young people, who are classified as Emotionally Based School Avoiders (EBSA) and who may have missed school for several years, came to the end of its first year in Petersfield. Every young person who attended went on to sit ALL their GCSE's and each one progressed to something else for year 12 and 13 (either college, apprenticeship or work). We are now well into year two of the Empower Programme in Petersfield and year one of the same programme that we now also offer in Alton.

A highlight of the year was our Youth Workers Summit held in Alton in February which was attended by 105 youth work practitioners from all areas of work and a wide geographical spread also. The day included some excellent training, inspirational speakers and much encouragement for all who attended.

We currently have a staff team of 14, with over 42 volunteers supporting our work. This year two of our amazing youth workers started a Youth Work degree course with Roehampton University. We are grateful for everyone that works so hard together for the benefit of young people in this area.

Our faith programme has also continued to flourish with busy, well attended evening Christian youth groups at both sites and two weekly Christian lunch clubs also. We have seen young people grow in faith this year and speak eloquently and with passion about the benefit of prayer and faith generally on their lives.

This year, prompted first by the local churches, we have been considering prayerfully a role for The King's Arms in delivering youth work in the Horndean, Clanfield and Rowlands Castle area and the possibility of a third youth centre based in Horndean. This process has been supported with great encouragement from the local community, secondary school and local and parish authorities. We move into 2025 ready to break new ground with our first mentoring programme delivered in partnership with Horndean Technology College and based at a local venue. We continue to look for a permanent place there, additional funding, and local support and hope to offer more in Horndean this year.

Each year The King's Arms impacts the lives of hundreds of young people, offering support, encouragement, and a safe 'home from home' for those who are especially vulnerable. This is only possible through a commitment to our core Christian values, much prayer and the support of the local community, especially PACT.

We pray for a fruitful and dynamic 2025 where young people can continue to flourish. 2025 is also our anniversary (Silver Jubilee) year! We are planning a range of celebrations and fundraising activities to make this a very special year indeed. Look out for more information as the year progresses!

Dominic Clarke

Programme Manager – KA

Jan 2025



C—PACT CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH – AGM REPORT

As of Tuesday 14 January, 2025

Prepared by Caz Nicholls, PACT Christmas Day Lunch Coordinator

Please see below an in-depth report reflecting on this year's PACT Christmas Day Lunch.

What a brilliant day it was and a huge thank you to everyone mentioned below, in particular the committee and the volunteers, for their support preparing and running the event.

Generating Community Support

A focus for this year was about bringing the wider community closer into the fold (to help us increase the wider awareness of the lunch given the slightly lower numbers in 2023 than in previous years) and securing their support to help us deliver a high-quality celebration. As such, many thanks in particular to the following local businesses:

- Waitrose Petersfield – provided us with a £1,000 grant.
- Peta Print – printed all our promotional materials (posters / RSVP forms) and the printed items needed on the day (menu and quiz).
- Gail's Bakery – provided freshly sliced sourdough to accompany the soup starter.
- Dylan's Ice Cream – provided ice cream to accompany the dessert.
- Turner's Pies – provided two large catering pies for dessert, along with 3 x £10 gift vouchers which were given out as part of the raffle.
- Tesco's Petersfield – provided us with 60+ Mince Pies.
- Foods of Europe – provided all the Christmas Puddings (with several leftover for next year!).
- Winton House – for helping to collect hand-delivered RSVPs.

In addition to the local business support, we had several members of the community (beyond the committee) who provide contributions towards to the lunch:

- Penny Callaghan – made all the marvellous table centrepieces.
- Victoria Christofides – donated all the napkins.
- Sue Hubber – handmade the chocolate brownies (which were placed on each table place).
- Lynette Clarke – foraged and made the individual flower posies for each guest to take home.
- Soshana and Rivka Yugin-Power – sung and played the flute for guests upon arrival.
- Emily Beach (and partner, David) – led the carols at the end of the lunch.
- Jess – supported Mary with the creation of the wonderful gift bags.

Alongside the above, we also received financial support from the following:

- PHA Homes – the PACT Christmas Day lunch was nominated as their not-for-profit organisation of choice this Christmas. We received a £250 donation.
- Local Treasures – donated £50 towards the delivery of our lunch.

What a truly wonderful community effort!

Promoting the lunch far-and-wide

Using the refreshed materials to promote the lunch, the committee collectively distributed it far-and-wide. In addition to the PACT Churches, the lunch was promoted in the following locations:

- Community noticeboards around Petersfield
- Cook
- Petersfield Library
- Charity shops
- Local businesses, such as the Solicitors on the High Street
- Winton House

- The Grange
- Swan Surgery
- My Dentist (High Street)
- Several local residential care homes

We also secured media coverage on Shine Radio (via an interview with Caz Nicholls) and Petersfield Post (before and after the lunch). Please see links to the coverage secured below.

- Petersfield Post (pre) - www.petersfieldpost.co.uk/news/petersfield-area-churches-together-is-giving-back-to-the-community-this-christmas-734924
- Petersfield Post (post) - www.petersfieldpost.co.uk/news/video-petersfield-area-churches-togethers-christmas-lunch-a-big-success-755087

However, our most successful promotional initiative this year was our Rams Walk set-up which took place at the end of November. In addition to having a bucket present for any loose change, we had an England Men vs New Zealand Men signed cricket bat which we raffled off at £1 a ticket. Across a four-hour window, we sold 270 tickets. It proved a really successful tactic to encourage people to stop by and find out more about what we were doing. Even if they didn't have a need for the lunch, it helped spread awareness. In addition to raising £270, we had four sign-ups to attend the lunch.

A huge thank you to Liz Wright, Bernard Elkington, Mary Adams, Christine Tully, Graham Wey, and Elizabeth Holmes for their support on the day.

Christmas Eve set-up + Christmas Day

(Please see accompanying document containing images captured throughout the day)

The room was set up on Christmas Eve thanks to several members of the committee and volunteers from the wider community – it looked super. In addition to refreshed decorations (sourced via Petersfield Free Giving Facebook Page), to help bring some additional colour to the room we were kindly loaned a set of tablecloths by the Friends of Langrish & Ramsdean – this made a huge difference to the welcoming feel of the room (along with all the floral arrangements).

Opened with a warm welcome by Mayor Lesley Farrow and Grace by Father Peter Hollins, along with Cllr J.C. Chrissie, on Christmas Day we welcomed 40 seated guests to the lunch and delivered 18 home deliveries (by comparison, in 2023 we had 30 seated guests and 5 home deliveries). A huge thank you to the excellent cohort of drivers who supported with guest transport and/or home deliveries. We were once again inundated with volunteering support!

Graham and the kitchen team did an outstanding job with meticulous planning and preparation, high-quality of food and excellent timing on the day. We received so many comments of thanks for the quality (and warmth!) of the food on the day – thank you Graham for leading this brilliantly!

A small change of focus for this year was the number of volunteers present at the lunch. Following feedback from previous years, we wanted to ensure that all those volunteering felt they had enough to do on the day and as such, the committee agreed on capping the number volunteers on the day. This worked really well. As a future improvement, we might look to introduce 'shifts' (e.g. someone set up and do starter / main, and another volunteer to join at dessert and close) as extra help would have been beneficial at the end of the day.

Finances

A separate report shall be given by the PACT Treasurer on the finances of this year's Christmas Day Lunch.

Committee Members

To close this report, a heartfelt thanks to the following individuals who provided invaluable support this year in the preparation and delivery of the 2024 PACT Christmas Day lunch:

Amanda Greenlee, Bernard Elkington, Christine Tully, Elizabeth Holmes, Graham Wey, Ivan Huntington-Thresher, Liz Wright, Mary Adams and Simon Nicholls.

D - Petersfield Counselling Service

Margaret Scott (Chair) addressed the meeting about the organisation and scope of their service.



E - Home-Start Butser

Last year was a wonderful year, we broke all our records and supported our highest ever number of local families in need. 262 families and 365 children engaged with Home-Start Butser's services – representing a 48% increase from the previous year. 76 families were supported with home-visiting volunteers – an 18% increase, 170 were supported in groups, an 83% increase reflecting the expansion and value of our Family Groups.

We supported 20 children through our new After School Club, in partnership with local infant schools. 58% of families referred to HSB identified mental health as one of the issues they needed support with. 32% of families were stepped down or moved off Childrens' Services plans during their time with Home-Start Butser.

Our Young Families Counselling project has offered free, long-term counselling to 12 families to date. Volunteers remain consistent at 80 by running two 25 hour courses a year. The work has transformed many volunteer's lives, they've developed confidence, found new work, and enjoyed a renewed sense of purpose in life. Increased partnership with other referral agencies including GPs, Health Visitors, schools, pre-schools, Children's Services.

Our exciting new projects include: School Readiness groups, helping children to transition into Year R. New parent groups identified in response to the Health Visiting team no longer providing them due to lack of resource. Nourish to Flourish - a monthly cooking and wellbeing group. Walking Group – encouraging families to access the outdoors for a walk and connection with others. Growing, cooking and sharing food at the Community Garden in Petersfield. We know what we need to do, and we're confident we can, but we can't do it alone. Uniting together with our ambitious plans and your support we will continue to achieve great things in our local community



F - Petersfield Voluntary Care Group

Christine Traynier spoke about the work of the Voluntary Care Group.

During 2024, Petersfield Voluntary Care Group has continued to be a lifeline for our 528 clients, many of whom would not be able to attend their medical appointments without the help of our voluntary drivers. The Daily Express recently published an article in which there was an urgent appeal for volunteer drivers to help get elderly patients to their doctors and nurses. The article said that 'half of non-drivers over 70 have missed vital medical appointments due to a lack of access to transport. 96% have failed to be at more than one consultation, while 68% have missed three or more. Missed appointments cost the NHS hundreds of millions of pounds annually – with GP 'no-shows' set to set NHS England back £216 million per year'.

We can therefore be justifiably proud that nationally as well as locally, PVCG is considered as a vital asset to the community.

The PVCG Team consists of 40 drivers, 3 of whom are shoppers for our housebound clients. We have 6 co-ordinators who are responsible for allocating the requests to drivers. Our committee of 12 includes our Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Administrator, Website Manager, DBS checks' Administrator, Marketing

We all work together with the Staff at Winton House to deliver such an essential service to our community. We are so grateful to Winton House Manager Sarah Moss and her Team for their continued support. The Winton House volunteers and staff who work in the office are our clients' first port of call when they 'phone or come in person to Winton House to book requests. Many clients comment on how their stress-levels drop when they know that there are a team of kind people willing to help them in their time of need.

During 2024 we processed 1338 driving requests which is 105 more requests than in 2023. This number includes requests which were cancelled for various reasons. Even a request which is cancelled, involves a great deal of administrative work by all volunteers.

The majority of our requests are from clients in the Petersfield area, but our 'patch' extends to Froxfield. Martin Knapp, our Vice- Chair is the Co-ordinator for the requests which come from people living in this area.

PVCG owes its success to the unity of everyone involved. Everyone is committed to helping clients at their point of need, but there is always the need for more drivers because the demand goes up and not down!

We are well placed to continue our valuable work in the community during 2025.

MARY FAIR (Chair of PVCG)



G - Petersfield Town Chaplaincy

John Callaghan spoke about the chaplaincy involvement locally.

They are always ready to welcome new volunteers.

We have been present at the Market on Wednesday each week and provide a presence and pastoral support to the traders.

At other times we operate as Marshalls for the Remembrance Service where several thousand people attend and honour people who have made a sacrifice for our freedom. The Mayor is always appreciative and invites us for refreshment afterwards.

If anyone is interested in joining us please contact me John Callaghan 01730 266220, 07955961110



H - Knit and Knatter

Belinda spoke about this activity.

The knit and Knatter group have continued to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at Herne Farm Leisure Centre throughout 2024. Numbers have been consistent and though there were fewer in the colder darker months when staying at home in the comfort of your home was more desirable.

Fellowship, refreshments and, as the name suggests Knattering is a big part of the groups activities. Some bring knitting or crocheting projects whilst others enjoy creating greetings cards for all occasions.

We have Sally Smith to thank for the carding activity. She prepares and brings along the materials required each session for this popular, creative activity. Some of the cards are sold in aid of the In Ministry for Children, one of Life churches charities which supports the work of

Christian workers in Bogata in Colombia who work with the street children. Thanks to Pippa Collingwood who regularly serves the group refreshments each time.

I - Christian Arts Group

Again, Belinda was able to speak to this.

The Christian Arts group has had a good year in 2024. We were able to hold a month long, art exhibition in July at Gallery 30, with many of the creative people who attend the workshops exhibiting. Two of the young people had their first experience of exhibiting and were very excited, bring with them parents and grandparents to the Private View.

Alas, -we said a sad 'Goodbye' to them at the end of August as they started their year 11 exam preparation. God often sends young people along to the workshops so I wait in anticipation.

I was able to work with John Studd on updating the Christian Art website in 2024. It had not been worked on since before Covid. So thanks to John it is looking much better though still needs more work.

The regular people have continued to attend to further develop their artistic skills, have fellowship and try out new things in the safe space of the workshops. Buriton Art group continue to send their ceramics to me for firing and contact me for advice.

2025 is a new page in the life of the Christian Arts group and we will have to see what happens next.



J - Faith Comment

I have now fully taken over the administration of the Faith Comment from John Studd, and that I'll be sending out the 2025 rota very soon.

The various articles have been well received by the folk at the Post & Herald, who, after some scheduling problems over the summer (due to staff changes at the paper) have embraced our contributions, and we have now established a pretty good working relationship.

Hopefully the Faith Comment will remain a valuable section in the coming months.

Mike Gibson



K - PACT Website

Christine Traynier told us about the difficulties she has faced recently.

The meeting was greatly appreciative of her work.

The main thing to report is a major crash of the website in the summer. I was in the process of making a new front page. Instead of copying it over the old document I changed a link so it pointed to the new front page – and it caused a mighty crash!

I contacted FastHosts, who hosted the website. They got back to me and said that our site was created on an old version of WordPress and they were unable to restore the backup. It is a shame they didn't point this out when they were happy to take our money. Their charges were quite high and had been rising steadily over the last few years.

I contacted Martin Cupela at Bright Solutions in the town. He is a parishioner at St Lawrence and hosts their Website. He has set us up a new website file and is hosting it at a much reduced cost than Fasthosts. I am in the process of recreating the content. It is quite a time-consuming job, but I am getting there. I have learned a lot from the experience.

I have set up a page for each church in PACT giving details of their services etc. I have also managed to restore the minutes going back to when PACT was set up and these are now on the website. John Studd helped me by providing a copy of an old version of the website from which I was able to download old files. At present I am trying to restore copies of the Faith Comment articles on the website. I have lots of very old ones. I am missing those which were on the website that crashed. I am also missing the most up to date ones. It would be nice if they could be sent to me as they are published, and I will add them to the Faith Comment Page.

My priorities for the next year are:

- To continue restoring the site as I have been
- To enable other users to automatically add content to the website.
- To restore the emailing facility that we had. At present to contact members of PACT it all has to be done manually through me.
- To provide more information on the associated groups on the website. Christine Traynier January 2025



L) Petersfield Food Bank

During 2024 PACT Food Bank distributed 1513 food packs and market vouchers, supporting 2323 adults and 1442 children. This compares to 1517 food packs in 2023, when we supported 2336 adults and 1416 children. We have again been very busy. We have been based exclusively at Petersfield Methodist Church for over three years now. This has continued to work out very well, and it has enabled us to offer clients enhanced support with dietary issues and bulky items such as nappies. We are extremely grateful to PMC for their support.

Donations dropped off over the summer when we needed to buy stock. This situation was reversed by very generous harvest festivals from PACT churches and local schools including the Bedales community, TPS, Churcher's College, Langrish Primary, Petersfield Infants, Herne Junior, Ditcham Park, Froxfield School (this list is not exhaustive, apologies to anyone left out).

We have been overwhelmed by people's generosity this Christmas, when we were able to assist the Salvation Army with Christmas hampers as well as supplying them to our own clients. Our Manager, Kay Thomas, looks after the day-to-day management of the Food Bank, including referrals, and she has continued to contribute enormously. We continue to be heavily supported by many local businesses and charity groups for which we are extremely grateful.

Numbers of referrals are still relatively high, and as the cost of living rises continue to bite hard, we expect donations to fall again in 2025. There is the likelihood that households that would not normally consider needing Food Bank help will continue to come forward. We will be working during 2025 to try to reach those in our community who are reluctant to come forward but need help.

We have spent 2024 continuing to strengthen our relationships with our referring agencies to try to ensure that Food Bank users are receiving all the help to which they are entitled, whilst we provide temporary help until they become self-sufficient as soon as they are able.

Financially we are currently well placed to meet any shortfalls in donations and to continue to support our voucher scheme for clients. Reclaiming Gift Aid also assists our finances.

We have a healthy number of volunteers, approximately 50, who we are very grateful to for giving us their time and energies. They usually work in 2-hour sessions. On Monday and Wednesday mornings between 9.30 and 11.30 there is sorting, labelling and storing food donations and making up various size food bags for distribution. On Tuesdays and Fridays between 9.30 and 11.30 there is distributing food bags to those in need. We aren't actively looking for new recruits at present. Heather Nicholls heads up the training of volunteers, and we are very grateful to her. We have continued to spend time bringing our policies up to speed, working on compliance etc, and we thank everyone for their contribution. We have worked hard at our social media and public presence, with our website and Facebook page, and we are utilising the Bank the Food app, that alerts users to our shortages when they visit one of the shops that host collection points. We are very grateful to all these shops and to everyone who displays a shortages list, including PACT churches and offices, and special thanks go to Shine Radio for their support and for broadcasting the weekly shortage list.

Our current Committee members are: Chair - Elaine Knox; Treasurer - Richard Hollingbery; Secretary - Sue Jupp; Compliance - Danielle Balmforth; Donation sites and social media - Simon Mason; Training - Heather Nichols; David Barton; Nicky Deakin; Elaine Hobson. We thank the PACT churches and their congregations for their ongoing support of the Food Bank.

Elaine Knox Chair of Trustees Petersfield Food Bank Registered CIO 1193002



M - World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will take place on the 1st Friday of March 2025.

It is due to take place at the URC. Helen Mason is happy to coordinate this. She would welcome feedback from the churches about their involvement in the service: it is really important that all churches are part of the preparation for this.



N - Debt Advice Frontline

Our figures for last year are as follows:

- Trained Advisors 3
- Clients helped 33
- Referrals not fully engaging or just given advice 33

Frontline Petersfield was setup during 2020 as a local branch of Frontline Debt Advice UK. We are one of 15 branches, mainly in the south of England, providing debt and benefit advice to those needing it. We have three trained Advisors who hold DBS certificates. The work is supported by Life Church Petersfield and St Mary Magdalen, Sheet. Although clients are referred to us primarily for advice on their finances, there is always an underlining issue that causes the debt.

The difference between Frontline and other debt agencies, like CAB, is that we demonstrate the love of Jesus who is interested in the whole person.

2023 saw a doubling of the workload and 2024 has so far continued the same, although quieter in the early part of the year and a higher proportion of referrals not engaging fully. Many clients lead chaotic lives and find it difficult to face managing finances, especially with many anxiety issues.

Almost all our clients are referred by the social prescribers from the local surgeries, with the remainder from church contacts or our website.

Every client situation is different and our impression is that we are now dealing with more complex cases. The Lord was obviously leading us in relatively gently but now ensuring that we remain dependent on Him.



O - In Ministry to Children

Penny Callaghan spoke about the origins and importance of this work for the wellbeing of children.

This charity, supported by PACT, was started 30 years ago by a Petersfield couple, Terry and Joan Thraves. In their retirement they decided to give 3 months to support a project rescuing street children in Bogota, Colombia. On their return they toured the UK rallying support for a work, which was literally saving children's lives. IMC is operating in a number of areas around Bogota, inhabited by the most poverty stricken families in the country.

La Gaujira

It is the homeland of more than 200,000 Wayúu people, Colombia's largest Indigenous group, who for generations have faced displacement and marginalization on the rugged landscape. Last year alone, 70 children died of malnutrition there, and rates of this condition are thought to be many times the national average. The area's remoteness is a key cause; medical care is scant, village wells are often distant, and a litre of milk costs four times the national average." IMiC continues to serve more than 200 children in La Guajira by providing them with a balanced and healthy breakfast.

Los Alpes an informal settlement within Bogotá, where the most vulnerable children now have access to a dining room and a space for families to come together to learn the Word of God, in the heart of a dangerous area. In Los Alpes, IMiC has developed a kind of soup kitchen (olla comunitaria) to provide food to the wider community

IMiC also runs craft workshops in the communities we serve in **Fusa and Bogotá**. The children often don't realise that they are victims of abuse, and the workshops aim to help them recognise places and situations of risk and how to keep safe. The children are warned of the destructive nature of drugs and alcohol, which pose significant dangers in both communities. The table below shows the number of children and adults whom IMiC has supported so far this year.

- Food distribution accounts for 40% of IMiC's spending, followed by
- Education support, clothing and footwear 20%.
- 20% goes on things like housing/rent, medicine and health support and leisure activities.
- The remaining 20% covers administration including salaries.

If you would like to give to our work, please visit
<https://www.inministrytochildren.org/help/dona>



P - Shine Radio

Kirsty Meredith addressed the meeting

2024 Developments for Petersfield Area Churches Together

Petersfield's Shine Radio shares the voices and stories of local people, amplifies creativity in our community and provides a source of factual local information. It is run by local volunteers on a non-profit basis. Shine Radio delivers its service for listeners through a live stream which is 'always on', providing companionship and a connection to the community.

Isolated and elderly people say they particularly value this aspect of the radio station's service. It also produces a selection of podcasts which include a daily local news roundup, the P pod magazine show which is always on location around the area, and more specialist content. Its most popular programmes include Growing Together from the Adhurst Estate allotments, Dogs With Jobs which celebrates the frontline workers of the canine world and Talking Books which is recorded at One Tree Books on Lavant Street. Its website provides local information including an events guide. Some local churches add their events to this already.

We will offer all local churches a free account to our database so they can add their events directly and get them promoted on air, via our website and through our social media channels. We provide training on the system.

In 2024 the radio service has continued to attract listeners as its output has matured and its team has developed increased confidence and skills. Our monthly listenership measured at more than 3,700 and around 4,600 people come to our social media content every month.

The team has put an emphasis on visibility this year, attending more local events where we can meet listeners, gather original stories and learn what local people want from their community radio service.

Shine Radio is part of a consortium which has been awarded a DAB licence for the area by the media regulator Ofcom. Work is progressing to establish the DAB network with our partners. Once on air, the DAB signal will make it easier for listeners to hear the service in the car and the kitchen without the need for an internet connection.

We were pleased to record a General Election hustings event, chaired by the Reverend Canon Will Hughes at St Peter's Church. All meaningful candidates attended, the church appeared full and the programme prompted a healthy reaction from local people. Quotes from it led coverage in the local press and drove discussion on social media.

Listeners enjoyed two Carol services from St Peter's Church over the Christmas period. We also share these recordings with local care homes so listeners who cannot attend in person can still experience the atmosphere of services and be part of the worship.

Our Sunday morning Rise and Shine programme has become an established place to hear members from the local Church community. The Rev. Josh Thomas of the Petersfield and Liss United Reformed Church, Cla Welham from Liss, Elder Jon Piper of Life Church, the Rev. Caroline Walshaw from Selborne and Rev. Peter Sutton from Hawkley are regular on air voices.

We would welcome the support of PACT to expand this group and agree a cyclical order of appearance, making this arrangement more formal and predictable.

Contact information

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