



Guiseley Methodist Church

Wharfedale & Aireborough Circuit

Oxford Road, Guiseley, Leeds LS20 9EP

Minutes of the Church Council Meeting 27th February 2020

1 **Opening devotions**

Revd Roger welcomed everyone and led the opening devotions.

Apologies were received (see overleaf) and the previous minutes were agreed and signed.

Matters arising:

New Christmas Eve Communion arrangements were satisfactory – some people went to St Oswald's and some to Bramhope.

WYDAN asylum shelter week at St Peter and St Paul's – helpers will be appreciated – see Deacon Jenny. WYDAN have asked us if we can provide another week's support – to be discussed by CL Team.

Marriage and Relationships discussion: the outcomes from the cluster meeting at GMC will be submitted to Synod where a vote will take place on the proposals. The result will go before Conference in July. Conference in turn will decide whether the proposals will be adopted by the Methodist Church.

2 **Worship, prayer and discipleship**

Lent study groups will start Thursday 5th March, 10.00am at Yeadon, and Friday 6 March, 7.00pm at Guiseley. All are welcome to join in.

3 **Mission**

Tots: The report had been received and the groups are still very much enjoyed and appreciated by adults and children alike.

Activities organiser: Report had been received and was discussed, along with provisional proposals for events during this year. Instead of the Sat 28th March Easter Activity Morning, on Sunday 29th March there will be an all age service featuring a flexible Easter presentation involving the children. The suggested afternoon tea on 24 July will be rescheduled. A list of the proposed activities will be published in the Newsletter.

Renewal of Activity Organiser contract: SP currently works 15 hours per month and Council agreed to renew her contract for a further year.

Deacon jenny: WWW continues to meet at Cooper's and they are looking at introducing a one day ecumenical conference for younger women. More details later. A Prayer Station will be placed in the foyer during Lent; hopefully this will encourage interest from people who use our premises but do not necessarily attend worship.

4 **Church Life**

Pastoral: a brief report had been circulated. A Service to Remember Loved Ones is planned for Friday 15th May, in conjunction with Full Circle. the Pastoral Secretary has given notice that she plans to retire in April 2021. Revd Roger emphasised the importance of this position to the life of our church and a Schedule of Annual Duties is attached with these minutes. The position will be advertised within the church.

Safeguarding: Report had been circulated and Council agreed to the proposed amendments to the Church Safeguarding Policy. Would Council members please make these amendments to their own copy of the Policy. The job description for the Church Safeguarding Co-ordinator was also agreed, as was the request for a designated Safeguarding Notice Board. **CD + Property Team.**

Retirements: Four reps from the church have served their 3 year term and AE has retired as Creche co-ordinator. Council thanked them all for their support to the church over the years. New volunteers will be welcomed.

Stewards and Leadership Team (Report attached)

JF gave this report verbally, in particular outlining the need for new stewards and, acting upon the Methodist Churches training publication 'First Impressions Count', reorganising reception duties on Sunday mornings. Also covered were a Prayer corner, WYDAN, a modern Lord's Prayer to be projected on screen at parade services, Junior Church going forward and food hygiene courses. Suggestion that readings done by children at parade services be projected on screen for added clarity, and also a prayer projected for everyone to read before the service starts. **Leadership team**

5 **Property and Finance**

Property: the report was accepted. TK reiterated that all users (including those not associated with our church) should check the whole premises for lights left on, before turning off the main switch and they should be told the reason for this. AS is researching new boilers and new controls.

Finance: KR explained the Treasurer's report, Accounts to August 2019, the Reserves Policy, the Activities Organiser budget, and the Charitable Donations revision. Council approved all these. Also discussed were the interim receipts and payments to 31.12.19 and the legacy in the name of the late Muriel Kirkbright.

Gift Aid: the report had been circulated and there were no queries.

6 **From Connexion, District and Circuit**

'Planning for growth' Circuit proposals will be discussed at a cluster meeting with Bramhope and Yeadon churches on Monday 16th March. Revd Tim gave an outline of the plan for this meeting.

VP gave a verbal Circuit Stewards' report which is attached.

7 **Any other business**

Preacher for 35th Church Anniversary on 7th March 2021. Two names suggested, JF will follow this up. **JF**

8 **Future meetings**

Church AGM: after morning worship on Sunday 26 April 2020

Church Council: Wednesday 17th June 2020.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Attendees and apologies overleaf

Attendees:

<http://www.guiseleymethodistchurch.co.uk/>

A Akers
J Bloomfield
J Boocock
L Busfield
P Busfield
C Davis
A Dawson
C Finlay
J Fletcher
C Fountain
R Griffin
J R Halliwell
J Hipkin
E Hoyle
T King
C Mouncey
H Murden
R Naylor
D Parkinson
Deacon J Parnell
Revd T Perkins
A Pickles
V Pitts
L Porter
K Reed
N Reed
A Sheath
P Smith
C Turner
A Vear
I Williams
R A Williams
S Wright

A North (sec)

Apologies:

J Abbott
L Bootland
A Elsegood
S Morrish
P Slater

*A North
Church Council secretary*

Signed

Dated