

Notes from February 2012 - AGM Part 1

Website – www.madeleybaptist.org.uk - Thanks to Jennie for building our church website into a brilliant new format – several people have come to our church through the website We hope to video more services in the future to put on www.Youtube.com and also to explore the possibility of streaming our services live on Sunday mornings.

Illuminate Bookshop, Shrewsbury – still going but doesn't have a coffee bar anymore.

Musical Instruments – the drums have been sold but the guitar is still for sale in Salop Music – any takers?

Election of Deacons – David, John & Arturs were elected unanimously! Everyone expressed their appreciation of the 6 years of service that Meena gave as deacon and for the other work that she does in the church.

Appointment of other Church Officers – This will take place at Part 2 of the AGM on 5th March

Treasurer – John Lee was re-elected as treasurer with assistance from Vicky. Averil & Ruth Lowe continue as account checkers.

Church Finance – Vicky presented statement of accounts to December 2011 - Giving is down and at present there is a deficit of over £6,000 for 2011. We have yet to receive the Gift Aid tax refund for 2011 which will be about £3,200 when it is received. This still leaves us with a significant deficit – even after the Gift Aid for 2012 is claimed.

Grant Application from Home Missions – Members voted in favour of applying for a grant of 35% of stipend from BU Home Missions to support Keith's stipend. Keith thanked the church for their continuing support of ministry in church and in so many aspects of outreach in wider Telford.

Future Church – Plans & Costings – Paul informed the meeting that the cost for the new church is £1,864,285 (inc. VAT) and it would take 52 weeks to build. Next stage is for the Steering Group to explore funding options. Paul asked people to talk to each other and pray about the project before voting at the AGM PT 2 on 5th March.

Soup & Strategy – The morning service on Sunday 26th February will be a discussion session followed by a Christian Aid soup lunch (cost £3 & children free) – Paul urged everyone to attend so that we can work together and have ownership of any decisions made. The Officers have

agreed that we need 66% of members to vote in favour for the project to go ahead. Contact Paul if you have any questions!

Legges Way - The land is ours in principal – terms need to be negotiated.

The HUT – after inspection it has proved not to be a viable project. However we are negotiating with the owner of **The VENUE** (club in Hills Lane) to further our outreach there with occasional services (café church?) on Sunday afternoons. The owner of the premises is very supportive of the idea.

Bible Studies/House Groups – hope to start during lent – two groups led by Vicky & Marjorie, Meena & one other and are for everyone interested. Previously groups have met during the day which seems to have been the preferred option but it would be possible to have an evening group if needed. This year we hope to run 'Christianity Explored' which can be helpful to anyone however long they may have been Christians and can also be used to discover more about our faith. Contact Vicky for more details.

Boys Brigade – Regretfully it has reached the point where it will have to be suspended unless more help is found. Could you spend an hour or two just supporting the leaders just by being there. We need at least 2 people in each section, especially the Juniors & Company sections to meet our safeguarding rules.

Celebrating the Olympics (More than Gold) & Diamond Jubilee -

Contact Paul with ideas and offers of help especially, if you would like to be on the organising group.

Next meetings – AGM Pt 2 – Monday 5th March CMM – Monday 2nd April

Please note: These are notes only – Minutes will be presented at the AGM P2