

## Members Minutes of Elders' Session – 31st October 2017

10 apologies and 12 present. Keith Daw in chair

3. The session spent time in prayer

4. Minutes of the 26th September were approved subject to minor alterations Thanks to Sue for taking minutes and distributing.

### 5. Items for Discussion & Matters arising from 26th September 2017

**Pastorate Committee** - Adverts now out no new interest. We will put information regarding the current pastoral care arrangements in Survey and produce a handout for elders to give their members

#### Update from Groups -

**Worship Group** has met. Service dates have been suggested for next year and Christmas Service arrangements. Suggestions were made on how we use the Christmas services to share the gospel to the full.

**Registrars for Weddings.** Arrangements in hand

**Training for sacraments.** Arrangements in hand

Response received.

**Chair of Session.** Unanimously Agreed for Keith to continue.

**Pastoral Visiting.** Need to inform Members of need to contact elders if they know of issues. Discussed how people in Care homes and Hospitals are covered. Jo currently visits hospital.

**Agreed that each elder reviews list of members and raises any members who need extra support at session.**

**Agreed we consider names in Church report and review who will support pastorally**

**Elders photographs** - Rob T has updated poster and shared for agreement. Discussed title for Josh representing his wider role. Confirmed Josh will be reporting to the Session monthly.

#### Christmas Arrangements –

**Agreed - Evangelistic leaflets, Flowers, Mince pies for Carol service, Advent Candles.**

Iris will draw up list for flowers. Jo will arrange donation of Mince pies around Rhydypenau crossroads for 16<sup>th</sup> December. Advent Candles to be done by Minister leading services this year.

Christmas Dinner will take place on 16th December, indicative numbers and ideally names to Andy ASAP. Anne Halton will be leading arrangements. Anne would like to do coordinate open air Carol Service with Mince pies and mulled wine around an outdoor Christmas tree. Anne to develop idea and direct resource requests to committee. **Elders supported plan. Agreed to put Crib in front porch**  
To finalise at next session

### 6. Main Focus of next meeting.

Report from Josh

Pastoral support system.

Christmas - Finalise arrangements.

Prayer Points agreed. Josh, Christmas, Pastoral work of church. Visiting ministers

7. Next meeting 28th November 2017.

### 8. A.O.B

**Certificate of Thanks from Foodbank in Cardiff** received

**Manse** - Vacated this week and will be vacant from then until new minister is found and starts. Options discussed. **Chris S. to progress ideas**

**Church Christmas Card** - Janet progressing. Suggest launch on first Sunday of Advent Gift Service.

Donations to Typhoon of Love. **Agreed.**

**Trustees meeting** - 28th November 2017 prior to session. AGM date and Safeguarding officer needs to be finalised.

**Preaching Rota.** Jo will distribute on a 3 monthly basis rather than full year at this stage. Agreed and to continue with theme of Mark's Gospel.

Session finished with the Grace.

### **Agenda Elders Session 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Preceded by Trustees meeting

1. Apologies
2. Church Report
3. Prayer
4. Minutes and Actions – Session 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017
  - a. Report from Josh
  - b. Pastoral support
  - c. Christmas - Finalise arrangements.
5. Groups
6. Focus of Next meeting
7. Date of Next Meeting
8. AOB