

**Peasedown St John Methodist Church: Minutes of the AGM/Church Council held on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Those present: Derek Edgell, Linda & Francis Day, Kathy Dymond, Pam & Tom Turner, Niki de Silva, Sue Macey, Nick Martin, & Ruth Reeve.

1	<b>Devotions</b> were led by Rev Michelle on the theme of making a difference.	
2	<b>Apologies</b> from Bob & Beryl Fedder, Val Humphries, Frances & John Cole & Marilyn Martin.	
3.	The <b>Minutes</b> of the meeting held on February 10 <sup>th</sup> were agreed a true record and signed. It was emphasised that Francis should be asked before any arrangements for use of the premises were made. The use of Camerton Court for the picnic in September will be confirmed nearer the time	
4.	The officers of the church groups were listed, amended and agreed. A copy of the list is in the vestry.	
5	<b>GOOD NEWS:</b> The New Wine Prayer Ministry day had been well attended and well received. Thanks were expressed to Ann Mead for her great organisation of the day. Thanks were also expressed to the congregation for the increase in giving and commitment of time, since the appeal went out last year.(see below) Strictly Worship is developing and improving and Strictly Questions continues to challenge and extend our understanding of our faith.	
6.	<b>WORSHIP:</b> Family Day & Covenant will be combined this year on Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> September. Rumours of a 24hr Strictly worship are said to be true, but still at the planning stage! The next Youth Service will be on October 4 <sup>th</sup> , when our young people will lead the service. Local Arrangements on July 5 <sup>th</sup> will need to be arranged, and August 23 <sup>rd</sup> will be taken by those who have been to Soul Survivor.	
7.	<b>LEARNING &amp; PRAYER:</b> Church Prayer Open Days and Strictly Questions will continue.	
8.	<b>PUBLICITY:</b> Some discussion ensued here about the use and position of the noticeboard outside the church. Please let us know if you have any ideas about how we could improve.	
9.	<b>ECUMENICAL MATTERS:</b> Ideas about the Pentecost Picnic on Beacon Field were exchanged, perhaps banners and balloons and some sort of worship ? SJ's youth work continues. A Village Christmas Carol Service will be held in the school on December 13 <sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. The worship band could lead the service, and it might be possible for Writhlington School to send a group to help as well. We must make sure that publicity for this is widespread nearer the time.	
10.	<b>PASTORAL:</b> The church flowers are taken to all sorts of people, members and non-members, please let Linda know of anyone who might like the flowers. At present 61 are signed up for Hill House on the weekend of Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> of July, we do need a <b>lifeguard</b> this year, if anyone knows of someone with the appropriate certificate, please let Niki know.	
11.	<b>Messy church</b> is still popular, the next time on June 26 <sup>th</sup> from 3.30 till 5 p.m.	
12	<b>SERVICE:</b> Foodbank meets every Friday meeting the needs of the poor and deprived of the area. Holiday at Home (Golden Years) is being planned and will proceed even if there is no funding from Quartet this year. Communitas are popular and meet on the last Sunday of every other month. The next on May 31 <sup>st</sup> . There has been no more progress on joining St John's in their hardship fund. Linda will contact James Taylor for more clarification.	Linda
13.	<b>FINANCE &amp; PROPERTY:</b> Offerings have increased over the year, with £4000 more than at this time last year. It was agreed to put £500 into the mission fund every year. Hill house will continue to be funded from other events. It was suggested that we might put on a special meal at Christmas or New year to increase the mission fund. Derek announced that there was £13000 in the Building & Development Fund. A screen to show films on will be searched for as the present one is dangerous	Francis
15	<b>CIRCUIT:</b> Manses: Laurel Drive Paulton will be sold and a new manse in Ludwell close will be bought. Batheaston and Bishop Sutton Methodist Churches are closing.Farewell services for Andrew Pottage & Jongsin Lee will be on July 19th	
16	<b>Date of next meeting: September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015</b>	
	The meeting ended in prayer.	

Signed..... Date.....