

## **Minutes of the Church Meeting December 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 10 am**

### **Present**

Rev Vanessa Hollingworth, Members 15, None members 2,

Apologies 5

Vanessa opened the meeting with Psalm 84, a short talk and prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted and signed as a correct record.

### **Matters arising**

Jeff and Vanessa Wong have been received into church membership.

We still do not have a BMS representative. May Bottrill informed the meeting that she would be stepping down at the end of December from doing the BMS birthday scheme. It was decided that we really didn't need to appoint a new representative and the birthday scheme would be suspended until someone came forward to take it on. Thanks are recorded to May for doing this task.

### **Elsie Fraser**

Elsie has accepted our calling to become our new minister. She will be starting as minister on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025. It was suggested that April 5<sup>th</sup> would be more appropriate as it would then coincide with the new tax year. The deacons will be meeting with Elsie tomorrow to discuss the details for her move to Littleover.

### **Finance and Donations**

Janet asked that we all look at our church giving and see if we can increase it as we will have to pay Elsie's stipend from April.

Janet proposed that we give donations this year to more local charities. These would be £200 each to Stockbrook, Treetops Hospice and the Salvation Army. This was agreed by the meeting. The usual special Christmas collections will be Derby City Mission, carol service and jumper Sunday. Spurgens, Christmas day.

Christine expressed concern about the small amount being put on the collection plate.

Preachers are asked to give thanks for all offerings during the service.

Paul suggested that we look at an electronic device for people to make card donations. Paul was asked to look into this.

### **Community Pastor's Report**

Les's report had been sent out within the previous minutes. The deacons were asked to look at the cost of the online services as not many people log into them.

**Church Recycling**

We have been offered a blue recycling bin. It was agreed to see how this goes. We are no longer able to recycle tablet blister packs, people will need to take their own packs to Super Drug.

**Christmas Dates**

Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas meal, Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas jumper day and Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> 6-30 pm Carol Service.

**Dates**

Suggested early January 2025 to keep updated on Elsie

Deacons to set a date for the March AGM church meeting.

Vanessa closed the meeting at 11-15 am with prayer

Signed -----

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