

Church Members Meeting Minutes

16th January 2022



WESTBOURNE PARK
BAPTIST CHURCH

31 Church Members were present. A number of friends joined the meeting. Apologies given were recorded in the attendance book.

LOVE GOD

Abena opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the September 2021 Meeting have been available on the church website. No comments or changes were advised by those present

LOVE CHURCH

Church Membership Application: Abena updated the meeting that we have had one application for membership from Patricia Mabika, who was present at the meeting. Due to Christmas the planned membership discussion was delayed, so will be done before the March Member's Meeting.

Annual General Meeting: The AGM was postponed from November 2021 to this meeting. Elizabeth presented a report on behalf of the Core Leaders, which is available on the church website under the Members Page. Thanksgiving was given to God for His faithfulness over what has been a difficult year since the death of our Pastor Jem. Time was spent in prayer in small groups at the end of the report.

Pastoral Vacancy Process: Elizabeth presented the plan for beginning the search for our next Pastor. We need to start by writing a profile of the church and of the type of pastor we feel the church needs. We hope to have a draft of this for the March Member's Meeting, then finalise it, so it can be ready to be sent out around Easter.

It is important for member's to be part of writing the profile, and the outline questions were shared. This presentation is on the church website. It was agreed that the presentation will be reduced to outline questions and circulated. People were encouraged to discuss this in Fellowship Groups, with other members, in ministry teams, and to feed back over the next month.

LOVE GOD'S RESOURCES

Church Building: Geoff updated the meeting on the church building. New buildings always have a 12 month period in which the builders are required to return to repair any issues with the building. We were given a 2 year period for this, which ended in September 2021. However, work has been ongoing due to the periods it was closed. There are about 48 items on the snagging list which are being worked through. The church team will need to sign them off before we agree they are completed.

There is a significant issue for the lower level of damp, which is under investigation. We have been assured that the building is watertight, so it is not coming from the ground. It may be coming from pipe work that has been damaged or incomplete, or drains that are not pumping properly. Once the underlying issue has been identified, we may have to close different rooms at different times while they are repaired.

The question was asked about the insurance the church has. The damp issue has been referred to the Building Insurers but Dolphin Living. Howard Salter advised that the church needs an insurance to protect against loss of income from times that we cannot take rentals. He was thanked for highlighting this, and it will be looked into.

Next Member's Meeting Date: 13th March 2022.

Ken closed the meeting in prayer.