

Vision Update

Roberts Rules of Order

In 1876, The Roberts Rule of Order was established. These Rules of Order dictated how a formal meeting was to be conducted and recorded. These rules are used to conduct our MAC meetings, however, over time, we have drifted away from R.R.O. when it comes to recording the minutes of our MAC meetings. An audio file of the minutes is stored, and the meeting minutes are produced verbatim. This is both a very time-consuming exercise and has led to ambiguous communication. Going forward, we will return to the R.R.O. of minuting meetings.

Our MAC minutes will have a brief paragraph summarising the subject, any specific questions relating to the topic and the answer, along with action points and deadlines.

Micro budgeting

As established in our last MAC meeting, resources are scarce and we need to exercise good stewardship. We agreed that we should create 'microbudgets' for each ministry and location throughout the MA. Over the coming weeks and months, the clergy will work with finance champions, church committees and the MA Treasurer to analyse expenditure and income to ensure good stewardship. Our goal is that the MA can support ministry well into the future. Our aim is to reach a zero balance on the running cost and reduce our reliance on reserves to cover our day-to-day costs.

Pontypridd Eisteddfod

As you will all know, the National Eisteddfod will be coming to Pontypridd in August. The eyes of Wales will be on our town! It presents us with a unique opportunity to outreach and show Christ's love not only to visitors to Ponty, but to the residents of our MA. Rev Charlotte is working with the Diocese to see what the legacy of the Eisteddfod can be for church and community. There is an open invitation to both MAC members and church committee members to join this group and shape our response to such a huge event.

Confirmations

The confirmation service was a success. All churches throughout the Ministry Area were represented at the service which was wonderful for our candidates and for Bishop Mary. She was impressed by the turnout and is keen to return to the MA to look at how we are implementing our Vision and outreaching into our community.

As Easter falls on 31 March 2024, it is not possible to hold our AVM in March. We have scheduled it to take place in early April. This year, our AVM will take place in the context of a Eucharist. Unlike previous years, Rev Carlotta will also conduct congregational meetings which will focus on how we have progressed our vision and finance.