

PBC Activities Costing and Funding Policy - May 2014

This paper is designed to create a rationale for our charges for midweek activities at PBC. Clubs have tended to operate independently from each other in their charging method, and it was felt profitable to have an integrated approach:

1. To make things simpler for attendees.
2. To give any new ministry a framework from which to begin.

There are 2 main options:

1. Offering our activities for free (perhaps with a voluntary donation)
2. Charging an entry price for our activities

The way forward:

Our Sunday and core discipleship activities should be covered by the generous giving of our members & worshippers.

Midweek & occasional events:

- Wambats, Tribe and Fusion are weekly groups for children & young people. A charge of 50p per child would bring each group in sync. This cost would help to cover running costs of materials, refreshments, heating & lighting, etc.
- Craft club has specifically high material costs due to the nature of the activities, and in effect is a separate strand in our outreach, whereas the 3 groups above interact by being part of our children, youth & families work. Therefore it seems sensible to keep the entry cost as it currently stands.
- Messy church, which is monthly, can reasonably be described as an 'alternative' service of worship, and as such should not incur an entrance fee. This ministry is 50% funded by the Portsmouth Residents Participation Fund, therefore its costs are partly covered anyway. Whilst this ministry is seen primarily as an outreach, if a congregation is formed from some of the attendees in the future, a voluntary offering would be a valid expression of worship as part of its services.
- Other occasional events such as the summer holiday club, light party, and men's & women's outreach events should remain free to the guest. Often people are invited to specific events by church members and therefore a charge for the guest is undesirable. Sometimes if costs are high, then the inviter can pay for their guest.

This policy will be reviewed in May 2017.