

PCC Sub Group-Mission and Evangelism

Meeting held on Tuesday 9th December at 6, Belmont Crescent.

Present: Norma McKemey, Martin Lee, Ailsa Palmer, Margaret Williams, Celia Lee.

The meeting opened with prayer.

We started with **a review of the dinner on Nov.29th** and all agreed it was a very successful event with a lovely atmosphere. There was very positive feedback from non-church guests, even from a 13yr old. Thank you to Norma on behalf of the group. Financially we are in credit, even when the flowers are paid for.

Hampers

Four names have been put forward.

We agreed that the list of food items should include:

Chocolate log, chocolates, satsumas, miniature Christmas pudding, tins of salmon and ham, non alcoholic drink, mince pies, some really nice biscuits, cheese straws or other savouries, brandy butter. Some of the items need to be gluten free for one person.

What we buy depends on how much money is given this coming Sunday, Dec 14th. Angela and Celia have agreed to do the shopping.

Silent Night booklets.

200 have been delivered. They are to be there for the football club carol service this Thursday and also for the carol service on Dec. 21st.

Alpha

We do budget for the Alpha courses. So are we responsible for making them happen?

Simon is keen to run an Alpha course starting 21st Jan for 10 weeks. This would follow on well from the Christmas services when Christ Church has hundreds of people come.

However it would cut across Lent and all that the Partnership is doing during that time.

All agreed that the meal is an essential part of Alpha and that with enough people cooking one meal and others making puddings it could be done.

We also stressed the importance of a supportive group to follow on for the long haul and that would need people to take this on.

It was suggested that training for all taking part would be a good idea. HTB most likely produce training DVDs.

We all felt that 3 Alphas in one year would be too many and that we should start with one for now and see how it goes.

Some people come with no knowledge at all of Christianity and would need a different course; perhaps with the two happening alongside each other. Ailsa is to find out about a new pre-Alpha course that was launched this year. Norma to follow this up with Simon.

Nativity Trail

The response has been very positive and children are looking for the Nativity figures in the shops. All the shop keepers (apart from the hardware shop) were also very positive.

Crib Service

Margaret will need help with handing out the Nativity booklets at the end.

Lessons and Carols

Ailsa and Margaret will be there to give out the Silent Night booklets.

Mission Giving

Martin is to ask Chris Priddy to speak for the SYFC mission giving day on February 8th, Norma will find a speaker for CPAS on June 14th and Ailsa for Tear Fund on Oct.11th.

(Since our meeting, Martin reports that Chris is unable to manage February 8th but is free on June 21st. Norma exploring the possibility of a speaker from CPAS on Feb 8th to enable us to have Chris Priddy on June 21st)

We will need to ask a CMS representative for Nov29th.

Bible Reading Aids

We have a budget of £250 for this purpose and it was suggested that we keep some at the back of the church and by the Lady Chapel for people to take.

Try Praying booklets

These have gone well from the church and we need to order more. Norma will check the budget and Martin will see what price he can order them for. Price now £1 per copy but £0.75 for orders of 100 copies or more.

Date of next meeting will be Tuesday Feb 24th at 6 Belmont Crescent. 7.30pm.

The meeting closed with prayer.