

The Ministry Area of Cynon Valley South

Ministry Area AVM

Sunday, 3rd April 2022 at Saint Donat's Church, Abercynon

1. Welcome and prayers

Our Lay Chair Tanya welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Adam Fox
Mark Phillips
Susannah Phillips
Mair Evans
Julia Lewis
Jill Griffiths
Claire Davies
Malfina Davies

3. Approval of previous minutes of AVM's

As this is the first for the Ministry Area, there are no previous minutes to be approved.

4. Reports and Accounts

Each congregation gave a brief summary of their 2021 finances and any other matters from their 2021 Report.

Aberaman & Cwmaman were solvent thanks to a legacy.

Abercynon also were solvent as was Cwmbach. Julia Lewis had resigned from Cwmbach.

Mountain Ash & Miskin and Penrhiwceiber, Matthewstown & Ynysyboeth were also financially sound.

5. Verbal report from Rev. Peter Lewis

Fr Peter thanked everyone on the MAT team. A lot had been achieved in order to move forward. We are awaiting the arrival of Fr Stuart to Penrhiwceiber church in May. He and the other MA priests spent some time away to think about how we move forward. Fr Peter listed our aims:-

- Setting out a vision
- Leading through service
- Interacting with calmness
- Expressing shared responsibility in our mission and ministry

- Showing Christ's grace in our diversity

Future projects

- Youth work- new ways to connect with our schools
- Welcoming Ukrainians into our community and giving them support
- Exploring how God is calling us as disciples
- Connecting up to community projects, encouraging people in their journey of faith
- Focusing on mission in one area
- Twinning with a Ministry Area in Sweden, Nordanstigskustens (Uppsala Ministry Area)

6. 2021 Report from 2021 Deanery Conferences

As none took place there is no report to give.

7. 2021 Report from 2021 Diocesan Conference

This took the form of a workshop on Ministry Area development with input from the Young Faith Matters team, the Ministry & Discipleship team and the Outreach team.

8. Election of Ministry Area wardens

This took place on January 23rd 2022. John Harmon and Alun Jones were elected.

9. Election of Congregational wardens

This took place on January 23rd 2022.

10. Election of the Ministry Area Council

This took place on January 23rd 2022.

Two members have since stood down from Cwmbach and Penrhiwceiber so we needed to receive the names of two additional members to fill the vacancies. Marion Allen was put forward for Cwmbach and Andrea Harvey for Penrhiwceiber.

11. Election of lay Ministry Area reps on the Deanery Conference

This will be a three year term of office. The following were elected:-

David Bennett - Aberaman & Cwmaman

Carol Watkins - Abercynon

Susannah Phillips – Cwmbach

Mair Evans – Mountain Ash & Miskin

Karen Morgan – Penrhiwceiber, Matthewstown & Ynysyboeth

12. Election of Lay Ministry reps on the Diocesan Conference

This is also a three year term of office. The following were elected:-

Nicola Bennett – Aberaman & Cwmaman

Lynne Landeg – Abercynon

Mark Phillips – Cwmbach

John Harmon – Mountain Ash & Miskin

Annette Morgan – Penrhiwceiber, Matthewstown & Ynysyboeth

13. Appointment of an independent Auditor

This will be deferred to the MAC following further discussion with the Congregational treasurers.

Next year there will be one report for the MA, one page for each of the five areas.