

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

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Agenda : Church Council, Tuesday 17 October 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*

***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. At Hatfield Road Methodist Church we work out this calling through our adopted statements of purpose, mission and vision, and annual intention.*

**1 Welcome (With reference to Agenda #: See Consolidated Reports)**

**2 Opening devotions**

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

**4 Notice of any other business**

**5 # Vacancies** [Church Stewards, Justice & Peace Secretary]

**6 Letters of greeting and support**

**7 # Minutes of the Church Council meetings held on 14 June and 30 August 2017**

(attached and previously circulated)

 **Minutes of 14 June:**

Deletion of Rev Rosemary Fletcher from those recorded as present

 Part Two: After the words 'The Church Council was asked for permission' the insertion of the words 'and authorised the work'

 Part Two: After the words '...and a contingency of 10%' insert the word 'agreed'

 **Matters arising not covered on the agenda:**

 **14 June 2017#**

 # Approval of appointment of Sunday (Vestry) Stewards

 # Appointment of new Creche Secretary

 # Appointment to the Babies & Toddlers Group Management Group

 # Financial Giving: Charitable Giving - Clarification of Policy

 **30 August 2017**

 # Report on the decisions of the Circuit Meeting held on Wednesday 13 September 2017

 (especially in relation to the extension for four years from 1 September 2018 of the appointment of Rev Rosemary Fletcher and the withdrawal of the 'Vision' paper and future work)

 **# Outstanding Actions from Previous Minutes Not on the Agenda**

 13 June 2016 – Appointments of Young and New People arising from Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

**8 Reports**

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| **# CHURCH STEWARDS**1. # General Report
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| **# WORSHIP** 1. # Worship Consultation
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| **# LEARNING & CARING** 1. # Pastoral Committee – Next Meeting Tuesday November 7th 8.00pm; House Groups – Currently Studying ‘The Upside Down Bible’; Creative Arts Group; Network Fellowship; GB&BB; Sunday Club
2. # Safeguarding
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| **# SERVICE** 1. **# Church life**
2. # Property & Finance Report
3. # Appointment of Independent Examiner
4. # #Further Consideration of Annual Licence for Christine Nelson Ministries
5. # Communications & Correspondence

- Methodist Conference: Day of Fasting & Growth or End of Life Plan 1. # Perpetual calendar, adoption of (attached)
2. # 125th Anniversary plans, 2019
3. **# Neighbourhood & World Issues**
4. # Aldersgate Café, Babies and Toddlers, DayCare, GrowMore Ramblers, Morrison’s Chaplaincy
5. # Mission Secretaries Action Group
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| **# EVANGELISM** 1. # Social, Outreach and Events Group

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

**10** **Date of next meeting:** [to be determined] February 2018

**11 Closing Prayer**

**Membership of Church Council – 2017-2018** (as at 17 October 2017)

**Agenda item 2**

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 |
|  Marion Eaton 1 [Vacancy from end of Oct 2017] | 10/2014 |
| Lianne Weidmann | 7/2017 |
|  Denise Willingham 1  | 05/2016 |
|  Vacancy | *~~-~~* |
|  Vacancy | *-* |
|  **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 Secretaries Action Group**(Mission in Britain / World Missions / JMA / Christian Aid / Justice & Peace) | To Be Appointed |  |
| **Worship Consultation Convenor** | Peter Wallace | 09/2015 |
| **Safeguarding Officer** |  Joanna Rose | 05/2009 |
| **Other**  |  George Selvarajan (Circuit Meeting Representative) Freda Gray (Catering & Property / Past Steward)  | 07/201708/2017 |
| **Elected to Circuit Meeting** (Ex Officio Officers) SO 510 (1) (vii)(plus 3 others) SO 510 (1) (viii) |   Church Steward (Ex Officio), Denise Willingham Church Treasurer (Ex Officio) , Philip Eaton Joanna RoseGeorge Selvarajan Chris Hancock | 07/201709/201507/201707/2017 |

*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 171017