

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING

MARCH 29TH 2017

Present: Peter Timothy (chair), Maxine Corrigan (minutes), June Day, Robin Day, Nigel Parrott, Megan Mynhardt, Claire Timothy, Kevin Ward, Denise Jackson, Lester Jackson, Judith Edmonds, Malcolm Edmonds, Val Bayliss, Martin Bayliss, Brian Robinson, Lessie Keenan, Richard Keenan, Michelle Page, Dale Bullock, Chris Yallup, Louise Lyle, Peter Lyle, Judith Gilbertson, Kim Symeou, Nik Symeou, Sandra Grey, Andy Hillier, Pat Hillier, Chris Hillier, Jorge Damasceno

Non-members: Ron Skivington, Greg Chapman

Apologies: Iona Nixon, David Minister, Cheryl Dixon, John Dixon, Marilyn Robinson, Claire Hamilton-Deane, Myrtle Catchpole, David Waters, Bradley Corteen, Bex Worden, Mel Damasceno

Opening Worship: Peter read from Psalm 42, which is the psalm of the day in the book 'My Rock, My Refuge'

Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the previous general church members meeting from January 25th and the extra church members meeting from March 12th were confirmed as true records and both were signed.

Safeguarding and DBS checks: Peter explained that Nigel Parrott has stood down as the Trustee responsible for safeguarding and Denise Jackson has taken over this role. 9 church members went on safeguarding training recently and there will be some changes made.

Denise then explained that the 9 people had level 2 and 3 training. It was planned to show a DVD and give out a leaflet tonight which would mean everyone here would be level 1 trained, however, these are currently being updated, so will be shown when available.

Peter also mentioned that in order to keep all responsibilities together Denise will be undertaking DBS checks instead of Maxine.

Baptism and Church Membership: Peter explained the he has recently received 3 requests for membership from people who have not undergone baptism by full immersion, but by sprinkling. This was discussed at length by the Trustees without coming to any firm conclusions so there is no recommendation from them to the members. It was agreed it would be healthy and helpful to put this before the members.

He went on to say he hoped everyone had read the previously circulated papers (Addendum 1-5) and that he had questions he wanted the members to consider in groups.

All present went into groups and worked through 4 questions (Addendum 6). Each group wrote up their responses plus gave feedback.

Peter collected all the responses to collate and consider then bring back to the next meeting.

Easter Plans: Peter explained that for the past 2 Easters he had produced a Prayer Space in the sanctuary. These have taken up an enormous amount of time and while those who came gave very positive feedback both had been quite poorly attended. This year he will not be doing this.

On Thursday April 13th, Maundy Thursday, there will be a simple meal followed by communion starting at 7pm.

There will not be a walk of witness this year, not felt to be very effective and town centre ministers not produced any plans.

Easter Sunday there will be a bi-lingual service with Jorge and Peter leading.

Date of next meeting: May 24th

Peter closed the meeting in prayer