

## Members minutes of Elders' Session – 1st May 2018

1. 6 apologies and 13 present. Keith Daw in chair.
2. The session spent time in prayer
- 3 Minutes of the 27th March were approved.

### 4 Items for Discussion & Matters arising from 27th March 2018

**Roath Park Service** email received from Parks department. There is another event on the bank holiday. As currently there is no minister for that morning it was suggested we hold different style of service on that date in Park End, e.g. Cafe Church.

**Action - Worship group will develop idea.**

**Church Secretary** - There is an offer to consider the role. The gap is noticeable as the need to keep the Church diary up to date caused an issue recently. Irene Mallett will offer to liaise with funerals. Church committee to pursue with those who have offered.

**AGM.** Main issue raised was around music and worship style in services. Session re-emphasised that this is not an age or theological issue but a preference. The Elders shared significant concerns regarding this issue threatening a divided church without grace and tolerance. The Elders also felt that it is entirely appropriate for an Easter Service to be a lively outpouring of joy. The session committed to continue to ensure that there is a balance of styles including traditional and modern. The session are supportive of the work Rob and Richard do. It was highlighted that it can depend on songs chosen by visiting ministers. The offer of a survey from David Evans was welcomed. It was also suggested we explore worship further in teaching and services.

**Action - Worship group to progress and review options.**

**Invitation Weekend.** Jan sent around the link for website. Suggest we give invitations to parents of all children attending groups.

**Action - Janet to discuss with Josh.**

**Late Late Breakfast.** Josh would like to continue with title for time being. Defer to next session.

### 5. Group Updates -

**Pastorate committee** - Dave gave an update

**Josh report** - Josh absent defer to next meeting

### 6. Main Focus of next meeting. Deferred items and Pastorate committee

7. **Prayer Points** agreed. Invitation Sunday, Unity, Pastorate Committee, Alpha Course. Exams. Outreach.

8. Next meeting 29th May 2018.

### 9. A.O.B

**Presbytery news.** - Sue shared latest news and events. Put on Agenda in future.

**Pulpit** - new preaching themes have been sent round.

**Keith** - Janet presented a card on behalf of elders thanking him for his years of work for the Church esp. at the start of the service, announcements and Survey

**Harvest** - Currently no one to take on role. Suggestions of harvest lunch after Sunday service. Discuss next month

**Elders poster** - has been updated.

**Offer of a donation** - Church committee to discuss

**Josh** - Offer to continue contract to 2019 agreed

**Charity Commission** - necessary reports have been filed - Thanks to Chris

Session finished with the Grace

### **Agenda Elders Session 29th May 2018**

1. Apologies
2. Church Report
3. Prayer
4. Minutes and Actions Session 1st May 2018.
  - a. Josh update
  - b. Presbytery news
  - c. Harvest Supper
5. Update from Groups
  - a. Worship Group
  - b. Pastorate Committee
6. Focus of Next meeting
7. Prayer points
8. Date of Next Meeting - 26th June 2018
9. AOB

## **South East Wales Presbytery News and Information**

1. New Presbytery Minister Wayne Adams email [wayne.adams@connexion.org.uk](mailto:wayne.adams@connexion.org.uk)
2. **South Wales Mission Rally: Brecon Presbyterian Church May 10th 2.30**

2 speakers: Dr Graham Thomas Tebellong hospital, Lesotho and Irene Phillips Reaching Romania. Both these charities have received grants from the Mission Rally for the past 2 years

**3. Following Mary's Path: a new session based on the life of Mary Jones.**

Most people in Wales have heard of Mary Jones who walked 26 miles to Bala to buy a Bible and whose story inspired the founding of the Bible Society. But what happened to her then? This special session follows Mary's story until her death at 80 years of age, looking for lessons relevant to us today. One session has already been arranged for the Cardiff Auxilliary at Fairwater in June (possibly 13th). Please get in touch to arrange a date for your ladies fellowship/sisterhood.

**4. Sunday School & Youth Committee**

- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Family Fun day at Amelia Trust.
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Bowling Competition to be held at Nantgarw

**5. Older Peoples Fellowship.** - This will be held at Trefecca, June 11<sup>th</sup>~14<sup>th</sup>. Remind members of this important time of fellowship for older members.

**6. Christian Aid Weekend.** –This will be held at Trefecca between 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Presbytery is asked to send 2 representatives. Names please of anyone interested to the admin officer

**7.** Presbytery representative required on the publications department. Anyone interested please pass your name to Sue Hawkins the Admin officer.

**8.** Presbytery representative on Cardiff SACRE (Religious Education in Schools) - Anyone interested please pass your name to Sue Hawkins, the Admin officer.

**9.** Delegates for the Ministry of Healing Summer School in Newton (June 11<sup>th</sup>~14<sup>th</sup>). Anyone interested in attending to represent Presbytery can they please let the admin officer know so that arrangements can be made.

**10.** General Assembly Capel y Groes Wrexham 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July

Next Presbytery meeting Sat. July 28th, 10 am Siloh Christian Centre, Ystrad Mynach CF82 7AF. Please support.

**Future meeting:** Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>

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