

PETERSFIELD AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER
Co-ordinating Committee Meeting
MINUTES



Meeting on 12th February 2025 7:30 pm at URC

Welcome, Bible reading and prayer

Luke 10 V36-42

Marther preparing food whilst Mary listens to Jesus.

Lord works from inside out. The world from outside in.

1. Attendance

Present – Carolyn Barton, David Muskett, Peter Hollins, Naomi Gordon-Smith, Mike Harris, Susan Tong, Amanda Greenlee, Ivan, Huntingdon=Thresher, Christine Traynier

Apologies for absence - John Calaghan, Bruce Deans, Henrietta Manners, Jenny Balingier, Christine Tully, Belinda Shaw, Josh Thomas (arrived late after other meeting)

2. Items for AOB

Herne Fest

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3. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

- **Restoration House**

When Peter and Bruce visited, Bruce led most of the discussion. There were worries about safeguarding. Evidence of this being covered was shown. They have it via Link. They are a stable group. It is not certain why they want to join PACT. It is hoped that it is not just seeking validation by using 'our badge' Will services be published in our Christmas and Easter cards?

Their application was generally looked on favourably by members who were present. It was felt that an ex-committee vote should be sought by those not present. If everyone was happy we should invite them to our next meeting

- **Treasures Report**

See attached report

In light of the difficulties paying Peta Print it was decided that st Laurence would pay for Easter cards and be reimbursed from PACT funds.

- **Website**

Progress is continuing to be made.

Christine is still having difficulty getting copies of current Faith Comment articles to go on the website. The papers are a bit hit and miss publishing them. It would be nice to publish them on the website where they can always be found.

Christine will make it a priority getting emails sorted.

Mike Harris reported he is not receiving any emails forwarded by me and it was subsequently found that neither was Will Hughes.

4. Easter Card

- **Progress Report**

Carolyn is meeting Infants School tomorrow (13th Feb) re design of cards. They will be collected on 27th Feb. We will vote for the best by email.

The dates for Easter services should be with Helen Mason by 27th February – she will request

The cards will be ready to be collected on 24th March.

5. Good Friday Walk of Witness

St Peter's refreshments (Hot cross buns)

Salvation army – Mike Harris will be organizing music

Chaplaincy in support (First Aider) – unlikely that they will be able to provide a first aider

Permission from Rams Walk, The Square, Police can be done online

St Peter's available in case of rain

St Peters have a good PA system we should use better than the megaphone.

6. Lent courses

Several churches said they would be holding these

- St Laurence intro to St Mark Gospel – Thursday evening
- Buriton – Dates to be confirmed
- Steep - Caroline Hilton our reader begins a Lent course on March 5th on the reflections of Brian Draper at 2.15pm. Contact Caroline on 01730 263460.
- Life Church will be holding a course on Thursday evenings at the Methodist Church
- The URC holding a course on Thursday evenings "The Mystery of Everything"

7. World Day of Prayer – March 7th at 1 pm URC

The hall will be open from 1pm The Service begins at 2pm

8. AOB

- John had 3 items which were deferred in his absence
- Herne Fest held at Herne Junior School 20th June
It was felt it would be nice to do something as PACT rather than individual churches
The actual content to be formalised later
- It was thought that it would be nice to have a banner. Christine knew that PVCG had recently had one and would further details.

9. Further meetings

- Good Friday Walk of witness 18th April 9.30 start to arrive in Square at 10am.
- Committee meetings at URC church April 23rd June 18th, September 10th, November 19th
All to start at 7.30pm

10. Closing prayer

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.