

**Minutes of the Church Members Meeting Held on  
Tuesday 14th May 2019**

**Chair:** Graham Simpson (Elder)

**Secretary:** Andrew Thompsett

**Present:** Sue Whitmore, Dave and Moira Miller, Gill Beams, Mary Simpson, Serena Stevenson, Hannah and Michael Cassell, Jenny Stephenson, Sally Plant, Colin and Denise Russell, Steve Rigg, David and Ruth Bellerby, Jim and Dianne Clifton, Amy Lanelley, Ian Simpson, Tim Wilson, Melanie Crewe-Butler, Darren Brown and Farrell Clifford

**Total Members Present - 25**

Andrew sought permission for Graham Simpson to chair the meeting.

**Devotions**

Graham said "I asked God what did He want me to share and encourage us with at this church meeting. During the night I had these images and thoughts.

There were a number of open topped tanks all interconnected with pipes. Water was pouring into the tanks and flowing between the tanks through the pipework. When the tanks were full they overflowed, everything around got wet.

These tanks changed to people who looked tired and without energy or purpose. Water started to pour into these people who then became energetic and purposeful, each person was connected to each other person and somehow the water flowed between the people. Sometimes dreams are not logical. As the people were filled with the water, tasks which were difficult and wearying, became easy and fulfilling. Each person helping each other, each encouraging and supporting the others in what they were doing.

What does this mean to us here? 1 Cor 12: 12-14. Msg. "You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which *he* has the final say in everything. (This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptised.) Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain, His Spirit, where we all come to drink. The old labels we once used to identify ourselves, labels like Jew or Greek, slave or free, are no longer useful. We need something larger, more comprehensive.

I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not less. A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together".

Each one of us depends on each other, we are all interconnected. The passage goes on to say, 15-18: "If Foot said, "I'm not elegant like Hand, embellished with rings; I guess I don't belong to this body," would that make it so? If Ear said, "I'm not beautiful like Eye, limpid and expressive; I don't deserve a place on the head," would you want to remove it from the body? If the body was all eye, how could it hear? If all ear, how could it smell? As it is, we see that God has carefully placed each part of the body right where he wanted it".

I need you, you need me. You need the person who you may not even know the name of but who is still part of God's church here, Paul says we need to "recognise the body of the Lord".

In our own strength and energy we can work hard, become weary and disillusioned and lose the desire and commitment to meet together. The passage says we are "refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink". The water of God's Spirit refreshes us as His church. Being connected to one another the Spirit flows into us from God and through us to each other and then overflows to those around.

On our own we are vulnerable and easy prey for Satan. Together we are strong, supporting and encouraging one another and with the flow of God's Spirit running through us even the gates of hell will not prevail. Let us together seek the refreshing of Holy Spirit to revive and energise us to works of service allowing His Spirit to overflow and touch the dry and thirsty land around us."

There was then a short time of reflective prayer

**Apologies:**

Lee and Lorraine Jackson, Pauline Fuller, Alison Whiteley, Steve and Sue Parker, John and Christine Daniels, Phil Stephenson, Lynn Foltyn, Len Smith, Ronnie Bussey, Heather Rigg, Danni Simpson, Bernard Golding and Chris Butler.

**Minutes of the AGM on 5th March 2019**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting on the 5th March 2019 were accepted as a true and accurate record with no changes being required.

**Proposed:** Steve Rigg

**Seconded:** Colin Russell

All in favour - No abstentions

There were no matters arising

**Minutes of CMM 5th March 2019**

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**Proposed:** Serena Stevenson

**Seconded:** Michael Cassell

All in favour - No abstentions

There were no matters arising

**Elders Update:** Graham Simpson

• **Bentley Churches**

Last Tuesday Andrew and I met with other church leaders from Bentley. This was a time of encouragement and sharing together.

St Peter's are employing a children's worker for 20 hours a week and they are doing out-reach this weekend with a team from Soul Survivor.

St Philips and St James are exploring working with St Leonards on Barnsley Road for the sake of the Gospel.

Steve Anderson was very encouraging about renew 127 as a safe place for the people of Bentley some from the Pentecostal church use the centre. They have given some Gideon New testaments for use in renew and the Spirit café.

Mount Hermon have an ageing congregation and value prayer for their continued witness, they go into Kirkby Avenue primary school and take assemblies every month.

There will be a joint prayer meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at Mount Hermon and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October here. It is encouraging that 42 people attended the prayer meeting earlier this year at the Pentecostal Church.

- **Spirit café**

It is encouraging to see the willingness of members to get involved. We need to continue to advertise as it takes about three months to establish in people's minds what is happening. So further fliers are being prepared. We have dates scheduled for June and July.

- **Minister update**

Clive Burnard our Regional Minister, through his contacts is considering who may be right for us here. There has been a settlement meeting today, we wait to hear following that meeting. Clive is coming to preach again 13<sup>th</sup> October.

- **Prayer**

We continue to encourage corporate prayer. Please make this a priority as we seek God for His direction and empowering for the sake of those who do not yet know Jesus as Saviour. Let us show God we are one in heart and mind for the sake of His Kingdom.

- **Evangelism**

Dave will be helping us to think about running an Alpha course a little this evening as part of the church evangelism out-reach. There are two events planned one in September, a music event, and one in October, a meal with guest speaker/conjuror. Details to follow.

- **August Services**

Again these will be all age services with family input.

Ruth Bellerby then brought a reading, Colossians 3.

Ruth said "I believe that God was saying that we need to examine ourselves, we need to look at the things which are affecting our wholeness. We need to make sure that we are living in God's wholeness too"

Graham then asked for a time of quiet reflection followed by prayer.

**Finance:** David Bellerby

We had a total of 42,817.17 at this time in 2018 and now we have £56,646.66. Whilst this may look good on paper we have to take account of the fact that we are not paying a pastor.

We have had a donation of £1,000.00 from a charity called Victory Outreach UK who deal with alcohol and drug support. This will be used to support the work at renew 127.

David also updated the meeting on a change in Gift Aid regulations to our benefit.

The Good Friday Gift Offering was split three ways, between Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Mission Aviation Fellowship and Ian Senior's grandson for medication and equipment. Each received £424.00.

**Safeguarding:** Gill Beams

Gill said that if you have had a DBS check recently completed then you need to show Gill your certificate.

**Alpha:** Dave Miller

Dave spoke about the new revised Alpha course which there is a possibility that we may run here at BBC in the future. He outlined some of the changes and the options available to any church running the course. He emphasised that if it were to be run that it would need full support with lots of prayer being the key to its success.

The meeting then split into small groups to seek God's guidance on two questions.

Firstly: What is the feasibility of running an Alpha course at BBC and then secondly, how can we make prayer for breakthrough in this area more effective?

There were a number of questions before everyone broke into groups.

Following the group discussions the results were then fed back. These are attached as bullet points in an Appendix to these minutes.

**Future Events and Dates:**

Tuesday 25th June a day of Prayer and Fasting

Tuesday 16th July is the next Church Members Meeting

Spirit Works at St James Doncaster on Saturday 22nd June a day of worship and teaching

Graham brought the meeting to a close in prayer at 21:15

Signed ..... Date: 16th July 2019  
Graham Simpson (Elder)