

Minutes of Elders Meeting held on the 25th August 2022 at 7.30pm at Culduthel Christian Centre

Elders : Norman Cordiner, Alan Cuthbert, Allan Dunbar, Duncan Dundas, William Hamilton, Angus Jamieson, Alasdair MacLeod and Daniel Stephen.

Apologies: Jonathan Dunbar, David Goudie.

Secretary : George Mackenzie

The elders meeting opened with prayer

Devotion

Alasdair reflected on Matthew 9 v 35-37.

Considering the position of CCC. There is a harvest field. Sometimes we harvest and see no fruit, but at the moment we are seeing fruit and we ask that God will provide labourers to meet the needs

1. Membership & Baptism

CCC currently has 166 members.

The next baptism service is scheduled for 25th September when Jamie Goudie will be baptised. Several others are considering baptism. A Baptism class was held on 22nd August

2. Review of recent events

The elders reviewed the following events that had taken place over the summer

- Alpha course finished end of June. Four have made commitments and are exploring Baptism.
- Summer holiday fellowship events (1 per week). Allan Dunbar and Helen MacNaughton.
- Youth + families Barbeque Saturday 25th June at 5.30pm
- Sunday 3rd July. Start of all age summer series. Life of Joseph.
- Thanksgiving service for the life of Jeff Howarth. July 4th 12pm at CCC.
- Dedication for Alice and Aaron McInnes 24th July.
- Holiday club: Monday 8th August to Friday 12th August. Sunday 14 August - Barbeque.
- Baptismal Class – 22nd August
- Bereavement Course started running for 6 weeks. Possibility of having a connected service one evening in November.

3. Forthcoming Events

- Live / Grow/ Know course will commence on 29th August. This will provide ongoing nurture and discipleship for those new to the faith.
- Youth club recommencing following positive response to appeal for volunteers
- Kingsmill Dinner 30th September
- CCC trustee safeguarding training – Thursday 10th November at CCC 7pm

4. Teaching Plan

Alasdair presented the teaching plan for August through to October:

- Morning Series Who am I? How to find your self
- Evening Series Living out your identity in Christ

5. AGM

The notice for the AGM has been sent out together with the accounts. Activity reports are being compiled and will be sent out in September prior to the AGM

6. CAP

With Duncan looking to stand down as Debt Centre Manager (and carry on as a Debt coach meantime) decisions have to be made as to how best to move this ministry forward. Currently we are unable to increase our capacity mainly due to CAP being unable at the present time to increase capacity nationally for any Debt Centre in Scotland until additional trained resources are available.

7. Time out for reflection – priorities / Children, families and Youth Work/ Catering

The elders acknowledged and appreciated the huge efforts that have been made in restarting and developing the various outreaches since we have come out of lockdown. It has taken a lot of time and effort to get to the position the church is now at. There has been a lot of very positive feedback (greater than expectations) and the church is seeing growth as a result of this. People are coming to know Jesus which is the ultimate goal.

Meetings have been held with the different leaders and it is accepted that the level of input cannot be maintained with the current resources. There is also a duty of care to ensure people are not overwhelmed.

8. Fellowship Fund

An invitation is to be made to the congregation to contribute to the “Fellowship Fund” which supports those in financial crisis. We are aware at this time there are families that are finding it difficult financially.

9. Community Prayer Meeting

A joint prayer meeting with St Columba and Hilton church is being held at CCC on Wednesday 3rd November to pray for the community.

The elders meeting closed in prayer

Next Meetings

Elders meeting	Thursday 15th September 2022 7.30pm at Culduthel Christian Centre
AGM	Wednesday 21st September 2022 7.30pm at Culduthel Christian Centre
Elders and ministry team leaders	Thursday 27th October 2022 7.30pm at Culduthel Christian Centre

Alasdair on holiday from 2nd to 17th October 2022