

Guiseley Methodist Church

Wharfedale & Aireborough Circuit

Oxford Road, Guiseley, Leeds LS20 9EP

Minutes of Guiseley Methodist Church Annual General Meeting 5th May 2019

1 Revd Roger Smith (Chair) led the opening devotions and gave thanks for the life, work and witness of Arthur Hoyle, Hilda Chaffer, Laura Dickinson, Jean Heath, and Julie Waite. There were 62 people in attendance at the meeting.

2 Apologies were received from Lynne Bootland, Carol Davis, Betty Durkin, Julie Hipkin, Janet Hudson, Pamela and Chris Smith.

3 Minutes of the 2018 AGM were signed as correct, no matters arising.

4 Reports on church life

4.1 Finance:

The treasurer gave his report on the accounts to date; there were no questions. Thanks were expressed to all who undertake financial work on our behalf.

4.2 Tots:

Hilary reported that Tots were extremely well run by Emma in a happy, safe environment. June Medhurst, a new helper, has brought with her many skills and is most valued. Emma is encouraging the mums to involve and befriend newer people. There may be school holiday activities in conjunction with Sam. Thanks go to Keith & Christine for dealing with the accounts and to Alan and Peter for the handyman jobs they do. Please continue with your prayers and support.

4.3 Deacon Jenny:

Jenny looks forward to after her ordination when she will have less study time and more time to work with people and to introduce involvement for other sections of the church family. Sam reported that a Pentecost Picnic will be held on Ascension Day immediately after Tots, to involve them all and also the church family.

4.4 Stewards:

Jean reported that the shortage of stewards (only three) has resulted in different ways of stewarding the evening services and the early morning services. If anyone can volunteer some help a proper team can be established.

The recent week of shelter for asylum seekers had been generously supported by the wider community as well as local churches. It was tiring but was felt to be very worthwhile for all concerned. Special thanks were given to Jean for all the effort she had put into organising the venture. See more online.

4.5 Circuit:

A new and experienced minister Shannon DeLaureal will join the circuit in September, to be based at Addingham and Ben Rhydding. Revd Lesley Taylor is now on her Sabbatical.

Every church is being asked to supply a short report on its position re finance, attendance, property etc, which can be used to inform decision making by the Circuit teams.

CAP debt centre is now up and running and needs volunteers to go with the manager on home visits as a 'befriender' from the local church.

5 Office holders

The meeting agreed to appoint Jean Fletcher, Julie Hipkin and Richard Griffin as stewards for the coming year. The reps to the Church Council were agreed as Julie Boocock, Audrey Dawson, Caroline Finlay, Catherine Mouncey, Dorothy Parkinson and Lorette Porter. Thanks were expressed to all these volunteers.

6 Any other business

5.1 Our car park will not be needed for the Guiseley Summer Festival display of vintage cars. We will continue to keep in touch with the committee.

5.2 The Wesley Singers have agreed to perform Stainer's Crucifixion on Passion Sunday 29.3.20 at our evening service. Possibly to be a circuit service.

5.3 Thanks were expressed to the property team for sourcing and installing the sound panels in the hall – acoustics are much better now.

7 Next meeting:

Sunday 26 April 2020, after morning worship.

The meeting closed with prayer

Anne North
Church Council Secretary

Signed Dated