

GURC Church Meeting 20.11.21

Chair. Revd Andrew Sellwood

Devotions led by Rosemary Terry.

Apologies 3

Present 23

Minutes of meeting agreed after 1 amendment and signed by Revd Sellwood.

No matters arising.

Church Family News*. Hilary Redman

*This is a change of title from 'Pastoral news' and was agreed by the Elders to be more inclusive.

The meeting shared news of the fellowship and upheld in prayer those with special needs at this time.

Pastoral Elders will be delivering Christmas gifts of pot plants to the housebound or those in nursing homes.

Safeguarding. Rosemary Terry

Thanks were given to Hilary and Matthew for their work as Safeguarding Officers. These roles have now been advertised and applicants are being considered by the Elders and it is hoped the safeguarding lead and deputy safeguarding lead will be in post by the end of December.

A report was given detailing this difficult subject and the significant changes needed to comply with the latest URC guidance. Further updates will be brought to future church meetings.

Rosemary is liaising with the Synod Safeguarding Officer

The meeting was reminded that Safeguarding is Everyone's responsibility.

Wilfred Rhodes offered thanks to Mary Redman for her work with the Disclosure and Barring process which she will continue to do.

Further details of Rosemary's report will be in the Church meeting notes folder.

AGENDA ITEMS

Group reports

Finance. Matthew Smith

Thanks were given to Rosemary who has now joined the Finance group.

The meeting approved holding MoM at last year's levels.

The 2022 budget proposal was explained, and the meeting approved this.

Munro Wightman was approved by the meeting to act as the Independent Examiner for End of Year Accounts.

A detailed account of the presentation will be kept in the Meeting folder.

Property report. Paul Redman

Paul reported on the various works completed including:

the Manse roof, which is now completed and financed by Synod.

Change of Broadband provider. Thanks was offered to Paul and Ryan for sorting this.

Completion of ministers washroom and the need for new vanity mirror for the vestry.

Problems with the Printer jamming and the Print room dehumidifier.
Both Property and Finance groups confirmed the £2000 yearly maintenance grant from Synod will continue to be available.

Outreach. Val Gill.

Val Berry has been welcomed into the group.

The coffee and cake drop in will now move to a Monday, starting on 10th January at the back of the Sanctuary (main doors). A leaflet drop is planned to advertise this. Activities will include board games and puzzles. Rosina encouraged church gentlemen to attend to encourage other men to come along as historically these events are attended in the main by females.

Details of donations of both gifts and money for Safe In Sussex will be in Welcome.

Mini Fishes. 3 families have returned, and the first session was very well attended. Thanks were offered to Hilary for her help in the re-opening. More volunteers are required please. The notice board has been refreshed.

Mary Redman has updated leaflets detailing our Christmas events and services. Volunteers are needed to deliver these .

AOB.

Photos of Minister and Elders to be updated by Graham.

Further discussions were had regarding leaflets detailing our various activities.

Tuesday Fellowship have also encouraged more male attendees.

The meeting approved Valerie Cooper's application to go on the Lay Preachers course.

Thanks were given to Valerie for investing her time in this important role in the life of the Church.

Mission

Bett Swierk has filled around 20 shoe boxes and is now volunteering with Link Romania in Ferring.

The meeting approved Bett to continue this ministry of providing family boxes. Thanks were given for her work in this venture.

Notices and Correspondence.

None.

Date of next meeting **22.1.22 at 10:30**

The meeting ended with the sharing of the Grace