

PETERSFIELD AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER
Co-ordinating Committee Meeting
MINUTES



Meeting on 10th September 2025 7:30 pm at URC

Welcome, Bible reading and prayer

An extract was read from Matthew 13 – Parable of the Mustard Seed

1) Attendance

Carolyn Barton, John Calaghan, Amanda Greenlee, Christine Traynier, Christine Tully, Fr Peter Hollins
Major Mike Harris, Bruce Deans, Naomi Gordon-Smith, Jenny Balinger, Henrietta Manners

Apologies for absence

Phil Jupp, Helen Mason, David Muskett, Josh Thomas, Ivan Huntingdon-Thresher,
Rev Andre Ramall, Suzanne Tong, Belinda Shaw (who has now resigned from the committee)

2) Items for AOB

Community Police Meeting

3) Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

- The Minutes of 18th June were accepted
- The Email groups problem is still ongoing. Christine has been in touch with Martin and a meeting will happen in the next couple of weeks hopefully. We have still not received any charges for the website.

4) Treasurer's report– Christine Tully

- **Christmas Lunch Donations** – There was some disquiet in the committee about the surplus of money from last year's lunch. Christine explained that this was because there were new organisers and so many unknowns, eg the cost of a cook, numbers attending. Some donations arrived very late. It was suggested that fewer donations should be sought this year. This should also be balanced by having a contingency amount to cover any problems.
- **Bank account issues** – The present Nat West account is very old fashioned. The only payment allowed is by cheque requiring 2 signatures. This was very difficult for the Christmas Lunch group to cope with last year. Cash is becoming a major problem. The post office will not take it. Christine has resorted to keeping some cash hidden at home. It was decided that the Lloyds community group account would be easier to manage at least whilst Lloyds still have a branch open in Petersfield. Carolyn said she would write a letter to Lloyds requesting such an account and saying that it had been agreed at this meeting.

5) Christmas Cards

Some discussion about as to whether we should continue with this practice. Many people have given up sending Christmas cards owing to the expense. Many churches are having difficulty finding enough volunteers who are fit enough to make the delivery. It was decided to continue with the practice this year. Sheet Primary School are doing the design this year. Carolyn will go into the school to launch the event. Jenny offered the services of the Quakers to help with the delivery. We could also call upon Restoration House to help.

It was decided to think about Easter Cards after Christmas.

6) J John town Carols Dec 2

This is an Evangelical event to be held at the Town Hall. 344 seats are available booking is online. The event is being underwritten by St Laurence, Hope Church, Life Church and the URC. Everyone who comes along should bring a friend who is unlikely to attend such an event otherwise. Booking is not yet available

7) Christmas Day Lunch

The first meeting of the subgroup is due to take place next week. The event will be publicised at the Dementia Festival at Churchers School in October.

8) World Day of Prayer

Helen Mason is organising this event. It will be held at St Laurence Church on Friday 6th March. As Helen was unable to attend this meeting a PowerPoint presentation was circulated to all churches and committee members. Please contact Helen to volunteer. Not enough churches are currently represented.

9) Bereavement Journey

Henrietta Metters is organising a series of meetings to help people cope with bereavement. She has done this very successfully in the past. A poster is enclosed to publicise the event (to follow)

10) Making Waves

This is a worship evening for young people from school years 7-13. It will run monthly during the Autumn Term. The next event is at URC on 19th September and will feature food, games, band-led worship and an opportunity for prayer.

11) AOB

There is a meeting in the library this coming Saturday to talk about community policing. A flier was sent to all churches prior to these minutes due to the short notice of the event.

12) Further meetings – 19 November, 14 January 2026

13) 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.