

## Discipleship Team Meeting - Tuesday 7th May 2024

Present: - Heather McManus (Convener), Ian Lawson, Jean Meek, Marion Graham, Scott Burton, Rachel Meek, George Mann

Apologies: - Donald Meek, Tom Nimmo

Heather shared a Facebook post from Pete Greig that showed how God is at work, particularly within the Gen Z group. This reminds us that we can have hope in difficult times. She shared Ephesians 6:10-20 which reminds her to put on the armour of God in order to stand firm.

Followed by Prayer.

The minute of 23rd January 2024 was approved

### **Alpha (written report from co-ordinator shared before meeting)**

- Planning to run Alpha again next session, but looking for ideas on how to advertise or share more widely.
- Scott suggested this is promoted before summer initially to 'plant the seed' and get the congregation to think about who they might invite along.

### **Fellowship Groups (written report from co-ordinator shared before meeting)**

- Heather to check that the book groups are on Tom's Fellowship group list- Carolyn's, Nadia and Jim Hope.
- Heather has met with Neil to discuss possible ways to share recommendations on the website- Heather to follow up on this.
- Ian's group considering a different evening as not many wanting to come out on a Sunday evening in winter.

### **Community Evangelism**

- Donald continues to meet with Jim regularly.
- Scott shared an update on previous thoughts/ plans for community evangelism- How do we equip the church in community evangelism? A document has already been started to provide the congregation with question starters and other advice (Heather had planned to meet and discuss this further with Rachel and Donald) *Heather to action this and arrange a meeting with Rachel, Donald, and George.*
- Ian and Roy have discussed starting a 'Man shed' which may be a good opportunity for community evangelism. It was noted that there is a strong link between community outreach and the discipleship group. Rachel having previously made links with Friends of Quarry Park.
- Jean suggested a digital support group.

### **Friends of Jesus (written report from co-ordinator shared before meeting)**

- It's encouraging to see new volunteers being involved.
- The group are very appreciative of Ian Huntley's help in setting up the tech.
- Need to consider ways to share the work of FofJ with the wider church. Photo slideshow was a good way to do this, but maybe there could be a possibility of them coming to share a song/ makaton signing. Maybe a video would work better. This could be discussed further within the ASN teams.

### **Huddle**

- Possibly another Huddle in the new session but waiting for details of the union to be finalised, and to see if any from Safar might be interested.

## **Safar**

- Meetup planned for 19th to gather feedback
- Extra copies have been printed for Slammanan
- Some initial feedback has been received- finding the materials good with participants feeling the benefit of getting into the scriptures.

## **Friendship Plus (written report from convener shared before the meeting)**

### **Guild (written report from convener shared before the meeting)**

- Meetings all going to be taking place in the afternoon as this was the most popular option.

### **Gender Based Violence (minutes of previous meeting shared before the meeting)**

- Next meeting Sunday 19th May.

## **Prayer**

- Thursday live prayer has been a bit quieter recently but Sundays are still very encouraging.
- Peter Costello has approached Scott to discuss the possibility of setting up a 24-7 prayer room. He is planning to speak with Carolyn and Keith about this.

## **Daily Reading Notes**

- 7 copies issued regularly.

## **Preaching Training**

- This item will no longer be discussed in this group, but moved to the worship team, as no-one else is going to be trained up.
- Scott is training to be a supervisor. Brightons possibly getting a student in August.

## **Discussion on how best to represent charities**

### **Missionary partners**

- Rachel to continue to be point of contact for The Duncan's
- Heather will collate information she has received and send this on to Rachel for wider sharing.
- continue to build in time to share updates in altogether time.
- Heather to check when the retiring offerings are for discipleship charities
- This should be added to intimations the week before.

### **Scottish Bible Society**

- Rachel has received the Transform magazines and has put these into church for sharing. She has added an intimation too. Rachel is encouraging people to read the magazine and then pass it on.
- Scott is planning to invite Elaine to preach again. He also recommended Elaine's report at the General Assembly as this is very uplifting.

### **Christian Solidarity Worldwide**

- Continue to pray for the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide.
- Heather to share some updates/ key points with Fellowship groups and prayer team, but also to add in an item in next Connect magazine to tell the congregation how we are partnering with this organisation.

## **AOCB**

- Heather is planning for the next meeting to be an open breakfast meeting, to invite leaders from all discipleship groups.

## **Date of next meeting**

- Tuesday 14th September 2024 at 9:30am

