

## Members Minutes of Elders' Session – 27th February 2018

1. 4 apologies and 14 in attendance. Keith Daw in chair. Josh Parmar present
2. The session spent time in prayer
3. Minutes of the 30th January were approved.

### 4. Items for Discussion & Matters arising from 30th January 2018

**Josh report.** Josh shared his current work. This includes; preaching engagements in a number of churches as well as Park End, youth work in Park End and schools, and, pastoral care for the Park End family young and old. There are plans for Alpha course for older youth and an Easter outreach into local schools. He asks for prayers for all his work and the wellbeing and health of Josh, Alanna and Jeremiah.

#### **Pastoral Committee -**

**Membership.** 3 members to be welcomed into church on 4th March. Tony Williams will welcome into fellowship just before communion

**Healing Service -** Dave shared some feedback received following the last service. Session felt that, whilst it is important for others to hear, the declaration is for the individual as much as congregation and they may be dissuaded with use of a roving microphone. Suggest we ask minister to repeat what has been said. There was further discussion regarding the length of the service but session agreed this should not be a rigid requirement and are happy that ministers are aware.

**Funerals** We have a number of ministers happy to conduct services for us

**Easter -** Palm crosses ordered and will be given out on Palm Sunday. Service rota completed for all services. In view of response to previous years, elders agreed to Hot cross Buns outreach on Easter Saturday - **Action - Jo happy to coordinate. Rob to order 50 buns.**

Josh has discussed involvement of children in Palm Sunday service. **Action - Josh to liaise with Jo.**

**AGM** 18th March 4pm. Hospitality team are organising catering and minutes etc have been shared. Chair - to be appointed by committee next meeting.

### 5. Group Updates -

**Small Groups.** Jo & Nick proposed Alpha course is going ahead on Sunday 7.15 from after Easter and have the necessary materials. They are now looking for more participants. Discussed publicity.

**Action - Elders asked to consider personal invitations. Entry in Announcements & Survey. Nick to ask John Rackham to share more widely,**

**Worship Group .** August 26th Service in Park can occur in Roath Park. Further details to be developed.

### 6. Main Focus of next meeting. Future Outreach Service Arrangements, AGM

7. **Prayer Points** agreed. Alpha Course, Easter arrangements. Pastorate Committee. New members in Church.

8. Next meeting 27th March 2018.

### 9. A.O.B

**Prayer meetings for new minister -** Need to encourage more attendance at the special prayer time 3rd Sunday month. Next 18th March 10.15 Vestry.

**Update from Presbytery - Sue H.** Good feedback on Andy's talk on his work in the homeless at last meeting. SACRE (Special Advisory Committee - Religious Education) is looking for a representative meets 3x per year. Ideally a Christian from an Education background. There is a "God Bless the NHS"

initiateve for 70th Anniversary of its start on 5th July 2018. Churches are encouraged to have a service or celebration.

Strategy meeting rescheduled next Thursday. Next meeting 28th April Ystrad Mynach 10 am.

Other events - Sunday School & Youth - Fifa & Video games - Sat 21st April 2-6pm, Trecenydd. Fun Day, Sat 16th June 12-3, Amelia Farm. Ten pin bowling competition, Thursday 1st November 6-7.30pm, Nantgarw.

Healing Ministry Conference 2 delegates required , June 11th - 14th, Newtown.

**Communication from Safe families for Children** - asking to do an update in a morning service.

Suggest we wait until new minister arrives as we need to consider needs of visiting ministers.

**Church Secretary** - Iris tendered her resignation as of April 1st 2018. Elders supported her decision and shared thanks for her long service. Need to advertise, does not need to be a member .

**Preaching** - Jo is starting to populate 2019 service rota. The initial plan will assume no minister. The current situation is providing occasional new challenges but these are being successfully met. The session reflected that the preaching is excellent and thanked Jo for arranging. There will be a new theme after Easter. **Action - Jo to come back with ideas for theme at next meeting.**

Session finished with the Grace

### Trustees Meeting

Accounts and report for Charity commission accepted to be presented at AGM

### Agenda Elders Session 27th March 2018

1. Apologies
2. Church Report
3. Prayer
4. Minutes and Actions – Session 27th February 2018
  - a. Easter
  - b. AGM
  - c. Future Services - Preaching Theme, Velothon, Roath Park
5. Update from Groups
6. Focus of Next meeting
7. Prayer points
8. Date of Next Meeting - 1st May 2018
9. AOB