

Minutes of Elders' Session –27th September 2016

1. The minutes of the Session August 2nd 2016 were accepted.

Matters arising :

1.1. **Bible Bus**- is coming to Llanishen November 7th to 19th and has school visit planned. Llanishen Evangelical are interested in sharing costs if the bus is parked at Park End. Wednesday and Thursday would be useful for Rock Solid and Big Fish. Bible Bus organisers suggest a donation of £200 per day, however may be less if Llanishen Evangelical would share and our Junior Church has funds and are willing to help. It has lots of interactive fun for children and their staff present an hour long "lesson" Would need to be left in the car park and would require heightened security i.e. gates closed. **Agreed**

1.2. **Choir** – a meeting was held on 12th Sept for members of choir. They request that a space at the front of the Church be available for them to sit together. Using the church chairs, but at an angle positioning two rows of 6 to accommodate those in choir who wish to sit together. **Agreed.**
It is thought not necessary to obtain more "choir" chairs at present.

1.3. **Harvest Supper** went well and enjoyed by those present. Thank you to all involved.

1.4. New Photocopier has been installed. There are problems regarding its connection to Wi-Fi.

2. Main Items

2.1. Update from Groups :

a) **Worship Group** - Contemporary service led by Luke Moreno received well with good feedback. They have asked a younger member to join group and they are considering it.

Christmas Arrangements.

Morning of Dec 25th will have an early communion service at 9.30 am. followed by a family service at 11 am. No evening Service.

New Years Day. Usual 11am service. No evening service.

Harvest Thanksgiving service went well. There was some confusion regarding the window decoration.

Easter arrangements – April 2nd – evening communion.

Easter day April 16th early morning communion at 9.30. with a family service at 11 am. Then followed a discussion about reverting to celebrating communion at 11am. It was decided to continue next year 2017 with the above arrangements.

Church Parade/family service should fall on April 23rd (St. George's Day) however as this in school holidays will be discussed by the relevant sub-committee.

b) **Future Ministry Committee** – A draft Job Description for Minister has been drawn up. This was discussed and a few alterations suggested. Members wanted the document be available for the congregation to consider. This will be done.

Thanks extended to Dave Williams for his hard work in preparing the document.

c) **Outreach Group** Andy Webb reported that they would hold another Christmas Dinner due to the positive comments last year.

d) **Christian Aid** – Mari will be invited to speak to the church on November 6th morning service about the work of Christian Aid and how the funds are spent.

3.2. **Managing Change**

There has been a resignation from the church committee.

The Elders have been asked to prayerfully consider how we deal with this great period of change we are undergoing. We need to be united and learn from past mistakes. Many people both old and young feel their security has been shaken, however we are all working with one aim, to be more like Jesus.

The meeting then spent some time in silent prayer.

4. **Main focus for next session: Christmas outreach.**

5. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday November 1st 8pm

6. **AOB:**

6.1. **News from South East Wales Presbytery**

- Minutes available in the Vestry – please read them.
- Fifa Day October 15th at Fairwater Church – Youth event.
- The first Presbytery Mission Rally was held last week at Siloh, Gelligroes. Very good presentation from two women from Cornerstone Uganda.
- Next Presbytery meeting will be held on October 29th 10 am.at Siloh Christian Centre Ystrad Mynach CF83 7AF. **ALL Elders** invited to an extended meeting. Following the business meeting (ends at 12 noon) there will be a lunch and fellowship.

6.2. The choice of organ music played for the first hymn in the morning was discussed. More upbeat tunes were felt to be more appropriate.

6.3. A singing group for dementia sufferers and their relatives had been in touch. We supported their request Library runs singing groups open to the community.

6.4. Notice board size and placement was discussed ahead of the scheduled Building Committee meeting.

6.5. Rob Bebb has been approached to preach at St David's Uniting Church, Pontypridd on 18/06/17 and Ebbw Vale Anniversary 21st May '17 **Agreed**

6.6. The Gideons willing to speak to the church on March 5th am service. **Agreed**

6.7 New Minister at Llanishen Baptist Ray Ellis.

6.8. Awaiting to hear from a student at the South Wales Baptist College wishing to work with Robert.

Sue Hawkins Sept 28th 2016.

Agenda November 1st 2016

1. Apologies
2. Church Report.
3. Prayers
4. Minutes of the meeting September 27th 2016
5. Main items
 - Update from groups
 - Christmas arrangements

Managing change

6. Main Focus for next session
7. Date of next meeting – 29th November 2016
8. AOB