

## Minutes of Elders' Session 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018

There were 2 apologies; 12 Elders present. Josh Parmar attended.

Keith Daw chaired the meeting; Janet Chapman took the minutes

1. The Session spent some time in prayer.
2. The Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> May were approved and signed by Keith Daw,
3. **Matters Arising:** a) request for baptism has been agreed (see Church Report). Jo will organise the format of the service with Keith Hawkins and John James, and will give the welcome and introduction on that day. Diane has agreed to sign the Baptismal certificates and the Register.

b) Presbytery Fun Day 16<sup>th</sup> June was quite well attended and enjoyed by those who went.

4. **Harvest Supper:** Irene Mallett has agreed to take on the organising of this event.

### 5. Updates:

- a) **Josh:** Josh thanked the Session for the extension of his contract for a further 12 months.

He went on to report on the work he has undertaken over the last few months. He continues to make pastoral visits; takes assemblies in local schools, including now St Monica's in Cathays, and was excited to report that some 400 children will have heard the Gospel this term as a result of his visits. He and Alanna continue, also, to mentor our students and young people, as well as those who have moved away from our fellowship but retain links through their families. Big Fish and Rock Solid continue to thrive. Josh reported that the Message Wales Higher Tour will be at Cardiff High School in November, and that he will be inviting all the students he meets to Zone. He asked that we all pray about the event, and about how we can support it financially: it will cost about £5000 for the week.

- b) **Worship Group:** DW had already circulated a written report of the meeting held on 31/05/18.

Rob highlighted the event suggested for August 26<sup>th</sup>, Bank Holiday. As we are not able to take a service to Roath Park, an idea to take cakes to homes in the locality was discussed. Session agreed to go ahead with planning this.

Information will be given to the congregation at the earliest opportunity. It is hoped that everyone will be able to contribute in some way. JC suggested a follow-up activity in September: a "prayer walk" around the neighbourhood.

- **Discuss further at next Session.**

The sub-committee also proposed trialling an agape-style communion service, using both a common loaf and cup, at which the Band would play, and the children remain present in the service. This is partly to address some of the disquiet felt at the AGM that there have been too many consecutive Sundays where the Band has played. A full discussion took place, but it was agreed to bring the matter back to the next meeting.

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- c) NP reported that the **Alpha** course has continued to be very stimulating and thought-provoking. Those attending have been much challenged by its content. Both will be encouraged to join a housegroup when it concludes.

**7. Focus of next meeting:**

- August 26<sup>th</sup> service
- Trialling a different format for Communion
- Model of church and pastoral work (deferred in the absence of DW).

8. **Prayer points:** Diane is away in July, so it was agreed that prayer points would cover July and August.

**9. Next Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

10. **AOB:** a) Jo updated the Session on the preaching rota. A number of changes have had to be made for various reasons.

b) **Survey: "letter" to the fellowship** to be undertaken by KD (Summer 2018); TW (Harvest edition); NP (Christmas edition); DR (Easter 2019).

- c) JC asked if there were any changes to be made to the rota for Communion preparation rota. Those who currently do it are happy to continue. SH offered to be added to it. The new rota will be completed shortly.
- d) SH reported that the next Presbytery meeting will be on 28<sup>th</sup> July in Ystrad Mynach.

There being no other business, the Session closed with the saying of the Grace.

1. Apologies
2. Church Report
3. Prayer
4. Minutes and actions from 26<sup>th</sup> June
  - a) August Bank Holiday
  - b) Communion
  - c) Model of church and leadership
5. Updates
6. Focus of next meeting
7. Date of next meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018
8. AOB