

Members Minutes of Elders' Session – 5th September 2017

1. 8 apologies and 14 present.
2. Minutes of the 1st August were approved.

3. Items for Discussion & Matters arising from 1st August 2017

Pastorate Committee - No further news. Next meeting will be on September 19th. Update on situation submitted for Survey.

CWM - Arrangements for service has been progressed by Robert, now waiting for Meirion feedback. Catering is in hand. There is a need to let the Congregation know of the arrangements for 17th.

Actions - Robert to chase up service order.

- Diane to ask Gill to put into announcements.

- Church prayer meeting to take place in different room.

Update from Groups - No meetings held over summer.

Service Schedule. Robert has arranged the service schedule and it is available on the church web site. Next Sunday Jeff Davies replaces Luke Moreno. Josh to do Christmas Day family service (11 am only, no communion this year).

Jo has received list of potential preachers from John James and she is booking them into the rota for next year.

Prayer Points agreed

4. Main Focus of next meeting. Future ministry.

5. Next meeting 26th September 2017.

6. A.O.B

Higher Trust - Information from Megan Barrett. Louis Palau coming to Wales on November 24th - Information shared and will advertise. **Action - Diane to give to Gill for notices**

Presbytery News - Shared from Sue Hawkins (see below)

Preaching Themes for Sunday Services. All agreed with Jo's suggestion that we continue to have a consistent preaching theme. Jo will look for material and share and also discuss with Josh. Initial suggestion Mark Gospel - Agreed

Support for Josh - Need for mentorship and support when Robert retires.

MIDI - Used twice since last meeting including last Sunday no comments from congregation. General impression was positive. Need for additional help to set up on occasions.

Situations Vacant. Someone to tidy and replenish busy bags. Someone to prepare PowerPoint slides for Sunday. **To be put in announcements and elders to consider approaching possible help**

Session finished with the Grace.

South East Wales Presbytery News and Information :

- 1) Next Presbytery meeting Saturday October 28th, 10 am Siloh Christian Centre, Ystrad Mynach CF82 7AF.
Please support.
Minutes of the last meeting are available in the vestry.

2) Sunday school and youth committee.

Bowling Competition –Open to families, youth groups, kids clubs etc.
Thursday November 2nd 5 – 7.30pm at Tenpin Nant Garw. Maximum of 6 in a team. Cost £12 per team.

3) **Presbytery Mission Rally** – Wednesday 27th September at 7pm Treceenydd Church, Caerphilly CF83 2SY speakers Trevor Grant Leprosy Mission and Rev John Colney Community worker at Mount Pleasant, Ebbw Vale. All welcome

4) **Typhoon of Love appeal 2017** ongoing. £14.40 per member is the target.

Agenda September 26th 2017

1. Apologies
2. Church Report.
3. Prayers
4. Minutes of the meeting 5th September 2017
5. Main items
 - Future Ministry
 - Update from groups
6. Main Focus for next session
7. Prayer Points
7. Date of next meeting – 31st October 2017
8. AOB