

Minutes of PCT Meeting held on Thursday, 28th November, 2024 @ 2pm.

**Our time and talents and treasures come from Your heavenly hand.
Give us the will to be willing to share them at your command.
When we see need around us, awaken our hearts to respond;
Let us reach out to each other and share Your Love.**

The meeting was opened with a special Welcome to our new Member, Janette; we are very pleased to have her join us. We then had a reading by SA from `Little Daily Graces`, followed by an opening Prayer by Rev. Scott Burton.

Team Members present were Sandra Anderson, John Anderson, Ian Baillie, Rev. Scott Burton, Jean Callahan, Robert Callahan, Janette Craig and Sheila MacLennan.

Apologies Eileen Hope & Rev. Sandra Mathers

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th September, 2024 were approved by SB & RC

Points Arising Nil

Use of Donations PCT sent a Cheque for £232.75 (Voluntary donations collected at the monthly Thursday morning Services) to Struthers Memorial Church, Falkirk,

which has a Café for those suffering from Dementia, and their Carers; some of our own Members have benefited from this. The money was put towards a new Coffee Machine!

A Donation of £200 was given to Prospects Across Scotland at their Conference held in Brightons Ministry Centre. These were 2 of our Team's Charities.

We received lovely Thank You Cards from both (& a photo of the Coffee machine! A Thank You Card was also received from a lady who was given one of the Prayer Shawls.

The books purchased with an earlier Donation will be available for members to borrow. More Books are on order using the balance of this Donation.;

As SB had to leave our Meeting early, he gave us a short update on things we need to be aware of with the Union e.g. An increase in the number of housebound in the extended area, thus requiring more Pastoral Visitors.

Here will be a possibility of more Care Homes to be visited too. Also, our Budget request needs to be sent to the Treasurer asap for next year. We also spoke of the Baby Baskets and Martha's Pantry, both at Slamannan.

Care Homes & Hospitals Update A comprehensive update was again given by IB and Team Members re those members in Care Homes, in Hospitals or housebound.

IB asked for 2 extra Christmas Cards (by GB) and 1 Prayer Shawl.

Remembrance Book Update. Once again thanks were given to RC for keeping the Book updated, for updating the book Cover and the small cards with the new logo.

Members do appreciate seeing the book in the Church vestibule, and it is also on display at the monthly Service.

Prayer Shawls. We have been given some new shawls recently. These are much appreciated, and again, many thanks to the `Knitters`. We could benefit from some more volunteer knitters, and the pattern is available from SA.

Christmas Cards Many Thanks are extended to Sandra Blair and her Team at GB for helping with this again. The cards are now ready to be delivered to our local Care Homes, and IB and others will deliver to members in Care Homes outwith our area.

A suggestion was made that, as there may be more Care Homes next year, perhaps one Large Card per Home, decorated by the GB, would be an idea.

Charities Money collected at our Monthly Thursday Church Services will now be donated to MacMillan Cancer. Our other Charities are still St. Margaret's Care Home, Strathcarron Hospice and Prospects Across Scotland.

Transport There is a need for more drivers to bring members to Church. SMac will consider creating a Form for volunteer Drivers.

Visitors` Lunch A proposed date for the Visitors` Lunch is **Sunday, 16th February, 2025** after the Joint Service. An insert will be put in the weekly Newsheet before then. The Team will arrange the setting-up and the food etc.

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*Pamphlets for WVS "Home from Hospital Service" were shown and these will be available from the tables at front and rear of the Church.

*One lady and one gentleman have requested a visitor. SMac is willing to visit the gentleman, as she knows him. SA will arrange for a visitor for the lady.

*The date & time of the Slamannan Bereavement Service was noted (**Sunday, 8th Dec., `24 @ 6.30pm**).

*It was noted that a Community Café will be opening at Bailliefields, Sunnyside Road on **Tuesday, 10th Dec., `24 from 10am-2pm**.

The Meeting was closed with **Prayer by IB**.

Date of next Meeting- TBA

Sandra Anderson.

Pastoral Care Team Convener.

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