

Minutes

Church Members Meeting

29th September 2019: 1.00 – 2.00pm Sanctuary



WESTBOURNE PARK
BAPTIST CHURCH

Love God

- 1 Minutes & Attendance book
- 2 Thanks & Praise

We thanked God that we could meet in our new building. We were reminded that 7 years ago, we had a building that hindered our mission, a huge debt, our plans had been turned down and we were unsure if the project would continue. Today we are debt free (or will be when the leases are signed) our plans have prospered; the project is practically complete and we have a fabulous resource to serve the mission and purpose of WPBC.

We spent time thanking and praising God!

3 Building Update

- Practical Completion

We obtained the keys on Friday 13th September, about 50 people from a variety of fellowships help clean and prepare the building ready for our first service on Sunday 15th. For technical reasons the Practical Completion date will be noted as the 5th September.

- Finances

Our debt is cleared subject to the signing of the leases. The legacy payment has helped us with rent for the Stowe Centre, St Stephens, Van hire and just to keep us going without our rental income for the last 3 ¾ years. We had planned it for 2 ½ years and so have eked it out. In addition we have used that money to pay professional fees, buy additional work on the Church, the flat 2a and the Manse. Finally a sum has been used to start furnishing the building. Dolphin are retaining £150,000 and we owe them about £135,000. Damages are being discussed, we expect something but we will not know for some time.

Once rents begin to flow things will ease but right now, although we are in a better place than for a very long time, money flow will be tight.

- Official Service 23rd November 2019
We will have a Thanksgiving and Dedication service on Saturday 23rd November 2019. Please put the date in your diary and be ready to serve.



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4 Life Together

- Feedback Sabbatical
Jem thanked the Congregation and the Leadership for the privilege of his Sabbatical and shared highly edited highlights...
- Safeguarding
We watched the Safeguarding video and had a brief conversation with questions afterwards.
- Care for each other
 - Accessible Toilet Alarm
The Accessible toilet alarm system was explained and a procedure outlined. All this information will be on the reception desk in a folder.
 - Fire Escape
We explored the building looking for fire escapes, safe havens and extinguishers.

5 Next Members Meeting

- AGM 10th November 2019
There are two Coordinator posts due for re-election:
 - Outreach Events
 - Discipleship