

PROPHECY POLICY

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RATIONALE

The gift of prophecy is one of the gifts of the Spirit and is for the building up and edifying of the church (1 Corinthians 14:3). While we want our services to give freedom to the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:20), there also needs to be order (1 Corinthians 14:28), and a testing of what is said (1 Corinthians 14:29, 1 Thessalonians 5:21). Like any spiritual gift, it is open to misuse and abuse that can damage the body of Christ. This policy shows how the gift is outworked in practice in our public meetings.

POLICY

- If space is given by the worship leader or pastor for prophetic words to be given, prophecy may be brought if it is of an encouraging or general nature.
- If the prophetic word is of a corrective nature or is felt to be directive, it is to be first submitted in writing to the elders for consideration.
- The pastor or elder who has responsibility for the service on the Sunday may ask a person who is bringing a prophesy to stop, or indicate the prophesy brought needs further evaluation.
- The eldership reserves the right to ask someone not to bring prophetic words in public, or to ask that their words be submitted for evaluation first.
- Where possible, prophetic words that may be significant for the congregation will be written down by the person bringing them, and a copy given to the eldership for further reflection.