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Conference Council Meeting November 2019 Report

Margaret Cowie reports:

It was a dull, wet Friday when Conference Council met in Purley Chase for the last meeting of 2019. An unprecedented amount of rain had fallen in the preceding days and was still evident in the surrounding area. Many rivers had burst their banks, flooding roads and fields alike. However a warm welcome was awaiting the Council members and we soon got down to the business in hand.

What follows is just a snap shot of our discussions. The full Minute can be seen at:

www.generalconference.org.uk/resources/council-minutes/

Our insurance company requires us to inspect and provide a report on asbestos and the electrical condition of all church buildings, including domestic dwellings.

Conference will cover the cost of this, unless the building is let by a Society, in which case the Society will be liable.

Steps are in place to move our finances from the troublesome Royal of Bank of Scotland to Santander, in the hope of better service.

A company has been approached to provide training in Disclosure and Barring Service.

Lara Nicholls has almost completed the Conference

Programme for 2020 which will include the ordination of Mr Lee Differ,

Sally Field is preparing an attractive and informative leaflet on how to leave a legacy to Conference which will be distributed in the near future.

Revd Christine Bank closed the meeting with a reading and the Lord's prayer.

As this was November meeting it was dark by the time the meeting concluded so it was not possible to enjoy a short walk before dinner, besides, it was raining! Not that we needed to work on our appetite, as Rachel had, as usual, prepared a most delicious meal for us. Following dinner we gathered for a most enjoyable evening of drinks and conversation.

There are still vacancies on the Council, so if you have any up to date skills and feel you would like to join us, please let us know. I can recommend it. It *is* hard work, particularly for some, but very rewarding, as you know you are helping to keep the Church alive and working. Plus you can be assured of wonderful hospitality at Purley!

Advent Calendar Reminder

Gemma McLean writes:

Don't forget to check out our digital advent calendar at:

generalconference.org.uk/advent



Seaburn Dene Creative Christmas - Photos

Taken from the Purley People Facebook page



