

January 15th Church Meeting

What happened—about forty people met at Braid House

Divided into 3 groups, had brief reportage and questions and answers with reps from the working groups—listening, development and building, each in turn

Not enough time for plenary—apologies—will do better next time

Six groups listed questions and points they wished to make

Listed activity that was seen as essential to continue

Spent time in prayer



Sunday January 8th—united service

A united service—about 120 present

Two members confirmed

Covenant renewed

Communion shared

Coffee and conversation

Next United Service Palm Sunday April 1st

Annual Meetings—make a note

Church Councils have Annual Meetings

Knightsridge February 12th

Dedridge and Murieston March 11th

Carmondean March 11th

St Columba's March 11th

St Paul's February 26th

Parish Council AGM March 22nd 7.30 p.m.

Local activities you treasure:

BB and GB (6)

Ladies' Fellowship (4)

Mothers' Union (2)

Socials/Social activities in individual centres – (6)

Fundraising/Burns Supper/Ceilidhs/Local fundraising

Fund raising events e.g thrift shops – need storage space

Flower Group

Sunday Club

Links with St Philip's/ St Andrew's (5)(e.g. flower group, Traidcraft, socials, seniors' lunch)

One church we should worship/fund raise/socialise together

Fairs, etc.

Coffee Mornings, tea dances, etc (3)

Family nights

Links with Rosebery Centre (2)

House groups (2)

Thursday a.m. service

Revenue from other groups

Pastoral care for the community/Pastoral care – local teams

Births, marriages, deaths

Sunday lunches after church

Joint ventures with local churches/groups

Questions and concerns

Transport?

Fundraising?

Type of worship?

Children on Sundays?

Annual statistics—why 4 lots?

How turn negatives to positives?

Could one congregation rotate venue?

When will we have joint finances?

Timescale for interim arrangement?

What do we do with excess furniture?

Is an autumn timescale too tight?

Comments

Clarity required on decision that has been made

Most important decision is place—worship centre

Publicity /Communication still lacking/essential

Concern about two moves giving double loss of membership

Look for interim that could be developed

Thinking developmental over time (radical)

Concern at high expectations (too high?)

Where can I have a say?

The next Church Meeting at Braid House is on Wednesday March 7th at 7.00 p.m..

The following Saturday March 10th there is a Parish Vision Day, a time for study, discussion and reflection. Details will be available shortly.