

Members Minutes of Elders' Session – 26th September 2017

In the absence of the Clerk Mrs Sue Hawkins agreed to take the minutes

1. 6 apologies and 13 Elders Mr J Parmar, Youth Worker in attendance.
2. **Church Report:**
 - a. Harvest supper was enjoyed again this year. The food and entertainment was very good. Thanks to all involved in the evening.
 - b. CWM visit. The delegates and representatives from PCW were impressed with the welcome, the morning Service and refreshments provided by Park End.
3. The session spent time in prayer.
4. Minutes of the session 5th September were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. Items for discussion and matters arising from 5th Sept session:
 - a. **Future ministry.** The Pastoral Committee met in Sept. and will widen the advertisements for the post. The next scheduled meeting will be in the New Year.
 - b. Jo has organised Ministers to take Communion services in the Church services. Robert took communion in Care Homes a replacement has not been found.
 - c. **Update from Groups.** No Groups have a report for session. Worship group due to meet soon.
6. **Other items discussed**
 - a. Registrars at Weddings. Irene M and Richard B volunteered to undertake this role. **Action** Robert to follow up. Quarterly returns are required.
 - b. Richard B has offered to undergo the training to be commissioned to administer the Sacraments. **Action** Robert to follow up
 - c. Chair of Church Committee was discussed. Referred to Church Committee.
7. **Main Focus for next Session:**
 - a. Chair of Elders Session required
 - b. Pastoral visiting.
8. **Prayer points:**
 - a. Pastorate committee.
 - b. Pastoral care.
9. **Date of next meeting** – October 31st 2017.

10. AOB.

- a. **Church Christmas Card** Janet Chapman volunteered to oversee this year.
- b. **Communication.**
 - i. Notices checked before printing. Information to be given to Administrator by the Tuesday prior to that week's publication.
 - ii. Official Church letterheads need updating.
 - iii. Elders noticeboard need changing and updating. **Action** Rob T will follow up.
 - iv. Julie E.J. will take on the responsibility of the "wayside" pulpit (outside Church Noticeboard)
 - v. Ministers phone number will be discontinued. Web site to be amended. **Action** Richard B
- c. **Resources**
 - i. Robert B will leave communion sets in the communion cupboard.
 - ii. Alpha and Christianity Explored course resources will be on the shelf in the middle room.
- d. **Benevolent Fund** – Chris S agreed to have the cheque books.
- e. ***Robert B thanked the Elders for their service and support.***

The meeting ended with the Grace.

Agenda October 31st 2017

1. Apologies
2. Church Report.
3. Prayers
4. Minutes of the meeting 26th September 2017
5. Main items
 - Future Ministry
 - Update from groups
6. Main Focus for next session
7. Prayer Points
7. Date of next meeting – 28th November 2017
8. AOB