**Church Members Meeting**

**Wednesday, 27 March 2019**

**49 Members present**

**Welcome**

**Apologies for Absence: Chrissie Dore, Mick and Julie Ledden, John Bawdon, Joe and Denny Fleming, Dave and Gillian Rose, Jim Green, Joy Sims and Simon Denis.**

Prayer

1. **Worship**Barry Dore led a time of worship.
2. **Treasurer’s Report**

A good start to the year. Things are moving in the right direction with offerings up by 4%. On the income side, we have budgeted for £50,000 and we have £54,000. We received a grant to resurface the area outside the hall and the work is scheduled to begin on 28th March. Standing orders, cash and offerings add up to £52,000; £2000 above the amount budgeted for. We had budgeted for a loss of £13,000 but gift aid comes in in one lump sum in May, when we will receive approximately £61,000. The full report and slides are available on the website.

 **3.       Membership Matters** Mark and Kyoto Beaumont interviewed Sweelin and Derek Cunliffe for membership and Mark reported to the meeting. Sweelin and Derek were unanimously accepted into membership.
 Faith Tuft and Joy Sims interviewed June Thompson for membership and Faith reported to the meeting. June was unanimously accepted into membership.

 The church office has made several attempts to contact Tina Benson and Abi Trott. As no
 response has been received from either of them and in an effort to maintain correct records and because we do not have their permission to hold personal data it was agreed to
 remove them from the membership list.

 Membership stands at 305.

 **4.       Time of Prayer** Duncan Tuft led a time of open prayer.

 **5.       Community Outreach report**

 Helen Yarrow brought the report.  Alpha has just ended.  The Beta course will be running from June led by Barry Dore. There was a regular attendance from 39 each week. The folk that came along were blessed by the course and lives were changed.

 The women’s R&R had their first weekend away 22-24th March, organised by Sara Jones and
 Katie Strutt. Thanks to them for stepping out in faith and organising that event.

 Pampering evenings will be held on 12th/13th June.

 Holiday Club will be from 29th July – 4th August.  The theme is “All Aboard”. Registration and payment will be on-line.
 Holiday @ Home will be on13th/15th August.

 Café Connect.  April 15th is the first anniversary.  It has got bigger and bigger, with 98 guests
 a couple of weeks ago.  The team will be looking at this and possibly bring the start time forward to 10.30 am.

 The Care Home Ministry has expanded its ministry to High Meadows Care Home, where Jean
 Lewis now resides.  Anyone interested in assisting, contact Helen Yarrow or Barbara Avery.
 RBC Rangers Group has arranged to combine with Sacred Heart Rangers and will meet at RBC
 on Friday evenings. Alongside our Brownie and Guide groups this will help make the girls
 aware of progression opportunities.

 Craft Group meets at RBC once a month and is a lovely opportunity for ladies to meet
 together, enjoy craft activities and chat.
 We are having a break from producing ‘On Your Doorstep.’  In order to advertise our Easter Services, we
 are going to produce leaflets and ask everyone to deliver 5 leaflets each.
 Work begins on the partition in the main hall from 8th April.
 We are purchasing a defibrillator and Mike Strutt will be offering training.

 Homelessness in the area – we are going to purchase £5.00 Costa vouchers. A pack containing one of these vouchers, a bottle of water, a tract and phone numbers where help can be sought will be available to give to anyone who calls at the church seeking help. These will be available shortly. There will be a note near the main doors of where to find the packs.
 Monday, 15th April, an Easter craft activity is being planned so that café connect patrons have
 an opportunity to interact with younger people.
 Alison Denis enquired whether there will be a day time Alpha this year. Hele replied that this will be considered.

 **6.     Secretary’s report.**

Duncan reported that the diaconate has recently felt challenged to think about whether the church might be able to offer an internship to a young person for a year. We have only just begun to think about this and will keep the members appraised of our thinking as it develops.

 **7.    Approval/correction of minutes of last meeting** Remove Barry Dore from Youth Strategy Group team.

 **8.    AOB.**

Nobody raised any other business.