

October Church Council Update:

Youth work – The closing date for applications for the Youth Pastor position has now passed. We received five applications for the position, unfortunately one was withdrawn as the candidate accepted another post. Of the remaining four applications, two have been invited for interview and we are continuing a dialog with a third candidate but they are unable to attend interview in October (they are currently living in South Africa).

The interviews will take place on Saturday 18th October. We would like the candidates to meet some people from the church, ensuring that they meet a good cross section of the congregation representing our different activities / ministries. If you would like to be involved in this, please could you let me know asap.

Mission and Priorities – We started or re-launched a number of initiatives last year that are now flourishing, for example Café Eden and Compass Café. Whilst wanting to celebrate the successes, the Church Council is also aware of and concerned about the resource and time demands that these can place on individuals. It is important that we continue to look at the ministries and where necessary ensure that we prioritise appropriately (we must look after church members as well as reaching out to the community). It is difficult to do much strategic thinking in a monthly meeting where often there is much other business to get through, therefore the CC is planning an away day to focus on this issue. If you have any input to this process please speak to Peter or any member of the CC.

Church Weekend – We have a good number coming (more than 60). If you haven't already signed up I would strongly recommend that you do. We are very pleased that Ros Steel is going to be leading us, as we look at "What is the Church". Colin and Carole Pattenden will be leading the young people's work.

AGM – The AGM has been set as the evening of Sunday 19th of October at 8:00pm. Please put this into your diary and make every effort to attend. As well as the usual elections we will be looking at our vision and where we are going. Please also prayerfully consider if you are being called to serve on the Church Council, Joint Council or any of the other bodies that we elect representatives to at the AGM and sign up on the list in the church foyer.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know or speak to any member of the Church Council. Thanks, Glenn.