

Goring United Reformed Church
Church Meeting Minutes 25th January 2025

Welcome: Val G

Devotions: Val G on new beginnings, put off the old self and do not be afraid of new things. Reading from Jeremiah 29:11 and 2 Corinthians 4:17-18, followed by prayer.

22 members present, 1 non-member. 4 apologies.

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

Matters arising were covered in the agenda items.

Agenda items: **Church Family News:** Hilary did not have much to report, just the usual for the time of year, coughs and colds. Various members asked for prayers for their friends and neighbours. One member has had a bad experience with a cataract op.

Group Reports: Elder's: The review of Christmas services was that they were well attended, but the Nativity Christmas Eve Service will come up for another review later in the year.

Roger Wood, our Interim Moderator attended the January Elders meeting, explaining where we are on the Moderators waiting list for a new minister who will be shared between us, Sompting and Emmanuel. It will probably be at least a year before our group will come to the top of the list, basically don't hold your breath.

Roger suggested that as there is little to report to Church Meeting at present, that we return to bi-monthly Church Meetings. This was put to the meeting and anonymously agreed.

Safeguarding: Mary: the Safeguarding Annual Returns for last year have been returned. She was pleased to introduce the new Safeguarding Lead as Val G.

Outreach: News and information of the Holiday at Home was announced, see separate sheet. Details will in Welcome along with information on how to book.

Property, Finance and Lettings: Matthew commented that the Christmas giving was down on previous years as it had not been announced during the services, please can this be addressed in future.

 He talked about the Manse Policy, Heating, Sanctuary Windows, Pointing and Lettings. Full report attached.

Notices and Correspondence: None

A.O.B.: Health and Safety: would anybody like to take on the upkeep of the first aid boxes? Val G is happy to continue, but if anyone else has a burning desire to do this please speak with her or Bett.

There being no other business the meeting closed with the Grace at 10:40am.

Date of next meeting; **SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2025 at 10am**

Signed.....Date.....

