

CHRISTIANS WORKING TOGETHER ON PORTLAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 20th April 2023, 7pm In the Weston Room, Easton Methodist Church.

List of Attendees

Chris Preece (CP), Rachel Tomlinson (RT), Donna Kirk (DK), Tracy Stagg (TS Treasurer), Rosemarie Husain (RH), Geoff Lucas (GL), Peter Wells (PW), Linda Levi (LL), Ruth Lownsbrough (RL), Robert Vincent (RV), Eva Jackson (EJ), Martin Pain (MP), Caron Cruickshank (CC), Neil Cruickshank (NC), Dave Mells (DM), Julia Mells (JM), Lawrence, Gisela Smith (GS), Dave Farmer (DF Chair), Sara Farmer (SF), Sandy Cave (SC Secretary), Tim Gomm (TG)

Title	Content	Action
Prayer	Welcome and prayer DF	
Present	See list	
Apologies	Jenny Greenwood	
Treasurer's report	(TG) All subs have been paid From January 22-January 2023 . Money: we have £60. Hardship Fund was set up during lockdown for Christian families who may be struggling; financed by donations given each month.	
Report on Easter Events	Thanks to CC for a good script and to everyone who took part. Comments: Need percussion for the walk (LL) (TS) Friends found it moving Oscar for Richard (TG) Some people didn't know what was happening. (CC) explained the interviews made it clear. (CC) couldn't hear Bex as Pontius Pilate because the mic didn't pick her words up. Jim Smith and Amalia took many pictures which (DF and NC) made into a video and is on U-tube, and Portland Praise website (www.portlandpraise.co.uk).	
A Word (NC)	(NC) showed us mashed potato and vegetable soup. The meaning being we are not like mashed potato all worshipping and doing the same things, but we are like vegetable soup with our different gifts all being called by God to use our gifts in ministry.	All of us

	We are not competing but working for God's Kingdom on Portland.	
Summer Activities Open Air Services	Discussion ranged: Who are they aimed at-visitors and/or Portland people Easton Square/Bill/Underhill/ Chesil Beach Time mornings/afternoons/evening Saturdays/Sundays. (MP) explain that Jesus is the centre of what we do. (GL) The Salvation Army in Weymouth do open air events on the esplanade every Tuesday at 7p.m. in June and July. (DF) Outreach on Saturdays, services on Sundays. (RH) Move them round the Island. (SF) might end up with thin soup!!! (LL) Ask our congregations. (TG) May close the churches as it will mean extra work. (RL) All the Methodist Churches are planned already. (SC) Don't close the churches on Sunday mornings, Some , particularly old people, rely on those services. (EJ) Different people can be responsible for different things. (JM) Think of them not as services-chill, relax, lunch and worship.	All Pray about it and meet 27.4.23 Weston Room 7p.m.
Night of Prayer	St, John's Church 6p.m -6a.m. July 21st	
Celebration	(CC) 7.5.23 Celebration at 1a, Shepherds Croft 4-7p.m. Bring and share	All Bring food
Open Arms AGM	24.4.23 at Open Arms 7p.m.	
Southwest Coastal Path Awake	20.5.23 praying 10.30a.m. at the Bill	(DF) to notify us of the points
Zoom Course	EKKLESIA 12 week course on u Tube	(MP) to give more information
Archbishop of Canterbury	Will visit on July 10 th for a breakfast meeting at the Admiralty Hotel for invited guests.	
Bibles to children	(TG) to ask Lesley Bishop from the Academy why Bibles are not being distributed.	(TG)
Date of next meeting	27 th April 2023, Weston Room, Easton Methodist, 7pm	
Blessing	All	