POTR Alton

**Community and Outreach Committee - Notes 1st November 2021**

*Present: Robin Kemp, Revd Andrew Micklefield, Sarah Neish, Helen Walters*

*Apologies: Keith Arrowsmith-Oliver, Revd Bruce Nicole*

**1. Prayer**

**2. Welcome** Helen welcomed to the committee.

**3. Notes of meeting on 4th October & matters arising**

a] Parish Lunch on 31st October cancelled as a Covid-19 precaution.

b] Meeting to discuss the forthcoming Lent course will be at the Maltings at 7.30p.m. on 8th November.

c] Proposal for leafletting the town with details of all church activities. See Action:-

d] Singing round the Christmas tree in Market Square on Tuesday 21st is organised by the town council.

Each church in Alton will have allocated parts of the town [to be arranged] where carol singing will take place and houses in the immediate vicinity will be leafletted.

**Action: Andrew** to alert the town ministers’ group that **Robin** will make a presentation to them on Wednesday 1st December at the Maltings.

**4. Yuletide Mini-fair Saturday 20th November**

Flyers limited to two: Christmas services and carol singing in the parish; Christmas Tree Festival on 11th/12th December. Advent picture to decorate gazebo. Choir CDs on sale. Undecorated wooden decorations to be given out. Committee members all available to staff the stall for an hour between 10a.m. and 2.00p.m.

**Action: Sarah** providing a small Christmas tree andhelping **Robin** to set up at 9.00a.m.

 **Robin** to approach Tony for Choir CDs. Market Hotel to be asked to play the CD on the day.

 **Robin** to give some decorations to Martha for the children to decorate in advance.

 **Andrew** to arrange production of service flyers by Ellie.

 **Robin** to finalise rota and collect tables & nativity scene figures from St Lawrence.

**5. Alton Walking Men’s Church Saturday 27th November**

**An invitation to a healthy walk and a high tea** The members of Alton Walking Church for Men warmly invite you, your friends and family [ladies included] to be our guests on **Saturday 27th November at 2.30p.m.** at Beech’s excellent village hall for an easy 75 minute walk through fields and down late autumn lanes. This will be followed by a spread of sandwiches, cakes, scones and savoury food in the best tradition of “high teas.” In the event of inclement weather just join us for tea at 4.00p.m. For catering purposes please contact Robin on familykemp@tiscali.co.uk or 07957 653403 by Friday 26th.

**Action: Robin** to put the above invitation in Parish Matters and ask Ellie to produce a flyer.

**6. Leadership of parish groups**

While there is a lot of interest from people wanting to join small groups, especially when finishing courses such as Alpha, the Prayer Course and the Bible Course, there is shortage of experienced small group leaders.

A number of these posts have been filled recently by new members of the parish. This seems to be working well and augurs well for the growth in discipleship in the parish.

**7. Date of next meeting : advanced by a week to Monday 29th November at 4.30p.m.**