

PETERSFIELD AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER
Co-ordinating Committee Meeting
MINUTES



Meeting on 6th May 2026 7:30 pm at Methodist Church

Welcome, tea, “sticky buns”, Bible reading and prayer

Acts 2:42 is a summary of church life, including communication, fellowship, worship, work and witness.

1. Attendance

David Muskett	Methodist Church	Chair
Naomi Gordon-Smith	St Mary's Buriton	Taking Minutes of this meeting
Fr Peter Hollins	St Laurence	
Christine Traynier	St Laurence	Website
Ian Traynier		Treasurer
Christine Tully	St Peter's	
John Callaghan	Life Church	
Amanda Greenlee	All Saints Steep	
Mike Harris	Salvation Army	
Helen Mason	Restoration House	
Henrietta Metters	St Mary Magdalen Sheet	

2. Apologies for absence

Revd Bruce Deans	St Mary Magdalen Sheet
Carolyn Barton	URC
Jenny Ballinger	Quakers
Phil Jupp	Restoration House
Revd Will Hughes	St Peter's
Suzanne Tong	Froxfield with Privett

3. Items for AOB

None.

4. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

Spring Festival in May (not March). Minutes approved.

5. Treasurer's report Ian Traynier

Recommendations

1. Instruct NatWest to send future correspondence to the St Laurence Parish Office.
All in favour.
2. Confirm the Treasurer as an additional signatory on the NatWest bank account.
All in favour.
3. Agree the amount to be raised by subscription in 2026/27 (£2,700 in 2025/26).
£2,700 (given that Christmas cards will be produced in 2026).
4. Survey congregation sizes in order to calculate subscriptions for 2026/27.
Usual Sunday attendance figures (including online) to be requested by Ian.

Most members wanted to continue to produce Christmas and Easter cards as usual. Village parishes struggling to deliver them are to ask other PACT congregations for help.

6. Thy Kingdom Come 14th to 24th May

Theme: "God With Us"

Thursday 14th May at 6pm

Ascension Service for all at St Mary's Buriton

Tuesday 19th May at 11.45am

Fellowship at Petersfield Methodist Church

Sunday 24th May (Pentecost) at 10am

Spring Festival in The Square

These are events organised by one or two churches, to which we are all invited.

7. Other Events – Joint Worship, Work and Witness

Attendance at Good Friday service was very encouraging.

"Making Waves" Youth Evenings: Friday 22nd May at Sheet and Friday 19th June at The King's Arms.

"Christian Approach to Mental Health" Webinar St Mary's Buriton 4th, 6th, 7th July.

Carols in the Square: Booked for Thursday 17th December.

Christmas Lunch: Planning meeting on 15th June.

(PACT produced a banner for HerneFest in 2025, but did not have volunteers for a stall.)

Committee needs to know who is doing the Facebook posts for PACT.

PACT churches could be invited to join others' training sessions (eg. Toddler groups).

8. Looking to the future shape of PACT

If the Chair of PACT is clergy, they should not be expected to do administration on top of their heavy ministry load. There is no lay Vice Chair at the moment. Naomi is simply taking Minutes for David. She is not an elected PACT Secretary, and has no knowledge of Carols planning or cards production. Those who have done these tasks before will therefore need to step up to provide administrative assistance this year. A leadership team with longer terms of office than one year would pass on this knowledge more effectively.

Joint worship, work and witness mean participating in other churches' events and showing the town our Christian unity.

9. Date(s) of Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm at Methodist Church.

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.