

Church Council Meeting

During the recent Church Council meeting, held on the 22nd of January 2015, the following items were discussed :-

- To prevent breakdown in communication and to ensure that all parties are aware of events planned in the Church, a Church Diary has been created for all known events and will be updated by the Leadership Team. An internal booking form is available in the Church porch and vestry. When planning an event, a booking form needs to be completed and given to a member of the Leadership Team. In addition to the Church Diary, a series of calendars have been created, one for each room at Church and a combined one. The calendars are available on the Church Website.
- Missions Weekend, on the 5th/6th March 2015, will be supporting the Southport Food Bank.
- Volunteers are required for Christian Aid week commencing 10th May 2015.
- The Leadership team has perused the Social Media Policy which was adopted by Church Council. The Policy can be found on the Safeguarding page of the Church Website.
- The Circuit Leadership Team has recognised that Marshside Road does a great deal of youth work and has offered to fund a Pais worker for our Church for a year.
- Due to success of the Parent and Toddler Group and to adhere to Health and Safety considerations, a waiting list has been started. There is also a shortage of space for prams etc.
- David Goldson has volunteered to accept the role of Church Treasurer, to take over from Irene Baxendale (who has done an amazing job with Church accounts). David has had to relinquish his role of Lettings Officer.
- When the audited accounts are available they will need to be approved, Church Council agreed to devolve responsibility to the Finance Group before presentation at the Annual Church Meeting in May.
- The Finance Group have worked out that it will cost £78,476 to run the Church for the year.
- The work on the Church Hall floor has been completed, but the windows need replacing, when funding is available.
- The brilliant work of the Property and Finance Committee was acknowledged and the group has been restructured to allow the excellent work to continue.
- Any notices to be displayed on the Church notice boards should be placed in an "in box" in the Vestry and in the Lounge. The notices will be attached to the

boards with a stable gun, as drawing pins should no longer be used to prevent them falling on to the floor and being trodden on.

- The new Circuit Superintendant who will commence in September is Rev Marie Ann Kent. Rev Kent will reside in the Manse in Falkland Road and will be in charge of St Phillip & St Paul with Wesley and St Francis of Assisi.
- John Cass has been appointed Circuit Administrator, he will eventually run the Circuit Office at Liverpool Road.
- The District Testimony service for Rev Patrick Evans will take place at Blundellsands Methodist on the 17th May 2015 at 6.30pm.
- The Methodist Conference will take place in Southport from 26th June to 2 July 2015.
- Representatives of Marshside Road are required to attend Circuit meetings on behalf of the Church. If anyone is interested in being a Circuit representative, please speak to Rev. Jan.
- Heather Barclay has resigned as Communion Steward after 11 years service. Emelia Aspinall and George Merone will join the Communion Stewards.
- Elena Barton has agreed to become a Junior Church Steward, shadowing one of the Stewards and joining the Leadership Team.
- It was agreed to remove the two cloths on the Memorial shelves in the Church as they were considered to be a hazard to small children due to there being a candle on each shelf.
- A request was approved to purchase 6 chairs with arms for the lounge.
- Following the resignation of Bob Owen from being Envelope Secretary, Doreen Gillam will now look after the envelopes as well as being involved as Gift Aid Secretary.
- AGM, 24th May 2015. Next Church Council, 23 June 2015.