

EPACTS held their regular Committee Meeting on Thursday 5 October 2017. The following is a brief report of the main topics discussed.

PRESS RELEASE:

Visit of representatives of P&K Social Work Department

At the Committee meeting of East Perthshire Action of Churches Together in Scotland (EPACTS) on Thursday 16 November, members welcomed representatives of the local Social Work Department. The team represented by Shirley Douglas is developing services in the community, particularly for adults with various forms of disability.

Ms Douglas said, "Alongside the statutory duties which include Adult Support and Protection, assessing, planning and reviewing, the Social Work Team is focusing on developing community links to find out what people want and to target resources and services where they are needed most." She advised that the team are particularly addressing one of the biggest challenges facing many of the people they work with, that of social isolation, especially for older people."

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018

This annual event is planned for 29 January to 2 February 2018, and involves a series of lunch-time sessions on the overall theme of '*That all may be free*'. Each day's event is led by a programme of the different member churches in EPACTS and the venues are to be confirmed at the next Committee meeting on 11 January 2018. The events begin at 12 noon with a time of worship, a talk and prayer before a light lunch at 12.30. These meetings are open to all interested folk.

Christmas 2017

EPACTS are preparing a schedule of services in the period up to Christmas and will make it available in various public places. Copies may be obtained from David Howat (david@thehowats.net) or from the secretary (secretary@epacts.org.uk; 01250 874903).

EPACTS 2018 Calendar

A 2018 planning calendar has photographs by local amateurs taken in East Perthshire. These pictures illustrate a progression of Bible verses. Copies can be obtained from secretary@epacts.org.uk, costing £3 each.

For further information on EPACTS and its activities, e-mail secretary@epacts.org.uk or phone 01250 874903. The Website at www.epacts.org.uk is being reconstructed and should be published soon.

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