

## **Minutes of Elders Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30pm at Culduthel Christian Centre**

**Elders :** Norman Cordiner, Alan Cuthbert, Allan Dunbar, Jonathan Dunbar, David Goudie, William Hamilton, Angus Jamieson and Alasdair MacLeod.

**Apologies:** Duncan Dundas, Angus Jamieson and Daniel Stephen.

**Secretary :** George Mackenzie

The elders meeting opened with prayer

### **Devotion**

Alasdair reflected on Psalm 8.

LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory  
in the heavens.  
Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.

### **1. Membership & Baptism**

Oliver Vellacott has applied for membership and has been accepted.

Catherine Griffin and Hannah Griffin have resigned their membership.

The elders are to make further contact with Wendy Day and Leanne Sharpe.

The next baptism services are scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> September. Jamie Goudie and Katriona Statham will be baptised at the morning service. During the evening baptism service Fiona Crosby and David Morrel will be baptised

### **2. Review of recent events**

The elders reviewed the following events that had taken place.

- Bereavement Course concludes on 27<sup>th</sup> September and there are plans for a special service in November.
- "Live, grow, know", the follow-on course from Alpha commenced on 12<sup>th</sup> September with 12 attendees.
- Bible reaching on Identity during September.
- Lunch Club
- Listening Ear Hilton
- Youth club

### **3. Forthcoming Events**

- Kingsmill Dinner 30<sup>th</sup> September
- CCC trustee safeguarding training – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at CCC 7pm

### **4. Kingsmills Dinner**

This takes place on 30<sup>th</sup> September with 89 people currently signed up. Final details to be firmed up with Jonathan to organise a meeting. Agenda to include seating plans and where possible Elder/Wife at each table.

### **5. Royal Funeral**

Arrangements are being made for Her Majesty's funeral to be shown live on the screen in the church. Marion McInnes and Bobby Mackenzie are looking after details. Church will open at 9.30am with coverage commencing at 10 am.

### **6. Safeguarding**

A Meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September. Christine Macleod will lead the committee with Alison MacLeod being Deputy. Trustee training will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Majority of volunteers in church now undergone safeguarding training.

## 7. Youth Work

The elders discussed how Youth Fellowship may be covered on Sunday evenings for maternity cover. Various suggestions were put forward and will be followed up. Other areas of youth work were also reviewed.

Alison Shanks is stepping down in her role as children's ministries deacon but will continue to assist and support the youth work in any way she can.

## 8. Home and Small Groups

92 people attend home groups but when these are added to all the other small groups and are taken together approx. 150 people are connected. It was felt there was further opportunities to develop both Home and Small groups as both play an important part in growth and development.

A small team working with Alasdair will look to strengthen communication and development in these areas. Alasdair to contact potential team members.

## 9. Christmas and New Year services

Both fall on a Sunday this year. Elders to look at service timings and consider the charities that the Christmas Appeal will support.

## 10. Culduthel Care Home

Monthly Service commenced 15<sup>th</sup> September at 2 pm (for 30 minutes) with the next service on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Supported by Listening Ear.

## 11. Harvest Thanksgiving Service

This service will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

## 12. Auditorium Cover

The elders discussed how best to meet people's needs both before and after the services

Areas of opportunity -

- Speaking to people before the service
- The need for a visible co-ordinator for those who wish to receive prayer ministry after the service
- Avoiding delays on entering the auditorium – Queues forming

## 13. Prayer Meetings

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

Following the success of this years "week of prayer" CCC are looking to hold a similar event early in 2023. Alison Shanks has agreed to assist Alasdair with this, focussing on the participation of families and children.

The elders discussed the pre service morning prayer meeting

The elders meeting closed in prayer

## Next Meetings

Elders meeting	Thursday 17th November 2022 7.30pm at Culduthel Christian Centre
	Thursday 15th December 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