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### News of a Potential New Minister

We are delighted to tell you that Paul Morgan has been accepted for training as a Minister within the General Conference of the New Church. This is such a lovely announcement to make at the time of expectation and planning for our experience of the Lord's coming to each of us.

Paul has felt this calling over a long period of time now. Many years ago he was given a copy of Heaven and Hell when attending an event at Purley Chase. Over the years he has read more and developed a faith in line with Swedenborg's writings which he loves. Paul with his wife Muriel, and their family, have worshipped with the Purley community for some time and he is a regular at events there, well known to many of you already. He has the full support of the Ministry and the Council.

The intention is that Paul will commence his study and his life as a Conference Sponsored Student in January 2019 taking the first two terms to accommodate study in his life and get used to the process. The full experience of the demanding 3 year training towards ordination will begin in autumn 2019. The Sponsored Student Monitoring Group (SSMG) has already met. It is composed of our Leader of Education at the College, Revd Helen Brown; Spiritual Leader, Revd David Gaffney; Council representative Richard Cunningham and lay person Stephen Jones.

There has been a sphere of excitement and joy in setting up this process and we feel the Lord's providence in providing for our church as it moves into the new ways

needed in the future. We are also blessed with the ability to support new ministries financially and look to the future with joy and anticipation. May the Lord be with you all in your efforts and with Paul as he begins on this new pathway.

Judith Wilson  
Chair of the Council

David Gaffney  
Spiritual Leader

### **Christmas E-News Coming Next Week**

Stay tuned for the Christmas edition of E-News coming next week, which will be the final issue of 2019. It will feature, amongst others things, news of the Purley Carol Service.