

MALVERN BAPTIST CHURCH, ABBEY ROAD

Deacon's Meeting held on Thursday 9th August 2018

at The Manse, 7.30 pm

Present: John Berry, Sue Chappell, Rev Dave Clarke (Chair), Gerry Davis, Jen Pritchard (Admin), Graham Raggett, Anthony Smith (Treasurer), David Snell

Apologies: Steve Ayling

Dave opened the meeting in prayer.

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 12th July 2018** - Circulated before the meeting, agreed and signed off.

2. **Matters arising from previous minutes** – None.

3. **Notification of Any Other Business** – 1. Hall bookings secretary (DC), 2. Hall booking enquiry (DC).

4. **Church calendar for August/September – review of upcoming events**

A church BBQ is scheduled for Sunday 26th August. Dave C and Sue Chappell to bring BBQs. Sue Chappell offered to organise catering, along with Sue Clarke.

Harvest Festival guest service scheduled for 23rd September, followed by lunch in the hall, which Di Jones is organising. The church will be encouraged to invite friends/family and to bring non-perishable items to be donated to The Foyer, any fresh produce to be auctioned/sold at the end of the service. David Snell agreed to organise a team to decorate the church. Dave Clarke to contact The Foyer to ask if they have any requests of items to be donated and to invite them to the service. Financial donations will support the work of Agri in Malawi. Harvest service/donation requests/lunch/charity to be publicised beforehand.

Cafechurch on 30th September will be entitled 'I Robot', looking at artificial intelligence, led by Dave and Anthony.

5. **Holiday Club**

The title will be Space Academy based on the story of Daniel. The committee, of 8, met today and plans are underway, emphasising the need for prayer as we seek to get publicity out to schools and families. The desire to have the projector hung from the ceiling to allow full use of the floor space for games etc was requested. This was agreed in principle if quotes come in at around £2k - £2.5k especially as this is something we want to do anyway. David Snell to look at getting quotes and organising installation in time for holiday club if possible. It was noted that this will also entail work on re-positioning of cables etc and possibly readjusting the height of the screen. The church to be asked for help with funding as there are various other financial demands for maintenance work at the moment.

6. **Finance**

Anthony hopes to get the 2016/17 accounts, as presented at the last meeting, to the examiners by the Bank Holiday weekend. John offered to help if required.

7. **Vision – Mission and Evangelism**

Dave led the meeting through the next part of the Vision '[Vision and Evangelism](#)' (notes from original paper in [blue](#)) reminding us of the core value and recapping Sowing Reaping Keeping.

[Sowing](#) - believers to build bridges with the community through personal friendship – working on this. [Equip all believers to make friends and share their faith \(Luke 10-T\)](#). Dave to do a refresher on this.

[Introduce people to the church community and offer mission opportunities through a range of appropriate events & ministries \(cafechurch, coffee stop, coffee & craft, walking group, film nights, middle aged spread, men's events, street evangelism, youth mission, participation in local events, guest services\)](#). It was agreed we offer a decent range of activities throughout the week and that it's best to major on making these work well, getting the publicity right and inviting people along rather than trying to start more new things for the sake of it. As we do not have a parish/estate to draw/serve people we need to work hard at personal invitation and intentionally encourage each other in this. Possibly to change the name of 'Middle Age Spread' to appeal to a wider audience.

[Street evangelism](#) As part of this we plan to set up a stall at the Christmas lights switch on, possibly outside the Lyttleton Well and have a stall nearer to the church at the Christmas street market. John to have a look at this.

[Guest services](#) Dave to draw up a programme.

[Reaping](#) Dave is currently working with Tricia and Simon and looking at baptism.

[Publicity and Promotion website, social media](#) The website to go on the next agenda. We are up and running on Facebook and Instagram. Ideally the church to be encouraged to take part in this by 'sharing' and 'liking' posts and supplying a steady stream of photos for uploading to keep publicity alive and relevant. Dave to mention it on a Sunday morning with Jen.

[World Mission](#) to go on the next agenda.

8. Preaching Programme

Over the coming weeks and months Dave is planning a series on Mark's Gospel, an evening teaching series on Romans 9, 10 & 11, a morning series on Romans 12-13, a Paracletis course on Sunday mornings and a series on the 10 commandments.

9. Pastoral Concerns and time of prayer

The meeting prayed for Grace Wiggins, David & Sheelagh Griffiths, Lyndsey Davies, Terry Robbins and Christine Lloyd, as well as Tricia and Simon Macdonald.

10. Manse letting, drain repairs

Terry is progressing with the drains.

11. Men's Ministry and Cafechurch

Men's Breakfast is set for Saturday 1st September at Weatherspoons. Graham confirmed that Paul Wilcox will be speaking on 'Ploughing On'. A gift of £30 was agreed which Anthony will arrange. Publicity needs to be sorted. Cafechurch (see above item 4).

12. Fabric – boiler room progress, organ room update, piano wheels

Boiler room - waiting for the oil tanks to be removed. Steve Dowling has requested using the space to store tools, paint etc with only the fabric team having keys. This was agreed. Snow clearing tools etc will be stored in the main boiler room for easy access.

Organ room – nothing to report as waiting for plastering.

Piano wheels – need to be repaired and will be done after a morning service when there will be several hands to help. Gerry offered to organise the necessary bolts etc.

13. Mission Council – nothing to report.

14. BU & HEBA Topics (SG training, DBS checks)

BU Amy at St Peter's is organising a youth ministry day looking at what to do when a church doesn't have a youth and children's work. Dave to let the church know and encourage folk to attend.

15. Churches Together in Malvern

There are several new ministers in Malvern and there is a plan to meet, once a week, to pray for the town which is encouraging.

On 5th September, at St Andrews, there is a meeting about supporting youth work across the churches in Malvern. Sue Chappell possibly interested.

Dyson's School have provided funding for Katie Fisher to stay on as a Christian worker.

16. AOB

Hall bookings secretary – Hazel Carter wishes to step down as of 1st January 2019 – a replacement to be recruited.

Hall booking enquiry – The Bromsgrove Chamber Orchestra have asked if they may use the hall on 25th August for a concert. Anthony offered to organise keys etc.

17. Future Dates

Deacon's Meeting – 13th September 2018, 7.30 pm at the Manse

Church Meeting – 27th September 2018, 7.30 pm in the Church Hall

Dave closed the meeting in prayer.

Jen Pritchard, 11th August 2018