

*St Albans and Welwyn Circuit, Beds, Essex and Herts District*

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Agenda : Church Council, Wednesday 14 June 2017 8.00pm at Hatfield Road

*Please notify the Church Council Secretary of any items of additional business at least seven days before the meeting*

*To allow sufficient time for key items of business it is proposed to take those items marked # en bloc. This means that there would be no discussion on them. If anyone objects then each item will be taken separately.*

**1 Welcome**

**2 Opening devotions**

**3 # Membership of Church Council** (attached) **and Apologies**

**4 Notice of any other business**

**5 # Annual Approval of Appointments and Register of Meetings** (Lists to follow)

**6 Vacancies** [Church Stewards]

**7 Letters of greeting and support**

**8 # Minutes of the Church Council meeting held on 1 February 2017 & 3 May 2017**

**(**attached and previously circulated)

Matters arising not covered on the agenda

- Charity Registration update

- Circuit questionnaire

**9 Reports**

***Our Calling*** *in the Methodist church is to increase awareness of God’s presence and to celebrate God’s love. Help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care. Be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice and make more followers of Jesus Christ.*

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| **Church Stewards / Circuit Matters**   1. Revision of Mission Statement and Actions 2017/18 (Report & Proposals to follow) 2. New Church Stewards / Vestry Stewards 3. Moving Forward HRMC & MRMC Report Recommendations (See Church Council Minutes 1 February 20 17) 4. Stationing 2018 |
| **# WORSHIP *By increasing awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love***   1. Worship Consultation (Report to follow) |
| **# LEARNING & CARING By helping people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care**   1. Pastoral Report (see Annual Report) 2. House Groups (see Annual Report) 3. Network Fellowship (see Annual Report) 4. Girls' & Boys' Brigades (see Annual Report) 5. Sunday Club (see Annual Report) |
| **SERVICE *By existing to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice***   1. **Church life** 2. **#** To note the Minutes of Annual General Church Meeting held on 21 May 2017 (to follow) 3. Property & Finance report (to follow) 4. **#** Adoption of Annual Report 2016/2017 (previously circulated) 5. **#** Deposit of Archives 6. **#** Appointment of Independent Examiner (attached) 7. Communications 8. Approval of Annual Licence for Living Waters   Further Consideration of Annual Licence for Christine Nelson Ministries   1. **#** Annual adoption of the following attached policies:   - Financial Management [incl Financial Delegation, Reserves Policy, Charitable Giving]  - Lone worker policy  - Safeguarding Policy  - Use of Premises and Charges  - Babies and Toddlers Group Memorandum of Understanding   1. **# Neighbourhood & World Issues (see Annual Report)**   (i) Aldersgate Cafe, Babies and Toddlers, DayCare Group, GrowMore, Mission Action Group,  Morrisons’ Chaplaincy |
| **EVANGELISM *By existing to make more followers of Jesus Christ***   1. Towards 125 2. **#** Events   - Sunday 11 June 2017, 10.30am: Church Anniversary, Rev Martin Turner  + Picnic in Clarence Park  - Sunday 18 June 2017, 10.30am: Confirmation Service, Ann Wall  - Sunday 25 June 2017, 10.30am: World Mission  - Sunday 30 July 2017, 10.30am: Joint Service at Marlborough Road Methodist Church  - Sunday 6th August 2017, 10.30am: 5 baptisms  - Sunday xxx xxx 2017, 10.30am: Joint Service with MRMC at HRMC (to be arranged) |

**10 Any other business** (notified in advance)

**11** **Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 8.00pm**

**Membership of Church Council – 2017-2018** (as at 140617 after Annual General Church Meeting)

Church Stewards appointments take effect on 1 July each year : Elected Representatives to the Church Council take effect immediately.

**Agenda item 3**

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| **Position** | **Name** | **Date Appointed** |
| **Circuit Ministers**  SO 610 (1) (i) | Rev Rosemary Fletcher (Superintendent) | 09/2013 |
| Rev Andrew Prout (Minister with Pastoral Charge) | 09/2014 |
| SO 610 (1) (i) & SO 610 (4) (i) | Rev Alison Facey | CLT 2015 |
| **Church Stewards**  SO 610 (1) (vi) | Val Parker (Senior Steward) *1 &* 1a | 05/2012 |
| Freda Gray 1 [ends 30 June 2017] | 05/2012 |
| Paul Duxbury 1 [ends 30 June 2017] | 05/2012 |
| George Selvarajan 1 [ends 30 June 2017] | 05/2013 |
| Denise Willingham 1 | 05/2016 |
| Marion Eaton 1 [ends Autumn 2017] | 10/2014 |
| **Church Treasurer** SO 610 (1) (vii) | Phillip Eaton 2 | 09/2015 |
| **Pastoral Committee** SO 610 (1) (viii) | Gina Woodhead 3 | 01/2009 |
| **Church Council Secretary** SO 610 (1) (ix) | Chris Kitchin 4 | 02/2015 |
| **One Circuit Steward appointed by the Circuit Stewards** SO 610 (1) (xii) | Idy Osibodu | 10/2014 |
| **Not less than six representatives nor more than fifteen elected annually by General Church Meeting** (SO 610 (1) (x) | Angela Andrews 1 | 05/2016 |
| Eric Bridgstock 1 [Elected by ballot] | 04/2010 |
| Chris Hancock 1 [Elected by ballot] | 07/2009 |
| Ros Hancock 1 | 05/2015 |
| Helen Jeffery 1 [Elected by ballot] | 02/2005 |
| Chris Kitchin 1 | 06/2017 |
| Lesley Saunders 1 [Elected by ballot] | 04/2010 |
| John Scott 1 | 05/2016 |
| Caroline Tough 1 | 05/2012 |
| Up to 6 vacancies 1 | - |
| **Plus up to 15 additional persons appointed by the Church Council to ensure that all areas of the church’s life are**  **adequately represented and in particular that, wherever possible, young people are included in its membership**  SO 610 (1) (xi) **as follows:** 5 **& 6** | | |
| **Sunday Club and Youth Superintendent** | Lianne Weidmann | 02/2015 |
| **Property Committee Secretary** | Sue Davey | 10/2006 |
| **Mission Action Group** | To Be Appointed |  |
| **Worship Consultation Convenor** | Peter Wallace | 09/2015 |
| **Safeguarding Officer** | Joanna Rose | 05/2009 |
| **Elected to Circuit Meeting**  (Ex Officio Officers) SO 510 (1) (vii) | Senior Steward (Ex Officio)  Church Treasurer (Ex Officio) | Val Parker  Philip Eaton |
| (plus 3 others) SO 510 (1) (viii) | Joanna Rose  George Selvarajan [ends 30 June 2017]  Vacancy for above  Vacancy | 09/2015  09/2015  **?**  **?** |

*1 Elected annually by the General Church Meeting (SO 632), must be a Member of the Methodist Church (SO 632) and may serve for a maximum of 6 years or for longer subject to there being no one to fill the vacancy and their election being endorsed by ballot with at least 75% voting in favour (SO 607).*

*1a Electedby the church stewards as senior steward for one year at a time.*

2 *Appointed annually by the Church Council, must be a Member of the Methodist Church (SO 635) and may serve for a maximum of 6 years or for longer subject to there being no one to fill the vacancy and their election being endorsed by ballot with at least 75% voting in favour (SO 607).*

3 *Appointed annually by the Church Council from among the members of the Pastoral Committee (SO 644 (6), must be a Member of the Methodist Church (SO 632) and may serve for a maximum of 6 years or for longer subject to their being no one to fill the vacancy and their election being endorsed by ballot with at least 75% voting in favour (SO 607).*

4 *Appointed annually by the Church Council and may serve for a maximum of 6 years or for longer subject to there being no one to fill the vacancy and their election being endorsed by ballot with at least 75% voting in favour (SO 607).*

*5 Appointed annually by the Church Council (SO 610 (1) (xi)), must be a Member of the Methodist Church (SO 610 (2A))*

*6 Young people under the age of 18 cannot legally become managing trustees and so are not eligible to vote on managing trustee business (SO 610 (2A) (b) footnote).*

The references here to Standing Orders (SO) are those of The Methodist Church contained in *The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of The Methodist Church Volume 2.* hrmc church council membership as at 140617