

**Minutes of the Church Members Meeting Held on  
Tuesday 27th February 2018**

**Chair:** Graham Simpson (Elder)

**Secretary:** Andrew Thompsett

**Present:** Sue Whitmore, Lorraine Jackson, Pauline Fuller, Catherine Wilson, David and Ruth Bellerby, Jenny Stephenson, Amy Lanelly, Val McMahon, Bernard Golding, Ronnie Bussey, Jim Clifton, Dave and Moira Miller, Lynn Foulton, Mary Simpson, Annette Morris, Lena Parker, Steve and Sue Parker, Ian Simpson, Michael Cassell, Sally Plant, John and Christine Daniels, Serena and Phil Stevenson, Alistair Crane, Alison Whiteley, Gill Beams, Farrell Clifford, Len Smith and Colin and Denise Russell

**Total Members Present - 36**

Andrew had already sought permission for Graham Simpson to chair the meetings, which had been approved

**Apologies:**

Judith Smith, Chris Butler, Melanie C Butler, Jessie Spencer, David H Walker, Lee Jackson, Cyril and Joan Jackson, Tim Wilson, Dianne Clifton, Glenys and Colin Harrop, Anne Gosling, Linda Williams and Linda Williamson and Vicki Harrison

**Minutes of CMM 21st November 2017**

The minutes of the Church Members Meeting on the 21st November 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record with no changes being required.

**Proposed:** Annette Morris

**Seconded:** Ruth Bellerby

All in favour

There were no matters arising

**Reports**

There were no matters raised

**Membership - Andrew**

Andrew said that resignations had been received from:  
Alan Langham, Pam Hartill and Lauren and George Young.

Andrew continued that following a regular review of the membership, the following people were no longer members at BBC:

Andy and Treena Hague

Emily Yearly

Josie Marshal

Kay Hind

Jean Outhwaite

He said that a further review would be carried out in June.

Two new members were proposed at the meeting.

David Bellerby gave a brief report on a meeting with Darren Brown after which he proposed that he should be accepted as a member at BBC.

Seconded Colin Russell

34 in favour

1 against, 1 abstention

Alison Whiteley gave a report concerning Hannah Cassell after which she proposed that she should be accepted as a member at BBC.

Seconded Andrew Thompsett

All in favour

### **New Minister Update - Graham**

Following on from the November meeting we have started the process of looking for a new minister. An advert has been placed in Idea and Christianity magazines, along with their websites and also the Fresh Streams web site. The leadership have also met with Graham Ensor and Mary Taylor, our Regional Ministers. We shared together our thoughts and processes so far and they were very encouraging. We explained why we had gone down the advertising route and Graham Ensor confirmed that things had not changed concerning the number of people suitable for Bentley. If that were to change then they would point a suitable person in our direction. At this time we have already had four enquiries from interested people. They will receive information from us for them to consider whether they wish to apply for the position. The closing date is Friday 23rd March, and we will keep you informed of how things progress.

### **renew 127 - Ruth Bellerby**

Ruth said that the centre had been open on a Tuesday and Wednesday between ten in the morning and two in the afternoon since 23rd January. There were people in right from the start and there has not been one day when we have not had anyone in at all. Some of them have been in the prayer times and some have actually prayed. We are confident that this is what God wants and that we will grow. Ruth continued, saying that they were looking at the possibility of opening on other days, but needed to get volunteers and hosts trained up. Ruth reiterated that although everyone was welcome to pop in, that unless you are rostered to be at the centre, by all means pop in, but keep your visit short. If there are too many church people in the centre it makes it more difficult for people to come in off the street. There was a person who came to Foodbank on Monday to collect food for clients and he is quite high up on the Mental Health team in Doncaster, so that is a contact to be followed up.

### **Church Bulletin**

As a guide to how people felt about how the church bulletin should go forward, Andrew asked for a vote to show what people preferred for the make up of the bulletin. Either as recently, a weekly A5 sheet or as in the past a monthly bulletin.

12 persons for a monthly bulletin

15 persons for a weekly bulletin

On the basis of the vote Ruth will continue with a weekly bulletin

## **Safeguarding**

Graham said that as you know Pam Hartill has resigned as a member, as has George Young. They were respectively, our Safeguarding Officer and Deputy. Gill Beams has been approached and has had the chance to look through the documents and has informed us this evening that she is prepared to take on the role of Safeguarding Officer.

**Graham proposed** that Gill be approved. **Seconded** by Catherine Wilson

Graham continued, saying that we all have a responsibility for Safeguarding, and that we would also be looking for a deputy, a male to work with Gill.

## **Forthcoming Festivals and Events**

Good Friday, 30th March. 10:40 service which will incorporate our Gift Offering. If you have any ideas as to where that money should be given, then please speak to David Bellerby.

Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service. This year it will take place around the bandstand in Bentley Park, thereby giving everyone the opportunity to come along as there will be no climb up to the pit head, which some have found difficult or impossible in the past. Sunrise is at 06:38 and our service will start at 06:30, to be followed by bacon sandwiches back here in church which Ruth has already volunteered to prepare.

Andrew then thanked Amy (Lanelly) for all the time in the past where she has prepared the food, a job which she does without any fuss.

There will be a series of Film evenings run by Andrew and Alison and also with help from Annette. The first film will be shown on Friday 23rd March and in preparation for Easter will be 'The Passion of the Christ' This film has an 18 certificate and so will be adult only. Andrew said that this was a hard hitting film showing what Christ went through during the time leading up to his crucifixion. In the future there will be a whole range of films, some of which will be family films and will incorporate a pizza evening or something similar.

Graham said that he had felt, following some quiet time at Fresh Streams, that we should have a cross. A large cross which will go up outside, as a statement. It will go up on that same Friday, the 23rd and will remain in place for two weeks over Easter.. It will have a sign on the cross beam which reads ' GOD LOVES YOU' Our prayer is that it will impact people when they see it.

Jenny talked about an art workshop being arranged with Annette for Thursday 5th April. It is proposed to get some children to create artwork on the theme of worship which can be displayed at church. This is a children's activity, but if you are able to help on the day please speak to one of us.

Jenny then went on to talk about prayer. Following the requests concerning times of prayer, Tuesday evenings came out as the most popular. Every Tuesday there will now be a prayer meeting here at church. If Life Groups want to support this in lieu of a meeting every so often, then they will be more than welcome.

The meeting then closed in prayer, concluding at 21:17

Signed .....  
Graham Simpson (Elder)

Date: 15th May 2018