

## Minutes of Elders Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm by Zoom

**Elders :** Norman Cordiner, Allan Dunbar, Duncan Dundas, David Goudie, Angus Jamieson, Kenny Mackenzie and Alasdair MacLeod.

**Secretary :** George Mackenzie

Angus opened the elder's prayer meeting with prayer.

### 1. Opening Devotion

Duncan led the devotions, reading from Luke 9 verses 12 to 17, which talks about Jesus feeding the 5000. There are lessons we can learn about God's provision.

- God provides more than enough for us.
- Jesus used the little help that was there, including the disciples.
- Also included the little resources that were available.
- Jesus thanked God for the provisions that were available.

God cares for CCC and everybody involved. God uses weak people to proclaim his purposes through his Holy Spirit

Alasdair prayed.

### 2. Verse for 2021

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance." Galatians 5 v22

Suggested that we try and learn this verse. As a way of remembering it, there is a children's song with these words that could be used.

### 3. Financial Update

Duncan provided the elders with an overview of the coffee shop income compared to last year

	2019	2020
September	£1427.31	£864.55 (it was closed for the first week in September in 2020)
October	£892.95	£1757.40
November	£1535.26	£3239.33

It shows how busy the Coffee shop has been over the last 3 months (particularly the last 2 months) and how much CCC and the local community value its presence.

### 4. Evening Service

There will not be an evening service on January 3

### 5. Prayer Chain

The prayer chain may pause for a few months and during this time reflect on how it can be strengthened in the future. The numbers on the prayer chain have declined over the years. Contact to be made with members of the prayer chain.

- **Janet Logue joined the meeting by Zoom**

## **6. Listening Ear and Pastoral Care Update**

Janet had presented a paper to the elders on Listening Ear and Pastoral Care at CCC.

The paper set out what has been achieved by listening ear and the pastoral care team since 2016 and who the teams have been targeting. The pastoral care teams meet every 4 to 6 weeks and Janet, Allan and Alasdair meet every Monday to discuss immediate pastoral needs. Janet also indicated future developments that could be considered in the future.

Following this presentation, the elders had a discussion over current activity, potential expansion and future developments.

This was followed by a time of prayer

## **7. Review team leaders of children, youth and family**

Alasdair presented a spreadsheet with all the different activities and people involved.

Junior YF has suffered the most as it normally meets during church services. There is a need to initiate something for this group in the New Year with an online activity.

There was a discussion on how paid staff are used in the development of youth work. It is likely that any employed youth worker will gravitate towards either the young children or the teenagers. Is two part-time youth workers the answer?

Medium and large churches use interns who are often sponsored by Christian charities to achieve these goals.

Kidzone is a priority as it needs a leader.

The Elders are conscious of the financial implications of employing additional staff, particularly during this epidemic.

The elder's meeting closed with a time of prayer

## **Future Meetings**

Elders: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30 pm

Elders and Ministry Team Leaders: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm