

**MINUTES**

- 1 The chair, Revd Roger Smith, led the opening devotions.
- 2 A list of attendees and apologies follows overleaf.
- 3 **One item of AOB** – wedding and funeral fees.
- 4 **In memoriam.** Members stood to give thanks for the lives of George Crompton, Jean Hickinbottom, Betty Mapplebeck, Isobel Robertshaw, Barry Spencer, Betty Yates.
- 5 **Minutes from previous meeting:** had been circulated and were signed as a true record.
- 6 **Matters arising:** Yeadon still needs an authorised lay registrar for marriages – to be discussed at their separate meeting.
- 7 **Pattern of future meetings:** Council agreed that each church hold its own Church Council meetings in future. There may be other occasions where Guiseley Yeadon and Bramhope join together.
- 8 **Circuit stewards' report:** Ian went through this with the meeting and highlighted three points:
  - 8.1 Two more circuit stewards are desperately needed, we are asked to emphasise this amongst our church members and ask for volunteers.
  - 8.2 Jean and Alan have put in a great deal of time organising the many Guiseley & Yeadon manse renovations and the circuit is most grateful to them.
  - 8.3 A new 'Policies and Procedures' document is being created to ensure a consistent approach to decision making in all aspects of circuit management.
- 9 **Norwood:** The letter from Lesley Taylor had been received by Guiseley but not Yeadon. Julie Hipkin spoke for the Norwood Management Team which now has some new members. The Circuit is asking churches to consider making a donation to the upkeep of the building. The initial aim is to keep the property sound over winter, until a decision is made about its future as a self supporting circuit, district and possibly even ecumenical retreat resource. A discussion re the pros and cons of this ensued, to continue in separate Church Councils later. We are also encouraged to join the 'Friends of Norwood Chapel'.
- 10 **Safeguarding:** A sequence of training sessions is already planned and advertised for this year – please book with Mike Fawcett if you wish to attend and please publicise the courses. Viv said you don't have to wait four years before doing the refresher course.

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**11 Deacon Jenny:** Whilst beginning to see the bigger picture of our partnership and getting to know people, Jenny is working on developing spirituality and prayer together. On 28 November there will be an Advent multi-sensory Prayer Station at Guiseley, and in December an Advent Quiet Day at Norwood.

**12 District and Connexion matters:**

12.1 Individual churches are encouraged to consider holding a day of prayer and fasting.

12.2 Churches will be encouraged to work out either a 'growth plan' or an 'end of life plan'. Resources will be available.

**13 Any other business:** Re wedding and funeral fees for church members it was confirmed that no fee is charged by the church, but fees may still be payable to minister, stewards, and organist etc.

*Anne North*  
*Guiseley Church Council Secretary*

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

**In attendance**

**Yeadon**

Dorothy Charlesworth  
Audrey Thompson  
Margaret Slater  
Pauline Tate  
David Tate  
Audrey Brown  
Marjorie Emsley  
Ann Exley  
John Appleton  
Elizabeth Pinder  
Joan Wilkinson  
Linda Blackburn  
Gerald Long  
Colin France  
Natasha H

**Apologies**

Rachel Pinder

**Guiseley**

Jean Beever  
Peter Busfield  
Roger Halliwell  
Alan Sheath  
Roger Garnett  
David Herries  
Caroline Finlay  
Sarah Morrish  
Jane Dick  
Jean Abbott  
Caroline Herries  
Elizabeth Hoyle  
Julie Boocock  
Judith Halden  
Vivien Pitts  
Carol Davis  
Ian Williams  
Rosemary Williams  
Richard Naylor

**Ann Vear**

Alan Pickles  
Pamela Smith  
Lynne Bootland  
Nancy Reed  
Jenny Parnell  
Christine Fountain  
Julie Hipkin  
Keith Reed  
Jean Fletcher  
Anne North

**Apologies**

Tony King  
Pam Slater  
Catherine Mouncey  
Hilary Murden  
Lorna Saxton  
Audrey Dawson  
Leni Busfield