

**Minutes of PCT Meeting held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 @ 2pm.**

**If you can feel compassion now towards your fellow man,  
Send out your caring, loving thoughts as often as you can.  
by Iris Hesselden.**

The meeting was opened with two readings by SA - a prayer by Dr.Wm.Barclay, and a quote from Mother Teresa, 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 and Sheila MacLennan.

Apologies Nil

Minutes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 were approved by JC & SMac.

Points Arising Nil

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

**Remembrance Book Update.** The cards for new entries are being returned gradually, and again thanks were given to RC for keeping the Book updated. RC will print some more small cards. We understand that the Book will need updated after the Union. 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, which is good as we were down to one! Two shawls were handed out this week. 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.

**Bereavement Service Review.** Everything went very well at this Service in May. The `Memory Tree` is especially appreciated. To be repeated! It was mentioned too, that Slamannan Church has a similar Service in December. Worth noting .

**Christmas Cards** SA asked Maggy Dick re GB helping with this again, as we needed 75 Cards last year, and shall need more after the Union. GB agreed to do this for us, so many thanks again to the Girls!

**Playlist for Life** It was noted that Westquarter & Redding Cricket Club on Sunnyside Road are now holding regular meetings for this, and so, after discussion, it was agreed that, since we have not had any uptake at Church, we would contact Playlist for Life. SA contacted the Glasgow branch and explained, and so if anyone asks at Church now, we will contact WRCC on their behalf.

**Use of Donation.** Following on from our Meeting on 24/04/24, IB purchased 10 paperback copies of `What Dementia Teaches us About Love` by Nicci Gerrard, with some of the donation money we had received. These books can be passed to families with a relative suffering from this illness, and also made available to members. SA will update the person who gave us the Donation, and will ask Wendy & Cammy if there are similar books available dealing with bereavement and/or terminal illness, which we could purchase with the remaining Donation money.

**Charities** Money collected at our Monthly Thursday Church Services was donated to Struthers Memorial Church. They have a group for people with Dementia & their Carers, and some of our members have been welcomed there. A cheque for **£232.75** was sent. Wonderful! After discussion, it was decided to choose Macmillan Cancer for the future Thursday Service Collections. Also, since Prospects across Scotland is another of our Charities, a suggestion of a £200 donation to the group be given to them at their Annual Celebration & AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> October in BPC. (SA has spoken to Finance re this).

**PCT future plans?** This will be clearer once the Union takes place.

**Visitors` Lunch** With the imminent Union, the Team will not hold our usual Lunch in October, but will meet in November to consider this for possibly in January, 2025.

AOCB Nil

The Meeting was closed with Prayer by IB.

**Date of next Meeting-** Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November `24 @ 2pm - TBC

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