

## **Members Minutes of Elders Session – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Rev Robert Bebb chaired the meeting.

15 Elders were present; also attending was Josh Parmar, 4 apologies were tendered.

**1. The minutes of the Session held on 01/11/16 were approved and signed by the chairman.**

**2. Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising from the last minutes.

**3. Updates from groups:**

**Worship Group** has organised Carol Singing at The Three Arches on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Contemporary Services for next year – dates so far are 22/01/17; 12/02/17; 12/03/17. 09/04/17

**Future Ministry Group** has met with Glynis Owen (Interim Moderator) and Mike Martin, to establish a timetable to begin the process of forming a Pastorate Committee.

- It was recommended that 6-8 Elders should be nominated to serve on the Pastorate Committee; with a similar number of members elected from within the congregation. These members **MUST** be full church members.
- Nominations will be taken, then a vote held. Those receiving the most votes will be elected to the Committee.
- The election will take place during a morning service (date to be arranged), and will be overseen by Glynis Owen.
- The Pastorate Committee will be chaired by Glynis Owen and supported by Mike Martin.
- Glynis and Mike will meet a full Elders' Session on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017, at which dates will be fixed for electing Church Members onto the Pastorate Committee.
- Elders will meet at 10.30am on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to nominate Elders to the serve on the Pastorate Committee.
- Anyone whom the Pastorate Committee wish to invite to "preach with a view" must first be interviewed and approved by the Ministry Dept of PCW before permission is given to extend an invitation to preach; unless he or she is already within the PCW.
- The Pastorate Committee will need to decide whether to advertise the post - it does not need to.
- The Pastorate Committee will also need to decide on the package that the church is prepared to offer a new minister.
- Elders not serving on the Pastorate Committee will still be kept fully informed of progress and discussions.

**Elders' "Awayday"**: it was agreed that we would not have an "Awayday" in January; instead, there will be a **morning of prayer and meditation on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 9.30am-12.30pm** to prepare for the year ahead and the decisions we will need to make. This will be open to the whole congregation. Robert agreed to preach, in the weeks leading up to 21<sup>st</sup> January, on the importance of prayer.

**4. Main focus for next Session:**

Preparing for the Pastorate Committee.

**5. Date of next meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 8.00pm

**6. AOB:**

- Bible Bus: new dates are 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February 2017, first at Ton-yr-Ywen School, then at Park End 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> February. The cost will be £200. There was some discussion about whether the bus could actually get into the car park. Josh Parmar will make further enquiries about this.
- Chaplaincy Department UHW invited church members to take part in carol singing around the wards on 19<sup>th</sup> December. Meet in the Chapel, UHW at 6.45pm.
- Jo Perry asked if the TV in the Middle Hall could be linked to the Sanctuary. Richard Barrett will contact Nick Hawkins.
- Survey: the Christmas Edition of Survey has been printed, There was a discussion about an article which would be replaced.

The Session closed with the saying of The Grace.

**Agenda 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Meeting with Glynis Owen & Mike Martin to arrange formation of pastorate Committee
3. A.O.B.
4. Date of next session – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 including Trustees