

Members minutes of Elders' Session – 29th May 2018

1. **14** present. Keith Daw in chair.
2. The session spent time in prayer
3. Minutes of the 1st May were approved.
4. **Items for Discussion & Matters arising from 1st May 2018**

Josh Update - Deferred in Josh absence.

Presbytery News. No new news since last month update. Minutes of Presbytery and Association are available. The Family Fun day on June 16th was underlined and volunteers are still wanted for some committees. The new presbytery minister, Wayne Adams, was in Church this Sunday. Diane recently accompanied Keith on a visitation to the church in Ringland, Newport who send their greetings. Diane shared the witness of the church in a very deprived area, with a small older congregation. Richard has finished training for administration of sacraments.

Harvest Supper. Deferred until next session.

5. Worship Group - not met since last session.

Pastorate committee - Dave gave feedback. Several issues are emerging. Currently there are no candidates. The feedback includes recommendations for more team leadership, particularly in overall leadership and pastoral care. There was a wish to increase our role in Presbytery and a suggestion we increase the number of elders who can administer sacraments. Elders agreed that a lot of work was needed to build disciples within the church before we are ready to grow other congregations outside of ourselves. However it was re-emphasised that we need to put some changes in now and not wait until new minister arrives. The message of changes to structure and style of leadership needs to be shared from the front but also reinforced from elders in their pastoral care. The excellent teaching at present was praised. All agree that the right choice at right time is essential rather than any rush to fill the post..

Action - Elder to present at Service and prepare Summer Survey article.

7. Main Focus of next meeting. Deferred items and Pastorate committee - Model of church and pastoral work - functions and coverage.

8. Prayer Points agreed. Pastorate Committee. Church Leadership.

9. Next meeting 26th June 2018.

10. A.O.B

Request for Christening via administrator. DW to write explaining the issues required for this step

Session finished with the Grace

Agenda Elders Session 26th June 2018

1. Apologies
2. Church Report
3. Prayer
4. Minutes and Actions – Session 29th May 2018.
 - a. Pastoral support -
 - b. Pastorate Committee - Model of Church and leadership
 - c. Harvest Supper
 - d. Josh Update
5. Update from Groups
6. Focus of Next meeting
7. Prayer points
8. Date of Next Meeting - 31st July 2018
9. AOB