

**Cornerstone Methodist Church Council**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 12.00pm (following morning worship)**

**Present:-** Norman Abraham, Wendy Barnes, Pat Boyle, Win Boyle, Betty Brant, Molly Burns, Joan Catherall, Sheila Cherry, Sandra Collins, Michael Curtis, Wendy Curtis, Lesley Davidson, Ruby Egan, Joan Gray, Geoff Gratwick, Trish Hone, Steve Hone (Chair), Jenny Ixer, Isabelle Larmour, Linda Larmour, Sylvia Lovell, Kathy MacDonald, Ina Martin, Wendy Mead, Michael Parker, Beryl Reed, Joy Reeves, Ron Rudge, Margaret Smith,

**Apologies:-** Campbell Burns, Monica Husk, Susan Husk, Pauline Smith

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. In particular Joan Catherall – representing the Circuit.
2. It was established that we were quorate.
3. The draft minutes of the previous meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were approved and signed with the exception of the change to the attendance list as below:

Molly Burns stated that Campbell Burns had given his apologies for not attending the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March and it was noted that Norman Abraham's name had been incorrectly spelt. It was agreed that the minutes be so altered.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

There were no Matters Arising to be brought forward.

#### **5. Governance**

No policies required review.

***The Safeguarding Policy to be reviewed in November 2019***

#### **6. Mission**

*Circuit.* Joan Catherall reported that Caroline Barratt had run a very successful event at Kingswood Primary school for Year 6 children (last year of primary school). She established a number of stations within the school around the theme of 'Life's Journey' and was extremely pleased with the level and spirituality of the children's involvement. Joan also informed the meeting that Central were trying a service at 3pm that afternoon for older people who may not have been able to attend morning service.

*Together Mission.* She also reported that the initiative from Central as to how they could take the Church more out into the community had been very successful. The first 'pop-up' church had been held in Kettering and had been very well received. At least one new member had attended Central as a result. A second event was held on 13<sup>th</sup> July and a third event was being planned for Rockingham Road Pleasure Park on 17<sup>th</sup> August.

*Lunches.* Wendy updated the meeting that the next lunch was being held at Cornerstone on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. As before members were encouraged to bring non-members to the event and names would be taken closer to the final date. Full details for the lunch would be available later.

*New Circuit Superintendent Minister.* Wendy noted that Rev. Martin Swan leaves the Circuit at the end of July and that the new minister, Rev. Andrew Farrington joins us from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

#### **7. Finance**

*Update from Ron Rudge - Treasurer.* Ron presented a summary report of our current situation. Total cash in the bank stood at in excess of £16,000 with a further £3,368 to come from gift aid. She gave details of expenditure this year and her summary report is attached to the minutes below. She noted that our assessment next year had risen by £529pa to £11,118 reflecting our healthy bank balance and membership.

It was agreed by the meeting that £100 be sent to the Corby branch of National Association for the Blind (NAB).

## 8. Property

Michael said the leak to the kitchen fan had been fixed and new blinds installed in the School Room. He noted that the grass adjacent to the Church required cutting and that he would try and get that done soon. Joan Gray requested that this be left until October to allow wildlife to flourish.

Michael noted that externally the Church required some attention to rotting woodwork and that he was looking at a scheme to refurbish our toilets.

### ***Grass to be cut in October***

## 9. Prayers for the work of the Church.

Wendy led the Membership in prayer.

## 10. AOB

It was noted that the Harvest Festival service had been moved to September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## 11. Next Meeting      Annual Meeting - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 (following service)

Please note that this is subject to confirmation following consultation with our new minister.

### **Cornerstone Methodist Church - Treasurer's report July 2019**

Current Account balance	£ 2,136.03
CFBD Account	14,649.69
Total	£ 16,785.72

I have submitted our Gift Aid Claim for this year.

I've calculated that we will receive approx. £3368 which is much the same as last year. Half of that is GADS (Gift Aid Small Donations).

The Glass panels in the doors cost £190, and the Blinds in the Sunday Schoolroom £314

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Lunch Donations have raised £627

Coffee Funds have raised £611

Donations to:

Crisis at Christmas £100

People First £100

NHCT £75 + £25 from Friendship Group £175

Air Ambulance £117

Christian Aid £175

Tear Fund £80

CBM £80

We have yet to decide who to give the £100 we are holding. The local Parkinsons Disease organisation has been suggested. We last donated to them in December 2017.