

## **Minutes of the AGM March 14th 2024 10 am**

Vanessa opened the meeting with a reflection from a Northumbrian Community, a reading from Luke chapter 14 and prayer.

**Present** Vanessa Hollingworth and 9 members

**Apologies** 14

### **Finance Report**

The finance report was accepted. There has been a decline in income of approximately £2000 over the year. Our offerings need to be between £30000 and £35000 per annum to be able to pay a full time minister. The manse fund to be assessed if we get a new minister. Janet asked people to look at their giving and consider increasing it. We were also asked to think about how we can get more people into our church

No new budget for 2024 had been set as we were not expecting any major changes since the past year. All agreed and this was accepted.

A thank you is recorded to Janet and Christine for all the work they do to look after our church finances.

### **Appointment of officers**

A new list was drawn up in January and no changes were made. May Bottrill informed the meeting that she would be relinquishing her role as the BMS birthday scheme representative.

The deacons appointed last September will need to serve for either two and half or three and half years to bring them in line with the March AGM. We also could do with another one or two members to serve as deacons.

### **Annual Reports**

Reports from the secretary giving an overview of the year, tranquility cafe and the Caring Committee were received.

### **Members List**

The current membership list stands at thirty five.

## **Future of the Church**

We need to encourage everyone of our church people to be a part of the visionary process for our future. We were reminded that there are not a lot of traditional ministers still around so we should be prepared for changes and to embrace them should we get a new minister. We also need to be seeking the mind of Christ when looking towards our future.

## **Any other business**

This is not applicable and any points needing discussion should be given to the deacons.

Vanessa closed the meeting with prayer at 11 - 20 am.

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