

# **Annual General Meeting & Vision Sunday of The Elim Christian Fellowship Aberystwyth**

Sunday 20th October 2019

*TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2018 REPORT*

## **1. Opening**

The meeting started in song 'Jesus we enthrone you' and prayer from Joel Pridmore.

## **2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting 2018**

Having been on the screen and published on social media, the minutes from the 2018 AGM to accompany the published report were agreed, adopted and signed by Joel Pridmore.

## **3. Pastor's Report** (Joel Pridmore)

Pastor Joel read out a summary of his report, during which he lead corporate prayers of thanks for James Raftree and specially thanked Brian Garrod for his work as a leader and on session.

## **5. Other Reports**

Joel summarised the other reports.

GDPR was introduced with a request from Jon. King for any volunteers to sign up for the 'My Church Suite' app for the church to trial it.

## **6. Finance** (Graison John)

Graison John (Finance Officer) gave a summary of the finances.

- A deficiency of £11,427 for the year compared to £3,550 and £8,174 for the previous two years respectively means there is very little in the reserve.
- The target is to increase giving by £12,500 for next year.
  - A big task which gives us an opportunity to look in to ways to generate income other than voluntary giving.
  - However, let's be thankful to God who had provided faithfully so far
  - God will make a way!

- Pastor Joel thanked Graison for his hard work.

## **7. QUESTIONS / STATEMENTS FROM CONGREGATION**

Q. Are there any grant opportunities to help?

*A. There are some which may help with specific building work etc. If anyone has experience with grants or is aware of any that might be suitable, then please speak to Joel or Graison, or another member of Session.*

Q. Every year there are deficits, do we need to do something different? May be have some special services, an “extra-mile” or “first-fruits” offering?

*A. Yes, we probably should. Our outgoings are very minimalistic already. Joel also said it may be time for the church to look at the position of paying a full-time pastor, but Session are staying faithful and will look at this in six months time.*

Q. In view of the improvement last year, maybe more teaching and encouragement is required”

*A. There has been a slight improvement in recent months, which may be associated with extra teaching. Some testimonies of individual experiences in giving may help.*

## **8. Prayer for Pastor Joel Pridmore** (Jon. King)

We thank God for Joel and Louise’s exciting year, and particularly peace for Joel over the finance situation.

## **9. Closing Prayer** (Sharon King)

You are a God of the impossible, we pray expectantly.

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In order to record those present at today's meeting, please write your name down on the list below (Christian name & surname please). If bringing apologies please write them on with "apologies" in brackets e.g. J. Smith (Apologies):

1. Jon. King	-	21. ZACH MATTHEWS	-
2. SUAZ. KING	-	22. MARION DENHAM	✓
3. JOEL MAPLE PRIDMORE	✓	23.	
4. LOUISE MAYLE PRIDMORE	-	24.	
5. ALAN GARROD	✓	25.	
6. Barbara Penney	✓	26.	
7. Alan Penney	✓	27.	
8. Jodie Fardaly	✓	28.	
9. Ewa Fardaly	✓	29.	
10. Edore Akpokodje	✓	30.	
11. Remy G. Glynndwr	✓	31.	
12. <del>Mark</del> Dufford	✓	32.	
13. Crisison Joku	✓	33.	
14. Alan Thompson	✓	34.	
15. Kenneth Benjamin Tany	✓	35.	
16. Nathaniel Johnson	✓	36.	
17. Sonia Smith	✓	37.	
18. Chris Elliott	✓	38.	
19. BRIAN GARROD	✓	39.	
20. JOHN PIZANY	✓	40.	

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