

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH MEETING HELD ON 28th MAY 2015 AT 8PM IN THE CLIFFORD WOOD ROOM

Present: Andy Potter (Minister) in the chair plus 6 other members.

1. **Opening Worship** was led by the Chairman
2. **Welcome and Apologies:** The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies were received from Charlotte Khan, Tim Gillard, Andrew and Rachel Forster, Ian Blunn, Jenny Lane, Chris & Phil Norman.
3. **The Minutes** of the following meetings were signed as a correct record:
 - Church Meeting 23rd April
 - Church Meeting 26th February
 - Extra Church Meeting 22nd February

4. **Matters Arising**

None noted.

5. **Mission and Ministry**

Family Fun Day Update

This will be held at Felden Lodge on 5th July starting at 1.00pm. People will be invited to bring a picnic or food to cook on one of the BBQ's. Events / activities will be organized throughout the afternoon with a cream tea served at 3.30pm. Transport will be arranged for those who need it. Communication of the event will continue over the next 5 weeks.

Churches Together in Palmers Green and Winchmore Hill

- Churches together are organising debt counselling and money management courses and are looking for volunteers to be involved. The courses are based on the programme provided by CAP.
- On Saturday 25th July local churches are holding a Camino ('pilgrimage') between local churches in Winchmore Hill and Palmers Green). The walk will start at Holy Trinity move to WHBC and then on to St Paul's. After a picnic in Groveland's Park the walk will move on to churches in Palmers Green. The group will spend approximately 20 minutes at each church learning more about their history.

Winchmore Hill Community Care Scheme

- Andy reported on a positive meeting with key participants last week. There appears to be an understanding the organisation of the scheme needs to change if the organisation is to increase the client base (there are currently 25 clients who use this service). As a next step Andy is to meet with Anne with the aim of identifying some options for how this might be done.

6. **Youth**

Nothing to report.

7. Finance

Finance Report (to 31st March)

It was agreed this update be deferred until the next meeting.

Online Giving Facility

An online giving facility has been established with CAF. The facility will be available on the website; the aim is this does not detract from regular giving but provides an opportunity for one-off gifts that we may not otherwise receive. A 3% transaction charge is applied to each donation.

Offering Box

It was agreed the new offering box be operated from Sunday 7th June. The collection bag within the box will be taken to the front of the church by the door steward in charge and the bag will remain at the front of the church for a time providing people with an opportunity to contribute if they have forgotten. Andy will communicate the changes over the next few weeks.

When not in use the box will be stored in a discrete place with the door unlocked.

8. Membership

Nothing to report.

9. World Mission

Andy reported that Peter & Janet Dalman have new training and pastoral care roles with OMF Japan which they will be starting in a couple of months. They are due for home assignment in 2016 so will have a year in these new roles before then.

10. Secretarial

Deacons: 10th June, Church Meeting: 25th June.

11. Buildings

Nothing to report

12. Pastoral

- Andy reported the Deacons are considering how better to support the increasing proportion of older folk who make up the church congregation.
- News, together with a time of prayer, was shared about a number of members of the congregation.

13. Any Other Business

Andy reported that the Deacons will be reviewing the format/timing of church members' meetings as requested at a previous meeting. The aim will be to encourage increased participation from the membership/congregation. They will report back to the next church meeting.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9:30pm

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