

WOODBIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

Minutes of Church Annual Meeting held on 21st May 2023

The meeting commenced at 1.15 p.m. with a welcome and devotions from the Chairman, Rev Saul Tadzaushe. There were 22 people present.

- 1 We remembered those who have died during the last year : Gloria Theobald, Barbara Wiggins, Beryl Mabbutt, Brenda Cooper, Ralph Chapman, Brenda Dudley, Jenny Hepworth, Ron Fuller, Ken Cooper.
- 2 Apologies for absence : Derek and Deirdre Rothwell, Monty and Freddie Guest, Mike Porter, Brenda Sadler, Sheila Batty, Alexander and Cath Hamilton.
- 3 Minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd May 2022 had been circulated, and were approved and signed by the Chairman. There were no Matters Arising.
- 4 a. Appointment of Church Stewards

Senior Stewards	Mrs D Giffard 05/25 Miss H Peats 05/24
Stewards	Mr B Crowe 08/22 to 05/29 Mrs A Stevenson 05/23 to 05/29
Associate Stewards	Mrs D Rothwell 05/22 to 05/28 Mrs S Ball 05/22
- 5 b. Secretary to Church Council/AGM Mrs Pam Wilkins 05/23 to 05/29
c. Church Reps to Circuit Meeting

Church Treasurer	Mrs F Guest
Senior Stewards	Mrs D Giffard and Miss H. Peats

d. Reps from Church General Meeting to Church Council

Mrs C Hollett and Mr David Ball 05/22 to 05/28
- 6 Stewards Report Helen Peats mentioned that Monty Guest had just completed his time as a Church Steward and we are very grateful for all his support and work as a Church Steward. The Stewards would also like to thank Freddie Guest who has been taking the Minutes at the Stewards Meetings. Is there anyone who would be prepared to attend the Stewards meetings and take the Minutes for them? Jackie volunteered. Thank you Jackie.
- 7 Property Report Mike is away but he said if anyone has anything they would like to discuss with him on property matters please contact him when he has returned home.
- 8 Treasurer's Report Freddie is away but she said if anyone has anything they would like to discuss with her on financial matters please contact her when she has returned home.

9. Pastoral Friends Mrs C Hollett. Please see Item 9, Report.

10. Action for Children Mrs G Stevenson. Please see Item 10, Report.

11. Questionnaire It has been suggested that we circulate a Questionnaire looking into the purpose of our church in Woodbridge. The Questionnaire was circulated. We need to respond to the four sections on the Questionnaire, Sections - Loving God, Building Faith, Serving Community, How would you like to become involved in the life of this church and are there any barriers that stop you?

Rev Saul explained the forms. Please respond to this Questionnaire. Rev Saul and Rev Stephen will receive the forms for evaluation before they are presented to the Church Council.

12. All the other reports which had been circulated prior to this meeting were accepted and were agreed or approved as they highlight important issues.

13. Rev Saul thanked us for his welcome. We must continue to work together.

Date of next meeting - 5th May 2024 This will be a Sunday when Rev Saul is preaching at Woodbridge.

The meeting closed with Prayer led by Rev Saul and the Benediction. The meeting closed at 2 p.m.

Signed Date