

**Minutes of the Special Church Members Meeting Held on
Tuesday 29th September 2020**

Chair: Graham Simpson (Elder)

Secretary: Andrew Thompsett

Present: Sue Whitmore, Dave and Moira Miller, Michael and Hannah Cassell, Jenny Stephenson, Colin and Denise Russell, David and Ruth Bellerby, Farrell Clifford, Annette Morris, Lee and Lorraine Jackson, Anne Gosling, Tim Wilson, Phil and Serena Stephenson, Peter and Sally Plant. Len Smith, Glenys Kitchen, Jim and Dianne Clifton, Janet Stacey and John Smith, Chris Butler and Melanie Crewe Butler, Darren Brown, Len Smith, Mary Simpson, Ian and Danni Simpson, Judith Smith, Lynn Foltyn, Ronnie Bussey, Christine Daniels, Linda Williamson, Pauline Fuller and Gill Beams

Total Members Present: 41

Apologies

Burcin and Milixa LeFevre, Catherine Wilson, Stephen and Sue Parker, Alison Whiteley, Amy Lanelly, Vicki Harrison, Ian Senior, Cyril and Joan Jackson, Lena Parker, Stephen Kesenthinthiran and Jessie Spencer.

Andrew sought permission from the meeting for Graham Simpson to take the chair, which was unanimous. He also stated that every single member was either present or had offered apologies for various reasons, but that some of those members would be joining the meeting via a Zoom link, but would not be eligible to vote,

Devotions

Graham started by welcoming everyone back together, the first time so many of us had been gathered since March. He then brought a verse from Psalm 122:1 I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

There was then a time of prayer and thanks to God, rejoicing in the fact that we were able to meet together in His presence. There was also prayer for Neil (Catherine's brother: Covid-19) and Iris (broken wrist)

Comments from the membership

Graham referred to the process that we had gone through to get to this point, many of meeting with Joel over two of the times that he had been to Bentley. He continued, that the early church, when they had things to resolve, they came together, they talked them through and then they wrote a letter to the churches and said, in Acts 15 “It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us”

This is why we pray, we may have some witness in our hearts, we may not, but as we listen to one another, God has given us one another to see what His will is.

Various members present shared their views, and thoughts concerning Joel and the possibility of him becoming the next leader at Bentley

Statement from the Leaders

We believe that Joel Ward is called by God to lead His church here in Bentley. We therefore invite Joel to be our Minister at Bentley Baptist Church, Doncaster.

Appointment of a teller, (along with Andrew T for Covid-19 requirements)

Lorraine Jackson was voted unanimously to be the observer teller to assist with the count.

Ballot

The ballot then took place. There were 40 voting members present
Result of ballot: 38(95%) in favour of Joel being invited to be our Minister at Bentley Baptist Church, Doncaster

Prayer

There then followed a time of prayer and further thanksgiving.

The meeting closed at 20.22

Signed Date: 23rd March 2021
Joel Ward (Minister)