



Church Members Meeting
held at Bentley Baptist Church starting at
at 19:45 (following the prayer meeting) on Tuesday 30th November 2021

MINUTES

Attendance: Joel Ward (Minister)

Andrew Thompsett (Secretary) Chair

Darren Brown, David Bellerby, Serena and Phil Stevenson, Farrell Clifford, Chris Butler, Annette Morris, Colin and Denise Russell, Jenny Stephenson, Sally and Peter Plant, Anne Gosling, Sue Parker, Ian Simpson, Graham and Mary Simpson, Lorraine Jackson, Jim and Dianne Clifton, Ronnie Bussey, John Smith, Dave and Moira Miller, Pauline Fuller, Gill Beams, Christine Daniels, Hannah and Michael Cassell and Catherine Wilson

Guests: Carol Anderson and Adrian Humphries

Devotions:

Joel read from Genesis 21: 1-7

Who would have said that this could happen?

He said it five times that it would happen and when it did she could still not believe it had happened

God literally said it, it was not a vague prophecy.

What is God saying to us. In the members website you can look at prophecies given to us over the last four or five years. Most of these can be summed up in this sentence – God is preparing people's hearts. He is going ahead of us as a church and wanting to equip us.-

Have you seen what is going on? Have you seen people coming in from nowhere? They are hungry. The Holy Spirit is at work at our meetings on a Sunday. Families and men are coming in.

Who would have said it? He is doing it and God will do it again.

Followed by prayer



Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the non members who were attending a CMM for the first time

Apologies for absence:

Amy Lanelly, Danni Simpson, Linda Williamson, Lena and Stephen Parker, Lee Jackson, Ruth Bellerby, Melanie Crewe-Butler, Len Smith, Janet Stacey, and Alison Whiteley

Minutes of previous SCMM in July on Zoom

Proposed: Anne Gosling **Seconded:** Serena Stevenson
Approved unanimously

Matters Arising:

None

Finance: David Bellerby

David circulated the accounts.
A copy of the accounts is available on request.

Phil Stevenson raised an issue in relation to the Foodbank accounts, that the membership needed to be aware of the fact that food is bought (£300 – £400) every week to meet the demand of those needing support.

Food is donated from other churches, but as a fellowship it seems that we are not bringing as much as perhaps we could.

There were no other questions.

Buildings: Colin Russell

We have had to spend on roofing areas, to get the leak around the fan sorted along with the other roofing problems including the hall roof.

The hard wiring testing was completed with just a small number of things which have been done.

There are a number of smaller jobs, including the lighting which needs to be sorted

The manse (church) is ok, other than a problem with the water supply which is being checked by the water board. They have found a problem, which at the price they have given us is very reasonable and they are going to carry out the necessary work.



The planning permission for a proposed extension has another year to go and we need to make decisions as the roof across that whole area will need a lot of work in the coming year.

At this time the planned building work on the D&D Tyres site next door has been withdrawn, so for the time being we are still able to park on the forecourt.

Secretarial and CIO: Andrew Thompsett

Andrew started by mentioning the recent death of a previous minister from BBC, Alan Helliwell. There was a short period of silence followed by prayer led by Graham Simpson.

Vicki Harrison has resigned her membership at BBC and she has been written to to thank her for all her work over the years

The AGM next year will take place on March 22nd and as it will be our first AGM as a CIO, and will include the election of new trustees, (Deacons and Elders) across the board, as well as allowing postal voting (in certain circumstances) for the very first time.

Looking around at the people here, nearly everyone is serving in one way or another. However, we still do need people to come forward to help with refreshments on a Sunday morning.

Leaders Away Day: Joel

Joel shared some of the key points from the recent Leaders Away Day.

We exist to make disciples who make disciples

We Love God, We Love People, We Love Life

Having a strategy doesn't mean that it's the only way someone can become a disciple, but it helps others to know that every ministry in church fits somewhere and contributes towards someone's journey towards Jesus.

- Encounter us
- Build relationships
- Explore Faith
- Commit to following Jesus
- Serve and Explore gifts as part of the church

That will then lead to a life on ongoing discipleship

Every ministry in church needs to fit into one of these steps, or we have to ask ourselves, why does this exist?



We are already seeing God doing what He said He would do.

On the Leaders Away Day God spoke through scripture, prophecy and pictures, particularly through discernment as we explored the grounds.

Pictures:

- Fossilised Tree Stump
- Ducks
- Large gate covered in padlocks
- St Michaels Mount causeway

Prophetic words previously received

- Martin – 18 satellite churches
- Ian – Bentley being a central hub with many spokes coming out of the centre

When you start to receive lots of prophetic words that have a lot in common you have to think 'Who would have said' or wait 'I think He's saying'

Outposts attached to a central hub. A healthy hub with spiritual outposts. 'I believe God is giving us this as a picture of where church is going'.

What our church will look like in the coming days and years. There is no timetable.

What will these outposts look like?

It's exciting. A central healthy church with outposts where we are doing ministry in the community.

Or stepping out even further?

If God is telling us, then who is to say how far those outposts will spread?

A healthy hub of faithful disciples growing together.

Here are some principles that God also gave us on the awayday.

- Praise is the Highway
- His ways are Higher (Joshua 1:9)
- God will make the way (Isaiah 55:8-9)

We may say, 'No, who says that that can be done?' God says 'I do, because I can make a way'

Take time to pray into this during the week ahead.

Being disciples who make disciples should be for everyone in church regardless of age.

We want to resource the leaders, young people, church and over the coming months the leadership are going to be investigating different options for a worker to do work and ministry with our young people and children. We will figure out what to bring to the membership as we move forward.



There are lots of options.

Prayerfully consider that picture of a hub and outposts. What that may look like. Our premises and making young disciples. I believe that is where we are headed, but I have no idea what timescale God has in mind. I encourage and challenge us to be ready. If God has spoken then God is going to act and we need to be agile in our missional response as God sets opportunities before us.

‘The Lord kept His word and did for Sarah, exactly as He promised’.

There was then a time of prayerful discernment (in small groups) about what form these outposts may take.

Future Events:

Andrew then went through the up coming events leading up to Christmas.

Joel outlined the New Year Alpha course

Anne Gosling closed the meeting in prayer at 21:30

Signed

..... on Tuesday 22nd March 2022
Joel Ward (Minister)



Askern Road, Bentley, DONCASTER, South Yorkshire. DN5 0EW
Answer Phone: 01302 876401 admin@bbcdoncaster.co.uk www.bbcdoncaster.co.uk
Bentley Baptist Church. CIO Registered in England and Wales. No:1190319