Minutes of PCT Meeting held on Wednesday, 24th April, 2024 @ 1pm.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom.

The meeting was opened with a **Reading** by **SA** from "The Glasgow Gospel" and a **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 31st January, 2024 were approved by JC & SMac.

Points Arising So far there has been no obvious uptake re Playlist for Life. Leaflets are still available at front and rear vestibules. Perhaps more word of mouth to let people know.

Care Homes & Hospitals Update An update was given re those members in Care Homes, in Hospitals or housebound by the Team Members.

Easter Cards Review The cards made by our GB girls were excellent. 73 cards were delivered / or posted to our members in Care Homes or housebound. These are very well received, and let the people know we have not forgotten them. An email of thanks was sent to Sandra Blair to pass on to the Leaders & Girls.

Volunteer Visitors 5 more Volunteer Visitors have been paired with a member who is no longer able to come to Church but wishes to maintain contact with BPC.

Remembrance Book Update. The cards for new entries are being returned gradually, and again thanks were given to **RC** for keeping the Book updated. Members do appreciate seeing the book in the Church vestibule, and it is also on display at the monthly Service.

Prayer Shawls. 3 members have been given shawls recently. 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**.

Playlist for Life. (See note in Points Arising.) It was suggested that IB could mention it at the Bereavement Service in May.

Donation. SA asked the Team if they had any suggestions for the generous Donation which they had been given recently. **IB** mentioned the book - <u>What Dementia Teaches us About Love</u> by <u>Nicci Gerrard</u>, which he has found very helpful. He suggested that we could use some of the money to purchase a few copies, which could be passed to bereaved families whose relative had suffered from this illness. The Team asked him to look into this for them.

Bereavement Service Arrangements The Sanctuary, Rankine Hall and Kitchen have been booked, and 30 invitations are ready to post / deliver. Thanks were expressed to **RC** for printing the invitations. The Team will set everything up, and the Service will be taken by **IB**; **SB** volunteered to oversee the `Sound`; **JC& RC** will bring along the Memory Tree and cards as before; Morag Lang will be playing the organ / keyboard and the Choir has been asked to sing at the Service. Team Work.

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- >Cards for sending to Members for bereavement, anniversaries etc. have been donated to PCT by Wendy Dick and Jean Callahan. Very gratefully received, and a saving in costs.
- > An entry for PCT has been submitted to Connect Magazine.
- >The Team Members were made aware again of the many upcoming 80th & 90th Birthdays etc. in 2024!
- >At the moment the money collected at the monthly Service for Almond Tree Carers` Café is £131.95

The Meeting was closed with Prayer by IB.

Date of next Meeting- Wednesday, 11th September, '24 @ 1pm

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