

## Minutes of Elders' Session – 30th January 2018

1. 5 apologies and 15 present. Keith Daw in chair

The meeting started with a moments silence in memory of Margaret.

**2. Church Report:** The session gave tribute for Margaret Wensley's huge contribution and legacy to the Church, Guides, Teaching and Community. The thanksgiving service will held on 14th February..

3. The session spent time in prayer

4. Minutes of the 28th November were approved subject to minor alterations.

### 5. Items for Discussion & Matters arising from 28th November 2017

**Worship** - A letter has been received raising concerns regarding the time left for a sermon after an extended first part of a recent service. Whilst on this occasion it was accepted that the presenters slightly over ran original timings there were also some extenuating circumstances. The visiting minister was aware of the service structure and preached for his agreed time. He was happy with the arrangements and not inconvenienced. He is very supportive of the wider involvement of members and aware that this comes with the risks of over running. Many felt it was an excellent service.

**Action - DW will write to acknowledge letter and reassure the visiting minister was not put out. Rob & Richard were thanked for all the work they are doing to maintain the service and music particularly at this time without a minister.**

**Pastorate Committee** - There is active interest with several candidates. All are in early discussion stages and confidentiality remains essential. After a slow start the signs are encouraging.

**Pastoral Committee** - Thanks to John James for all the extra work he is doing to support pastoral work of the church. Other ministers have offered help too. The notes of the last meeting were shared. We have had a number of requests to become members, friends of Park End and Associate members. Elders clarified how this can be done

**Action - Elders to discuss with prospective members to agree suitable date**

**Christmas** - All the events and acts of witness went well. The tree was particularly appreciated by community.

### Group Updates -

**Preaching** - Moses preaching 11th February pm, would rather not be recorded. He has requested an elder does the main prayers. **Agreed for him to arrange service and liaise with Richard.**

Preaching Rota has been circulated. Needs to be printed. There is a gap on 26th August that Jo is working on. Rob to explore possibility of a Roath Park Service in August 26th am.

The velothon is on Sunday 8th July. Luke Moreno is due to preach. We will do our usual outside worship

Christmas 2018. Carol service on 16th December. Morning service only on 23rd December and 30th December.

### 6. Main Focus of next meeting. Easter Arrangements

Prayer Points agreed. New members, Easter arrangements. Pastorate Committee. New families in Junior Church.

7. Next meeting 27th February 2018.

## 8. A.O.B

**New attenders and Alpha Course** - Elders have had discussions with a family that have recently started attending regarding membership , christening etc. There are some additional enquiries from other people for an Alpha course. Nick is prepared to lead but needs to be on a Sunday night for the initial enquiries. Josh is also running a course for young people. **Action - Session approved. To be started after Easter. Agreed more conversation required before christening.**

**Suggestions from Members** - Service Reading on notices to enable prior reading - agreed if possible, when Ministers give information early enough. Suggestion for music or hymn singing during collection - opportunity to do this will be considered

**Eisteddfod Chair** - Suggestion we donate it to Rhydypenau school for the school. Dedication is from Eunice Webbs father. Elders approved donation. Webbs are happy.

**Madagascar choir** - Gill to confirm with choir we would accept and suggest they liaise with Gill Hughes and Iris

**Presbytery** - Sue shared latest dates. Andy Webb talking on Saturday morning.

General Assembly - 9 -11th May in Wrexham, Spring Association in April. Several committees looking for new participants. Presbytery asking to use church next week 6th February pm. - Approved

**Lent lunches** from 16th February - Olwen finalising arrangements

**Fair trade** - holding event in church 17th February

**Daffodil Tea** - 24th February

**World Day of Prayer Service** - To be held in Park End Friday 2nd March 2pm. Request for catering. Agreed

**Wedding** - Jac Webb & Bryony Halton 11th May 2019. Confirmed that we have a registrar

**Manual** - DW to write intro

**Trustees business** - Accounts circulated. Accounts should be available to be approved at next meeting to enable AGM as soon Chris returns on 13th March. Suggest 18th March. DW to write up trustees report.

Session finished with the Grace.

## Agenda Elders Session 27th February 2018

1. Apologies
2. Church Report
3. Prayer
4. Minutes and Actions – Session 30th January 2018
  - a. Report from Josh
  - b. Pastoral support - new members

c. Easter.

d. AGM

5. Updates from Groups

6. Focus of Next meeting

7. Prayer Points

8. Date of Next Meeting - 27th March 2018

9. AOB