Minutes of the Church Family Group Meeting held on Monday, August 11th. 2014, at 69 Sandringham Road

Present: Pam Bridgeman, Anne MacMillan and Angela Ruck
Apologies: Elaine Guilding, Patrick Williams and Nitin Shindi

Old Town Festival, Saturday, June 28th.

£50 was donated to Church Funds from the sale of refreshments at the Old Town Festival.
However, the general feeling from those at the meeting was that it was a lot of hard work, especially getting extra volunteers to help out on 'the day'. Anne & Patrick were there before 9 a.m. to help set up the generator, sort out the tables & chairs and the marquee (which was a blessing to have as the weather was atrocious for most of the day). We were serving refreshments from 10 am until 4 p.m. and then until 5 p.m. clearing it all away.
Another problem was that we were told a day or so before the event that the 'Food Inspector' would be present, and that ideally all the cakes kindly donated should be individually wrapped and labelled with the ingredients.
With this in mind, it was decided that we should give a lot of thought as to whether we, as a group, provide this facility at the event next year.

Christ Church 'Away Weekend', September 2015.

A spreadsheet has been prepared giving comparisons of cost, travel and facilities available at three possible venues, ready for presentation to the PCC.
The three venues are Lee Abbey (Lynton), Hebron Hall Christian Centre (Dinas Powis near Cardiff) and Lydiard House, Swindon.. Barnes Coaches have provided costs for coach travel if it's decided that we all travel together.
Until a decision is made as to which venue (if any) is chosen, we are unable to put any figure for costs into the 2015 Church Family Group Budget, or make firm bookings with whichever venue is chosen.

Family Day with Fish & Chip Supper

It has been decided to forgo the possibility of holding this event around Harvest time as there is already an event being organised for Harvest.

Home Groups Social & Fish & Chip Supper

A fish and chip supper for the Home Group Members is now planned for **Saturday November 29th**. Our group will supply the Fish and Chips (circa.£3 per person) and soft drinks. Home Group members will be asked to bring their own wine/beer if required. Each Home Group Leader will be asked to give a brief update and co-ordinate numbers for the evening and there will be some 'background' music. **Pam** to check on availability and cost of Community Centre. Final planning details to be sorted at the next meeting.

Home Groups Leaders Evening

Ann is arranging for Lynda Fisher to give a talk to the Home Group Leaders. A suggested date for this is **Monday 27th October**. **Anne** to check the possibility of holding this at St. Mary's. Biscuits and Tea/Coffee will be provided from the 'stock' left over from the Old Town Festival (all within sell by date!).

Newcomers Lunch

It was decided that the next Newcomers Lunch should be held on **Sunday, October 26th**. possibly at the Marriott Hotel.. **Pam** will contact the Marriott to see what they would charge for 20 (max.) people. It was felt that not having to be involved with catering would give us chance to mingle and socialise with everyone.

Charity Christmas Market – November 22nd.

Caroline Pitt has asked if we as a group could provide refreshments at the market. After some discussion it was felt that this is not an event that we would be able to support as a group, due to all the other future commitments that we have on our schedule over the coming months. However, some group members would be available and willing to help out during the day. **Pam** to contact Caroline to let her know our decision.

Carol Service

As in previous years, the Home Group will provide funds for the mulled wine & nibbles after the service. Volunteers required to prepare the wine (before the service) and to serve the drinks after the service (and to clear away).

Church Outing to the Immanuel Pantomime – January 10th to 18th

As no family events as such have been arranged this summer, it was decided that perhaps we could arrange for adults and children to go to the Immanuel Pantomime. **Angela** has contacted the Immanuel Drama Group booking office and we could have a block booking of 54 seats on the upper level. The cost is £6 adults and £5 for children, but if we went on the Monday or Tuesday it is half price for everyone**. We would need to book by the end of September at the latest.** The cost for this would be from our 2014 budget.

Church Family Group Budgets

The 'actual' cost of proposed events has been added to the 2014 budget, and an estimated cost for events yet happen this year.

The Budget for 2015 has been prepared, although at this time we are unable to include any possible costs for the 'Church Away Weekend'.

Possible events for 2015:

Home Groups Outing

A**ngela** to enquire costs etc. for cruise and afternoon tea on the 'Rose of Hungerford'.

Home Groups Educational Evening

Mothering Sunday – provide refreshements & flowers for visitors to burial ground

Family Teddy Bears Picnic at Holy Rood on the Lawns.

Old Town Gardens Sunday Band Concerts – assist with transport etc.

Next Meeting:

To be arranged

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No date arranged.