

AH Leadership Meeting Minutes for Monday 24th September 2018

Present: Heather Alford, Liz Aver, Marc Baker, Fenella Briscoe, Lucy and Jonathan Larkin, Jonathan Rowe.

Apologies: Ben Goddard

Presentation to the PCC and PCC agreement of plan.

This was presented by HA and agreed by the PCC and included the intentional focus on families, preparation for a future evangelism course with a preparatory Talking Jesus course for small groups and the phases of reordering the church.

Buildings Update

This is attached and SG is to begin conversations with architects. The Q and A notes on the organ are to be updated and used in conjunction with an organ demo.

Focal ministers and the timing of our services.

Some discussion was had on the role of oversight and focal ministers and it was felt that this should not ultimately be driven by the timing of the services. As we were not in a position to currently change the timings we wanted to reaffirm our commitment to supporting families beyond the service time and look at ways of doing this (e.g. though breakfasts, family friendly services and social activities which support families). The appointment of a new associate minister and the service leaders' desire to engage families should hopefully enable families to feel welcome and have a better level of support both on Sundays in the service and in other events through the week. In our next meeting we will look at what we can do to enhance our services for families and other members of the congregation.

Agreed that JL would update the congregation during the service about discussions on supporting families and FB would telephone the families she had previously spoken to, to reassure them that we are continuing to look at the issues which were raised by them including timing of services.

Review of the Summer All Age Services

Feedback included the following observations: service time of 45 minutes was good, having a series is good, need to be careful with choice of material, leaders worked hard but didn't always work, all parts need to be accessible, variable content. We could consider the possibility of setting up an All Age team for the summer, having a pre-meeting in March to prepare a team of leaders.

Talking Jesus take-up from the Small Groups

Liz informed us that of the 12 groups, 7 are following the central material including Talking Jesus.

Reflect on the start up of Youth Ministry for the new term.

Bunker is going well at Jo and Ellie's home with Year 11 and up from 7-8.30 p.m. on Sunday evenings with an extra helper each week. About 8 are currently attending.

Friday night runs an activity filled program alongside Youth Alpha and has six boys attending.

There are about six teenagers who don't attend either of these events at the moment.

Date of next meetings: Wednesday 31st October and Monday 3rd December.