

PETERSFIELD AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER
Co-ordinating Committee Meeting
MINUTES



Meeting on 19th November 2025 7:30 pm at URC

Welcome, Bible reading and prayer

An extract was read from John 1 v 4 – 5 and Matthew 5 v 16

1) Attendance

Carolyn Barton, Amanda Greenlee, Christine Traynier, Christine Tully, Fr Peter Hollins
Naomi Gordon-Smith, Henrietta Manners, Phil Jupp, Suzanne Tong, Helen Mason, David Muskett,
Josh Thomas.

Apologies for absence

John Calaghan, Bruce Deans, Mike Harris, Jenny Balinger, Will Hughes

2) Items for AOB

Prayer Initiative – Phill Jupp

3) Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

- The Minutes of 10th September were accepted
- The Email groups problem is still ongoing. Martin came up with a possible solution. Christine will investigate. We have now paid the bill for hosting the website.

4) Treasurer's report – Christine Tully

The accounts for year end 30th September have been produced and signed by the auditor. The financial report is attached. Note the figures in lighter print denote cash transactions.

The website hosting has been paid for 2 years up to the end of September 2026. Total £538.00

5) Bank account update –

Following the discussion at the last meeting, Christine Tully, Carolyn and Helen Mason applied to Lloyds bank to negotiate opening a new Community Account. The Account was refused. No definite reason given. Since the meeting it has been announced the branch in Petersfield will be closing in January 2026.

6) Christmas Cards

It was decided that the standard of Christmas Card designs was extremely high this year. It was decided to give £20 to the winner and £10 each to the runners up.

Carolyn will go into Sheet Primary School on Monday to thank them and present the prizes to the winners.

The cards have been printed and packed and are ready to go out for distribution.

7) Christmas Day Lunch

Everything is progressing according to plan.

Last year was a success but the numbers have not reached those that came before Covid.

It has been decided to allow carers to attend alongside those suffering with dementia.

8) Carols in the Square

This will take place on Thursday 18th December.

St Peters will hold it in the church if the weather is bad. They have been asked if we can use their PA system. The Salvation Army Band will be in attendance. Stewards will be needed. Police have been informed.

Christine Traynier offered to design a poster and advertise it on the website.

All churches are asked to provide a dozen mince pies and deliver them to St Peters on the day of the Carol Service

It was decided that donations from both the carol service and Christmas Lunch would be shared equally between The Kings Arms, Butser Homestart and Petersfield Counselling Service.

9) Chair and Offices

David Muskett will become Chair in January.

A vice-chair is required, preferably a lay person who will take over as Chair in 2027.

Christine Tully announced she had tendered her resignation after 20 years as treasurer.

A secretary is still required.

10) J John Town Carols Dec 2

This is an Evangelical event to be held at the Festival Hall. All 400 seats have been sold.

A rota will need to be set up for follow up meetings and responders.

11) Church Events

URC – Sculptures from Petworth House will be on display in December. Events in connection with these Mark Ward 6th Dec. Tom North (National Trust) 13th Dec. Butterflies 20th Dec.

Steep – Christmas in Steep – Poems £10 available from One Tree Books

Embracing Age – (via Steep) have requested involvement in cheering up isolated people in care homes by either sending cards or paying visits.

Prayer Initiative – Restoration House Turn the Battle, a fresh commitment to prayer January 21st to 23rd. It was decided it would be a good idea to hold this in 3 different churches on each of the 3 days

12) Vision For The Future

This needs to be on the agenda for the first meeting in 2026

13) Forthcoming Events

AGM – 14th January with Unity Service 18th January in Methodist Church.

14) AOB

Helen Mason said she would get details out for World Day of Prayer in the new year.

15) Closing prayer

Purpose of meeting:

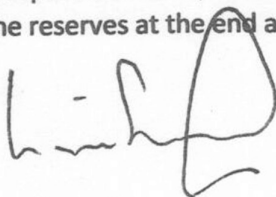
A forum for 'communion' and communication between PACT churches, PACT organisations and local Christians, to facilitate events aimed at increasing opportunities for joint worship, witness and work between PACT churches.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPT 2025

2024		2025	
receipts	payments	receipts	payments
2700	members subscriptions	2700	
60	-10 PACT carol service	277	
101	PACT service offering	144	
	PACT Christmas tea offering	70	
408	Good Friday Service		
	-204 donation Home Start		-190
	-113 donation Kings arms		-195
	-317 donation counselling service		-190
	-880 Print Christmas cards		-880
	-25 gift Christmas Card designer		
	-880 Print Easter cards		-880
	-50 gift Easter card designer		-50
	-243 insurance		-243
	-586 website		
	-30 gift John Studd		
13	bank interest	11	
	PACT banner		-105
	transfer from XMAS	84	
3282	-3338 totals	2795	-2488
	cash	491	-245
984	-539 Christmas lunch	1750	-577
	transfer to unrestricted		-84
	cash	350	-339
	transfer from Holiday Club to KA		-1468
1605	Reserves brought forward 1st Oct		3462
	858 Unrestricted reserves carried forw	1165	
	cash	246	
	1136 Xmas Lunch reserves carried forw	2225	
	cash	11	
	1468 Holiday Club reserves carried forw	0	
3462	total reserves carried forward 30 Sept		3391
	cash		257
	reserves comprise		
	2534 Natwest Bank Current Account	2452	
	928 Natwest Bank Reserve Account	939	
3462			3391

I have examined the financial records of the Petersfield Area Churches Together for the year ended 30 September 2025, and confirm that this financial statement, the result for the year and the reserves at the end are in agreement therewith.

Will Schofield



Date

7/11/2025.