

## ELDERS & OVERSEERS 2015

### Background

At the end of 2014 all our Elders and Overseers but one (Alison Warn) came to the end of their triennium or moved away from Hertford. Nominations Committee, therefore, decided to put forward the name of Ray Bomber to serve for a further year giving us two Elders & Overseers (combined roles) for the coming year. In view of previous discussions about the role of elders and overseers and mindful of Ben Pink Dandelion's words on the subject of nominations in the Swarthmoor Lecture of 2015, the decision was taken to spend 2015 discerning, as a meeting, what eldership and oversight mean to us and how we can best assure that the spiritual and pastoral needs of our meeting are met effectively. This plan was agreed by Area Meeting Nominations Committee.

Both eldership and oversight during 2015 and the planning of the discussions and discernment as to the way forward are being overseen by the two Elders and Overseers (Alison and Ray) and the Nominations Committee: Teresa Parker, Katey Earle and Jane Hillen. Planning meetings are open to all Friends and attenders.

As decisions are made and ideas put into action, Hertford Friends will be kept up to date by e-mails, a standing agenda item at Business Meetings and reports on the notice board as well as by this section of the website which may be of interest to Friends outside Hertford Meeting.