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PART I MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE

The formal record of the Conference consists of the printed portion of the Record and the written portion of the Record, together with the Agenda of the Conference and other incorporated documents. It is attested and held secure as the Journal of the Conference of 2024. What follows here is a brief summary of the major reports and associated resolutions.

The full text of all reports, memorials, motions and decisions of the Conference is to be found in the Agenda and Daily Record of the Conference of 2024 available from:

- *the Methodist Church website www.methodist.org.uk (which shows the reports and resolutions in their final form as corrected, amended and accepted or adopted by the Conference);*
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As set out in SO 740(2) presbyters and deacons admitted into Full Connexion or recognised and regarded as such are required to uphold the authority of the Conference in the life of the Church and to observe its discipline. To this end they shall study its proceedings, loyally carry out its directions and make its decisions known. When appointed to do so they shall attend its sessions and take part in its deliberations.

The Conference met at the New Dock Hall, Leeds.

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PRESBYTERAL SESSION, 27-28 June 2024

The Revd Gillian Mary Newton, *President*
The Revd Dr Jonathan Richard Hustler, *Secretary*

The Conference heard the Pastoral Address (see the Appendix to this section for the text of this).

The Conference engaged in a discussion session exploring *Doing things right or doing the Right Thing?*.

The Conference discussed the report, *Review of Part 11 of Standing Orders*, concerning the Church's complaints and discipline processes

The Conference discussed the work undertaken so far to review the Church's stationing processes.

The Conference discussed the report, *The Role of the District Chair*.

The Conference held a memorial service for those presbyters who had died during the last year and was pleased to welcome to the act of thanksgiving relatives and friends of the deceased.

The Conference dealt in closed session with matters concerning the selection, oversight, and discipline of candidates, students, probationers, presbyters in Full Connexion and those seeking to transfer into Full Connexion, be reinstated, or to be recognised and regarded as admitted into Full Connexion.

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION, 29 June – 3 July 2024

The Revd Helen Dixon Cameron, *President*
Mrs Carolyn Jayne Godfrey, *Vice-President*
The Revd Dr Jonathan Richard Hustler, *Secretary*

The President and the Vice-President delivered their inaugural addresses (see the Appendix to this section for the texts) at the opening of the Representative Session of the Conference and introduced their theme 'Seeking Justice'.

The Conference received 34 presbyters, including 11 by transfer from other Conferences and Churches, and seven deacons into Full Connexion.

On the afternoon of 30 June, those presbyters and deacons not already ordained were ordained at five Ordination Services held in churches in the region.

The President and Vice-President resourced three Bible studies during the Conference, taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. These focused on the

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justice theme of poverty in the UK and were led by Jenny Sinclair, founder director of Together for the Common Good.

1. MAJOR REPORTS AND RELATED BUSINESS

1.1 Oversight and Trusteeship

The Conference adopted the Standing Order changes which enable the Connexional Council to come into being from 1 September 2024. The Connexional Council will be the trustee body for the Church's connexional business and property, and will undertake many of the functions of the present Methodist Council and Strategy and Resources Committee. The Conference received the report of the Nominations Committee and appointed the members of the new Connexional Council as recommended to it by that Committee. The Conference agreed that more work was needed on a successor body to the Connexional Leaders' Forum (suspending the Standing Order for a further year) and on the structure and responsibility of the Church's committees.

The Conference agreed to the establishment of a new District incorporating the present Plymouth and Exeter and Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Districts. The new District will come into being on 1 September 2024 and will be called the South West Peninsula District. The Conference agreed that the present Manchester and Stockport District should be incorporated into the new North West England District, when it is established on 1 September 2024. The Conference also agreed to the establishment on 1 September 2025 of a new District, the West Midlands District, comprising the present Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District and Birmingham District. In dealing with nominations and stationing, the Conference appointed the Revd Dr James Tebbutt as Chair of North West England, the Revd Dr Dan Haylett as Chair of the South West Peninsula, and the Revd Novette Headley as Chair of the West Midlands.

1.2 3Generate - Methodist Children and Youth Assembly

The report to the Conference detailed how the children and young people had expressed their views as part of their participation at 3Generate, the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly, held in October 2023 at the NEC in Birmingham. It explained how children and young people are aware of the ever-increasing social injustices that are present within our society in Britain and internationally and how the Church can support them as they grow in faith.

1.3 Pension Schemes

The Conference received a report on pension matters, particularly noting the improved funding position. In the light of that, the Conference agreed that the voluntary contributions to the Pension Reserve Fund should now be returned to the donors with interest paid at the CFB Deposit Rate. It approved that surplus funding in the Pension Reserve Fund should be transferred to the Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons and the Connexional Priority Fund. The Conference also approved a payment

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from the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme surplus of a discretionary inflation uplift of 5% over and above the planned inflation in September 2024.

1.4 A justice-seeking Church: conferring on justice priorities

Following the Conference's adoption in 2023 of the Justice-Seeking Church report, it spent time conferring on the justice priority of poverty in the UK.

1.5 Online church and online communion

The 2023 Conference directed the Faith and Order Committee, in consultation with the Law and Polity Committee, to consider what work would be needed in order to enable predominantly online churches to be recognised in the Church's polity. This consideration has taken place alongside the period of discernment in respect of online celebrations of Holy Communion which was due to end in 2024. The Conference heard that the responses received during the period of discernment were insufficient to enable a recommendation to be made regarding a lasting decision concerning celebrations of Holy Communion online. The Conference therefore extended the period of discernment until 31 August 2026. The report acknowledged the increasing importance of online mission and ministry and the desire to incorporate predominantly online churches into the polity and purposes of the Methodist Church and provide them with an appropriate and safe framework. The Conference directed the Secretary of the Conference, in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, to establish a task group to consider the recommendations of this report and to bring appropriate proposals to the Conference of 2026.

1.6 Review of Part 11 of Standing Orders

The Conference received the report and adopted the recommendations of the review of the Church's complaints and discipline processes as set out in Part 11 of Standing Orders. The recommendations seek to ensure that the tenets and principles of the current processes are retained, whilst enhancing the core values of seeking resolution whilst providing support to those impacted by the processes. The emphasis is on seeking reconciliation and resolution at an early stage where that is appropriate. To assist with clarity, there will be a tiered approach to complaints (reconciliation and resolution, investigation, and hearing), with increased options available at the investigation stage. It is anticipated that the Standing Order changes to effect this will be brought to the 2025 Conference.

1.7 Singleness

Following a notice of motion brought in 2022, the Conference received a report from the Faith and Order Committee, which sought to offer some reflections on singleness. The report recommended exploring the synergy between welcoming, affirming and celebrating the presence and contribution of single people in the church's life and the theological foundations and emphases of the Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity (JDS), adopted by the Conference in 2021. The report includes some

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practical guidance for local churches, and the Conference commended it for study and comment, inviting feedback to the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee (faithandorder@methodistchurch.org.uk) by 1 September 2025.

1.8 God for All

The Conference celebrated the work achieved so far as part of the Church's God For All Strategy for Evangelism and Growth and reaffirmed it for its next phase for the period from 2025 to 2032. The strategy links encouragement for bold evangelism with the Church's missional priorities of justice, ministry in economically-marginalised communities, and worship renewal. The Conference commended the report to the Methodist Church for continuing prayerful discernment and missional action throughout the Connexion.

1.9 Unified Statement of Connexional Finances

When the Methodist Church in Great Britain was registered with the Charity Commission, it was agreed that the accounts of the registered charity would be those of the Methodist Council. The full consolidated accounts were presented to the Council and adopted by the Council under SO 212(1) in January 2024. They are available on the Methodist Church website. Under SO 360 the Council presented to the Conference "a unified statement of connexional finances ... so as to give an overall view of those moneys and other assets for which the council is responsible".

The Conference noted that:

- the accounts consolidate figures for a wide variety of Methodist activities and entities; together they had income of £53 million and expenditure of £51.9 million;
- at the end of the year, there was a net deficit of £4.5 million (2023: £2.6 deficit).

The Conference received the report as the Unified Statement of Connexional Finances required by SO 360.

1.10 Methodist Council

The Conference received the Methodist Council report which summarised how during the year the Council had approached its work of keeping the life of the Methodist Church under review and proposing to the Conference changes which will make the Church's life, work, mission and worship more effective in responding to God's love and sharing the Good News. The report set out the key themes and issues dealt with by the Council, the fruits of which were to be found in a number of places in the Agenda of the Conference. It also listed the governance responsibilities fulfilled by the Council during the year, and other business it had undertaken.

The Conference confirmed the Standing Order changes which clarify the distribution of the separated editions of the Minutes of the Conference and the Directory of the

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Methodist Church. The Conference adopted guidance in respect of the breakdown of ministers' marriages, covering the areas of practical and pastoral support that should be offered, in place of SO 111(3). The Conference adopted a revised policy for electing the President and Vice-President of the Conference and directed the Law and Polity Committee to prepare new Standing Orders to give effect to it. The Conference approved the principles for a unified safeguarding structure, noting the intention that the new structure be implemented by 1 September 2025 and directed the Safeguarding Committee, in consultation with the Law and Polity Committee, to bring the necessary Standing Order amendments to the Conference of 2025.

Upon the recommendation of the Council the Conference:

- adopted the connexional Central Services Budget for 2024/2025;
- adopted the district allocations of the assessment to the Methodist Church Fund;
- received the annual report from the Methodist Schools Committee;
- received the annual report from the Justice, Dignity and Solidarity Committee;
- received the annual report from the Ministries Committee;
- received the annual report from the Mission Committee.

1.11 Connexional Allowances Committee (CAC)

The Conference received the report of the CAC and adopted a number of recommendations concerning stipends, allowances and other financial provisions. The Conference agreed that the level of increase in the standard stipend should be 6.81%.

1.12 Appointments

The Conference appointed the Revd Sonia Hicks as Chair of the Connexional Council; Keith Hickey as Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee; Daleep Mukarji as Chair of the Conference Business Committee for the Conferences of 2025, 2026 and 2027.

The Conference designated for appointment:

the Revd Helen Hollands as Chair for the East Anglia District from 1 September 2024; the Revd Rachel Bending as Chair for the Southampton District from 1 September 2024; the Revd Dr Jonathan Dean as Chair for the London District from 1 September 2024; the Revd Jonathan Sewell as Chair for the Newcastle upon Tyne District from 1 September 2024; the Revd Victoria Atkins as Chair for the Sheffield District from 1 September 2025.

1.13 Other Business

The Conference also dealt with reports and resolutions concerning the following:

- Central Finance Board;
- Methodist Forces Board;
- The Safeguarding Committee;
- The Ethics of Investment;

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- Committee on Methodist Law and Polity;
- Faith and Order Committee;
- Methodist Schools appointments;
- The Managing Trustees of Central Hall, Westminster;
- Methodist Diaconal Order;
- Action for Children;
- All We Can;
- Ecumenical matters;
- Methodist Ministers' Housing Society;
- Methodist Homes;
- Relief and Extension Fund for Methodism in Scotland;
- The Managing Trustees of The New Room, Bristol;
- Presbyteral and diaconal candidates;
- Trustees for the Bailiwick of Guernsey Methodist Church Purposes;
- Trustees for Jersey Methodist Church Purposes;
- Presbyteral and Diaconal Oversight;
- Committee Appointments;
- The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP);
- The Authorisations Committee;
- The Stationing Committee;
- Conference Arrangements;
- Referred Memorials and Notices of Motion.

1.14 Memorials

The Conference dealt with 22 Memorials received from Circuits and Districts covering the following topics:

- the theology of artificial intelligence;
- disciplinary processes;
- telling our story;
- heritage sites;
- resourcing;
- the Nassar family and Israel/Palestine;
- responding to the conflict in Gaza;
- Methodist Conference venues;
- report of the Independent Commission;
- mission partners;
- connexional financial support;
- connexionalism and expense costs;
- housing allowance for Authorised Ministers;
- prolonged ministers suspension;
- ministerial stress;
- mandatory training requirements;
- modified constitutions.

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The Conference designated the Revd Richard M Andrew to be President of the Conference for 2025/2026, and Mr Matthew Forsyth to be Vice-President of the Conference of 2025/2026.

The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved to adjourn to the Conference of 2025, which would meet in Telford on Thursday 26 June in its Presbyteral Session, and on Saturday 28 June in its Representative Session.

2. SPECIAL AND PROVISIONAL RESOLUTIONS

2.1 Special Resolutions submitted by the Conference of 2024 to the Connexional Council under Standing Order 126(1)(c)

[A. Amendments relating to the Connexional Council]

1. Interpretation In this Schedule [i.e. *the Model Trusts*], unless the subject or context otherwise requires – ...

~~‘Methodist Council’~~ **‘Connexional Council’** means the body of persons of that name for the time being constituted by the Conference under the Deed of Union and Standing Orders for the despatch of connexional business in relation to (inter alia) property affairs or other the body of persons constituted for the time being under Standing Orders to discharge the responsibilities of the Property Division, and includes, where appropriate, any person or persons **or other body of persons** to whom any functions of such body under any provision of this Schedule may have been delegated by such body in accordance with any Standing Order made pursuant to paragraph 11 of this Schedule, and ‘board of the Property Division’ has the same meaning;

...

Replace ‘Methodist Council’ by ‘Connexional Council’ in the following instances: 3(2)(a), 3(3), 4(1), 5(2), 6(1), 6(2), 8(3), 11 (title and text), 11A, 18(1), 19(2), 19(3), 21A(c), 26(1)

[B. Amendments relating to Connexional and Conference property]

1. Interpretation

...

‘Conference trustees’ means, in relation to any Conference property or any part of such property, the persons or body of persons, being members of the Church, annually appointed by the Conference **Connexional Council** to be the managing trustees of such property or part property;

‘Connexional Trustees’ means, in relation to any Connexional property or any part of such property, **the Connexional Council** the person or persons for the time being constituting, in accordance with Standing Orders, the Connexional Trustees for that property or part property;

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2. (1) [specifying who are the managing trustees]

...

(d) Connexional property: the Connexional **Council Trustees**;

(dA) Conference property: the Conference Trustees;

(b) The Conference, by special resolution, amends Model Trust 26 by deleting the definition of 'memorandum of consent' in sub-paragraph (1) and deleting sub-paragraphs (3) and (4).

(c) The Conference amends clause 14(2) of the Deed of Union as follows:

(v) the Chair or Chairs of each home District, **or, as prescribed by Standing Orders, a deputy for a Chair who is unable to attend**;

2.2 Special Resolutions submitted by the Conference of 2024 to the Law and Polity Committee under Standing Order 126(1)(c)

None

2.3 Special Resolutions submitted by the Conference of 2023 to the Law and Polity Committee under Standing Order 126(1)(c)

The Conference confirmed the following changes to the Deed of Union:

14 The Representative Session

(2) **Membership**. The Conference in its Representative Session shall comprise:

(i) the persons who when it commences its sitting hold office as the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Conference;

(ii) the persons who last held office as the President and the Vice-President of the Conference;

(iii) the President-Designate, the Vice-President Designate and (if any) the Secretary-Designate nominated by the last preceding Conference;

(iv) assistant secretaries and other officers of the Conference, as prescribed by Standing Orders;

(v) the Chair or Chairs of each home District;

(vi) the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order;

(vii) the President **or the Lay Leader** of the Methodist Church in Ireland and the Secretary of the Irish Conference;

(viii) the members and associate members appointed by or on behalf of other conferences, churches and Christian bodies as prescribed in sub-clauses (3) and (4) below;

~~(ix) the conference-elected representatives, as prescribed below;~~

(x) **such** representatives of **the Connexional Council and** of connexional committees, funds and institutions, **and such other connexional officers, as are** prescribed by Standing Orders;

(xA) representatives, as prescribed by Standing Orders, of a Methodist Youth Assembly to be established in accordance with Standing Orders;

(xB) *[deleted]*

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(xi) members elected by the Representative Sessions of Synods, as prescribed below.

(3) ~~The Irish Conference and the~~ **The General Conference of the United Methodist Church**. The Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland and the General Conference of the United Methodist Church shall each be entitled to appoint annually to the Conference two persons.

~~(5) Conference-elected Representatives. (a) The conference-elected representatives shall be elected by the Conference. One shall be a deacon and the remaining members shall consist of equal numbers of presbyters and lay persons.~~

~~(b) Subject to (a) above, the numbers, term of office and other matters concerning the election and service of conference-elected representatives shall be prescribed by Standing Orders.~~

~~(c) Any conference-elected representative who becomes incapable of acting or unfit to act or ceases to be a member of the Methodist Church or, being a presbyter or deacon when elected, ceases to be such shall be disqualified from being a conference-elected representative and his or her office shall forthwith become vacant.~~

~~(d) Casual vacancies occurring from time to time in the number of the conference-elected representatives shall be filled by the Conference.~~

17 Substitutes. (a) The Conference shall have power to elect a substitute for any member who is unable or unwilling to attend except the President **or the Lay Leader** of the Methodist Church in Ireland or the Secretary of the Irish Conference or a member or associate member appointed under clause 14(3) or 14(4) above, but in the case of a member elected by the Representative Session of a Synod only upon nomination in accordance with Standing Orders:

- (i) if the member is a deacon, by the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order; or
- (ii) otherwise, by an officer or officers of that Synod.

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...

~~(c) Ministers and lay members of the Methodist Church in Ireland may be appointed members of the Conference, of the Missionary Committee or of any other committee of the Conference of the Methodist Church.~~

2.4 Special Resolutions submitted by the Conference of 2023 to the Methodist Council under Standing Order 126(1)(c)

The Conference received a report from the Law and Polity Conference Sub-Committee, indicating that the Special Resolutions submitted by the Conference of 2023 to the Methodist Council had been considered by the Council, but had not been submitted for consultation under the terms of SO 126(1)(a). The Conference made delegations and amendments to Standing Orders to enable the Connexional Council to fulfil its responsibilities in the year ahead, and directed consultation on the Special Resolutions set out in paragraph 2.1 above.

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APPENDIX: The Pastoral Address and the Presidential Addresses

THE PASTORAL ADDRESS

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 2 Corinthians 4:7

Introduction

As I stand here with you today, I can hardly believe that a year has passed since I stood before the Representative Session of the Conference in Birmingham and committed myself to both the privilege and the responsibility of this role. But a year has passed, and it has been an immense honour to represent the church, an absolute joy to journey with Kerry, the Vice-President, and wonderfully inspiring to visit so many people and places across the Connexion, seeing where and how God is at work and celebrating how the Methodist people are responding to all kinds of opportunities to join in with God's mission.

I'm so grateful to members of my family for holding everything together at home during my frequent absences, to friends who formed a prayer support group especially to pray for me during this year, to colleagues in the Sheffield District who have so wonderfully led and continued the mission there during the last year, to our PA Rachel Tufnell for keeping me on track and helping me know where I'm meant to be and when, to the Methodist people who have prayed for me and to so many others across the Connexion, including some of you, who have given me so much time during my visits. I could never have gained so much from this year, without the knowledge and impact of your love, prayers and support.

Presidential theme

I trust that most of you will have been aware of the theme which Kerry and I discerned for this year – that of "Hidden Treasures". We offered that theme hoping that it would bring encouragement, inspiration and healing at a time of some turmoil, weariness and darkness in the church and in the wider world. We prayed and trusted that it would be an encouragement for us all, that despite the circumstances in which we find ourselves, God is constantly active, offering to breathe new life into us, and into the challenging situations with which we all frequently wrestle!

As I have travelled the Connexion, both on my own and with Kerry, I have sought to listen carefully to the stories of local contexts, often hearing of deep challenges, but also, I have been looking to glimpse where the hidden treasure is lying or indeed, where it has already been discovered.

There are several things that have the potential to make us feel weighed down, despondent or even defeatist, but I have also observed so much that gives great hope, not least because so many of us are faith-filled, courageous, resilient and determined. We are all those things in so many places, but more than that – we can be hopeful and hope-filled because we continue to serve a God who really has placed treasure everywhere for us to discover, whose provision is abundant and whose grace is eternal.

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So, as I share today my thoughts and reflections on the past year, I want to do that with a realism about our context and challenges, but I do also want to lift our eyes to recognise afresh the power of Christ at work in us, enabling us to be and to do more than we ever imagined. As I share some examples of where I have found treasure, I hope it will inspire you to recognise more of the glimmers of hope that are all around us, even if we haven't quite recognised them where we are just yet!

Biblical context

Our Presidential theme was grounded in several biblical texts, chiefly Isaiah 45, verse 3: "I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you will know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name." But as I have journeyed the Connexion, there is another passage of scripture that has kept coming to mind and which I share with you now.

It's a few verses from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 4:

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9

Paul wrote this letter to the church at Corinth from his own experience of persecution and hard times. He recognised the frailty of himself and his friends, but also acknowledged that because of the power of Christ at work in them, the hardships they had experienced had not overwhelmed them. So, he makes this well-known comparison between the followers of Jesus and fragile earthen pots and emphasises that we are called to carry within ourselves the greatest treasure of all, Jesus Christ himself.

It seems to me, that whilst we may not be facing persecution in our common understanding of that word, there are many and complex pressures as we seek to exercise the ministry to which we have been called and so these words of Paul about feeling afflicted, perplexed, persecuted and struck down may well have many resonances with our experiences today.

Connexional context

So, as I have travelled the Connexion what have I noticed that fits with these words of Paul? Firstly, what is afflicting us as presbyters and has the potential to crush us? My conversations lead me to believe that many of the demands and expectations that seem to be placed upon us around governance weigh heavily, perhaps especially upon Superintendent ministers or District Chairs who often feel that the buck stops with them.

As presbyters, we are facing the double bind of increasing demands of legislation on the one hand, and the contraction in available lay people able to fulfil key roles on the other. This has often resulted in us taking on tasks and responsibilities which are not our primary calling and for which we don't always feel appropriately trained or resourced.

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Secondly, what is perplexing us as presbyters and has the potential to cause us to despair? You may have several answers to that question, but my sense is that some of us are perplexed about what to do to change the decline we see in the church that we love and for which we sometimes feel responsible. We are struggling to know how to find the time to step back and create space to pray, reflect and seek fresh vision. Or, perhaps, we have a sense of what God is asking but find it difficult to persuade others who do not share our view.

Thirdly, what is causing us to feel persecuted and has the potential to make us feel forsaken? This is not necessarily a widespread issue, but there are those amongst us who feel they are not being supported in the way that they expect. Possibly because of the time pressures and constraints on all of us, supervision isn't always being engaged in as a matter of priority. Wellbeing isn't always being considered when additional responsibilities are allocated. Conversely, some feel that the gifts they have to offer are overlooked because time isn't taken to explore vocation and calling at regular intervals.

And fourthly and lastly, what is striking us down and has the potential to destroy us? Could it be despondency, weariness, and even depression brought upon us by ongoing struggles to encourage others to be looking outwards rather than inward, to engage with the local communities and to be less apathetic and more courageous?

I have noticed all these things, in some measure as I have travelled the Connexion and listened. And, of course, these things are not exclusive to the ordained. Many of these scenarios are true for our committed lay people as well.

So, are we under pressure? Yes! Are we perplexed sometimes? Yes! Are we facing criticism and opposition? Yes! Are we knocked down and deflated sometimes? Yes! In an ideal world, none of us would want to feel this way and yet as we read Paul's words to Corinthian believers, why should we expect our experience to be any different. Paul reminds us that this is the reality of life. This is the truth for every follower of Jesus. There is perhaps a need for us to acknowledge and to own our frailty and our vulnerability, in order that, as Paul suggests, we do not rely on ourselves but are reminded that anything we do is only achieved because of the power of Christ at work in us, because of the treasure within!

Jars of clay are very ordinary. In the Near East they were common, unimportant, temporary and expendable. If a clay jar broke, no one tried to fix it. It was simply discarded and replaced. And it's to this ordinary vessel that Paul compares himself and us, so that when great things happen, the attention is not on us, but on the treasure that we carry within ourselves. Now, please don't hear me suggesting that we should be treating each other as expendable but do hear me encouraging us to accept that fragility and vulnerability are part of our calling as we seek to exercise ministry and point others to Christ.

So, things are challenging. That's been obvious to me through this year. The President isn't only shown all the good and exciting things and the places with wet paint! But

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neither is that all I've seen and heard this year. Amid all that fragility and vulnerability, God is very definitely at work.

Hopeful observations

There is plenty of joy, anticipation, resurrection and new beginnings around the Connexion. In so many places, hidden treasure is being revealed and the treasure that we carry in our jars of clay is being displayed as we face the challenges, focus on doing the right thing and respond to the promptings of the Spirit of God.

In recent weeks, I have had the privilege of sharing with Superintendents in their Conferences in Oxford and Blackpool under the title, "The Connexion from the perspective of the President" and so I share here just a little of what I shared with them, using the strapline recently being regularly used: – "The Methodist Church is called to be growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice seeking."

In the past we have typically measured our GROWING through our membership numbers, never quite knowing how accurate they are! Those numbers have been contracting over many years. That has led to a growth of things that we could do without – fear about the future, fretfulness about how much longer we can keep going, anxiety about the upkeep of buildings, perplexity about where to find all the necessary church and circuit office holders and a genuine concern about the wellbeing of lay and ordained.

But other things are growing too! A growth in willingness and imagination to use land and buildings in different and creative ways; a growth in different ways of "doing life" together that enable us to prayerfully support each other in our discipleship; a growth in serious contextual engagement with the communities round us; a growth in willingness to worship in new and creative ways; a growth in commitment to respond to the climate crisis and a growth in the New Places for New People being established across the Connexion.

What is growing where you are that is positive or what treasure have you noticed that needs further nurture?

You don't need me to tell you that most of our churches think of themselves as welcoming and INCLUSIVE. There is a genuine desire to be hospitable but sadly, often due to our lack of familiarity with other cultures or life experiences, we find it hard to really see what the needs of others might be resulting in people feeling anything but included.

The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion strategy and its training materials have already done a huge amount to aid our knowledge and understanding, but we know that we still have a long road to travel. It might be easy to feel defeated by it, overwhelmed or deeply anxious about what we have not yet done and of course, we should never lose our genuine concern for those who still feel excluded from the life of the church because of the way we currently conduct ourselves.

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However, let's always remember that we are all a work in progress, and we have come quite a long way. There are people who now rejoice at feeling included who wouldn't have felt that way a few years ago because of the steps we have taken or the changes we have made.

As I have travelled the Connexion, I have been part of worship offered in more than one language. I have noticed the voices of young people being more fully heard, bringing about changes and new initiatives. I have seen properties being adapted specifically to make provision for those living on the streets and of course, there are numerous examples of worship being offered online enabling many to participate who could not be in our buildings at the time of our gatherings.

We cannot afford to be complacent about any of this but let's acknowledge that we are making progress. What positive steps towards greater inclusiveness have been taken where you are, I wonder, or what are you noticing that needs your attention next?

When we come to think about being an EVANGELISTIC church, there will undoubtedly be a variety of views about what we mean by that. But I hope we could at least agree that it is about helping others to find meaning and purpose in life as they recognise how God's story interweaves with their story to bring about their flourishing; that it is about enabling people to fulfil their God-given potential; that it is about showing people that the love and mercy of Christ is for all; that they are treasured!

I'm sure we've all heard people claim that no one wants to become a member of the church any more, or that we shouldn't frighten people away by being too upfront about our faith, or that people have lost confidence in God and in the gospel or even that people aren't interested in matters of faith! And some of those things may well be true in some cases. But there is another story to be told!

In recent times, as a church, we have invested heavily in the God For All strategy with its encouragement to focus on New Places for New People and Church at the Margins and there are lots of exciting things happening across the Connexion under those banners, but we are engaged in evangelism in other positive and broader ways too. "Open The Book" is being used widely as a means of sharing bible stories with schoolchildren; pop-up or mobile churches are on the move in some circuits/districts enabling engagement with people of all ages in a variety of contexts; beach pastors and street pastors are engaging with people whilst they are out and about; Methodist Way of Life resources are being used by chaplains in the Armed Forces; the power of Godly Play is being used in schools, day care centres and retirement homes and we have countless chaplains doing wonderful work in hospitals and hospices, schools and universities, caravan parks, retail outlets, agricultural centres, prisons and elsewhere.

It seems to me that we are working hard to dispel the myth that the church is only interested in filling our pews and getting people to do jobs! In many places we are investing our energies in being alongside people where they are and discovering the treasure they have to offer. We may not always see the fruit of all our endeavours, but we

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are helping to prepare the ground in people's lives for seeds of faith that may be planted by others later.

What positive stories do you have to share about how the story of God's love is being shared in the context of your ministry and what other opportunities might be available to you?

Then finally, there is our call to be a JUSTICE-SEEKING church. Amongst the passages of scripture that the Vice-President and I have used to support the Presidential theme are the verses in Romans 8 in which Paul speaks of "creation groaning" and of the "groaning" within many of us as we wait for things to change as Paul assures us, they will one day.

As I have already noted, there is so much about the world and indeed the church that we would want to be different. It would sometimes perhaps be the easiest thing in the world to sit back, sigh at the view and then declare that there's very little we can do about it!

But, through last year's "Walking With Micah" Conference report, we have acknowledged that whilst there is more change needed than we can achieve alone, there are definitely things that are "ours to do" and as I have travelled across the Connexion I have been encouraged in seeing how so many Methodist people are certainly playing their part.

I have seen projects providing second-hand school uniforms to families who could not otherwise afford to kit out their children, initiatives taking food being thrown away by supermarkets and giving it those in need, church members working in partnership with other local community organisations to stand against injustice, story-telling enabling this generation to appreciate just how much Methodism has been at the heart of transforming life for previous generations of the working classes, banners being made that reflect our hopes and dreams for justice and tell the story of projects we are already involved in as well as the Methodist Church's key role in the launch of the Let's End Poverty movement.

Add to that the countless Warm Spaces, Community Lunches and Foodbanks happening in our churches across the Connexion. In so many ways we are responding to the injustices that many are suffering as well as being a church that speaks out against the unjust policies and practices that make these projects necessary.

What justice-seeking is happening where you are, I wonder, and who else are you being called to get alongside?

So what?

So, as Paul describes, in many places, and in many senses, the evidence suggests that we are afflicted, perplexed, criticised and struck down. We don't always know which way to turn. We are stretched to our limits. We long for things to be different.

But the evidence also suggests that despite all this, God is still active amongst us. Treasure is still being discovered by us and we are continuing to reveal the treasure

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that we carry within our fragile clay jars as we proclaim the gospel and share the love of Christ in a myriad of ways! We are growing, we are becoming more inclusive, we are being evangelistic, and we are justice-seeking!

To draw on another theme we've explored through this year, giving birth is a painful process, so we perhaps shouldn't be surprised that as new things are birthed in our churches and communities there will be pain, there will be mess, there will sometimes be disappointment, but there will also be joy. In my Presidential address last year, I commented that the pain that we are experiencing within the church now, may be the very sign that something new is emerging and I don't know about you, but I want to be part of that something new, whatever it looks like!

I've been sitting with these words of Paul for some months now, knowing that I wanted to use them in this address today. So, it was both a surprise and a joy to arrive at the Irish Methodist Conference earlier this month and discover these verses being used by their incoming President, the Revd Dr. John Alderdice, who is present with us here today, for his opening address to the Conference. John was reminding the Irish Methodists of their calling to "live wholeheartedly as followers of Jesus for the transformation of the world", a strapline they have been focusing on for the last couple of years.

John went on to remind us that we cannot transform the world ourselves – we are ordinary people – fragile clay jars. So, we ourselves need transformation first, so that we are better prepared and resourced to share in God's work of transforming the world, which includes transforming the church. So, perhaps even more important than remembering that we are treasured by God, or that we are called to seek the treasure that God has hidden for us, is the need for us to focus on the great treasure of Jesus that we carry within ourselves and which we are called to reveal to the world by who we are and how we behave.

Conclusion

So, as my year of service in this role of President draws to a close, I want to thank you for all that you are and all that you are doing in the name of Christ to help us to be growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice-seeking. I want to remind you of the treasure that lies within each one of you, even the Lord Jesus Christ, whose power will enable you to achieve far more than you ever imagined, and I want to remind you that there is treasure all around you, if you will keep searching.

Henri Nouwen once wrote, "We must learn to live each day, each hour, yes, each minute as a new beginning, as an opportunity to make everything new. Imagine that we could live each moment as a moment pregnant with new life. Imagine that we could live each day as a day full of promises. Imagine that we could walk through the year always listening to a voice saying to us, "I have a gift for you and can't wait for you to see it!"

Those words seem to wonderfully capture what the Vice-President and I have been encouraging us to do all year. Let's all keep looking for the treasure, the gifts that God has hidden for us and know his joy when we find it! Let's help each other turn away from

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focusing on what we don't have, what we don't have time for or what we as a church don't have so that we look instead for the glimmers of hope and the treasure that is all around us and pursue that instead. If we do that, by the grace of God, we will, I fervently believe, find ourselves "doing the right thing!"

Summary

We celebrate all that is happening across our Connexion as we respond to our calling to be a growing, inclusive, evangelistic, justice-seeking church and many of you are at the heart of that work. All of you are part of the treasure that we have within the Methodist Church, so please continue to pray for and support each other as together we continue to reveal the treasure within and to look for treasure around us, remembering that God has promised that he will give us "the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that we will know that it is the Lord, the God of Israel, who calls us by name."

Prayer

And as we finish, we share in a prayer, written by the Vice-President and included in our Prayer Handbook:

Loving God, you have promised that you will remain with us always. Even when we are tempted to despair, you still call us by name. You reveal to us the treasures that are all around us; the places, the people, who will speak to us words of surprising hope and truth. Give us the wisdom to value the riches you reveal to us in the everyday and in the unexpected, in the new and surprising and in the practices of old. Give us the courage to share them, to speak and to show your good news, that your kingdom of joy and peace grows here on earth. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

In the book of the prophet Isaiah 1:17a we read,
"Learn to do what is right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed" (NIV).

Beloved in Christ,

I want to begin by expressing gratitude to and for a number of people – some with us today in Leeds or on line, and others part of the communion of saints and with us in a different way. In this moment I give thanks for the lives of my parents Wilf and Bunty Dixon, faithful Yorkshire Methodists who nurtured me and my life of faith.

To my husband Iain and children Sandy and Beth, Iona and Morven, thank you for your love, for being my anchors and for encouraging me to consider making myself available for this year of Presidency when I might have retired and been in the garden every day. Please keep an eye on the greenhouse.

To beloved colleagues in places where I have worked and ministered – circuits in the Birmingham District, the community of the Queens Foundation, the Conference Office, Peterborough Diocese and Cathedral, the saints of God in the Northampton District, the

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Nottingham & Derby District, and the Chairs Meeting – thank you for the way you have supported, challenged, shaped and equipped me. I am grateful to the Secretary of the Conference and to all the Connexional Team for their guidance and support in our year of preparation. Most particularly I want to thank the Revd Dr Andrew Ashdown, Global Partnership Co-ordinator for Africa, who introduced me to the Methodist Church in Kenya and Uganda. That has been an immense gift and I am glad of all I learned from the Church in Uganda and Kenya about faithful witness, persistence in mission and ministry, and continued presence and proximity in demanding circumstances during my brief visits. Thank you to the Conference for voting to make this Yorkshire lass your President while meeting in Leeds.

Carolyn, Madam Vice-President, thank you for being my partner in the gospel, in the shared task of Presidency. I know that I, and the service I offer to the Church is not complete without you.

Carolyn and I seek to share with you this year, a vision of the Church and the world transformed, not by might or power but by love and justice, mercy and compassion, truth and grace. We do so in support of the Justice-seeking Church work begun by members of the Connexional Team. We wish to encourage the Methodist Church to continue to be a Justice-seeking Church, and where we may have been hesitant or uncertain, to urge one another to be bolder. We believe that justice is what love looks like in public.

Abandoning pretence – truthful witness

The words of Isaiah in our text contain verbs, or doing words. They suggest that justice does not occur accidentally or incidentally. Rather the text emphasises that justice needs searching out, it involves us listening to others and so learning about how others experience life. This Scripture demands something of us, it calls us to become more aware of our privilege, and to embrace the audacity of risk by being willing to set aside the privilege we have inherited even though that might be frightening for us.

The translation of the third part of our key text from Hebrew *can* be read as “rebuke the oppressors” (rather than “defend the oppressed”) and when we as Church use the prophetic language of ‘oppressors’ we need to consider the uncomfortable truth that at times this group might include us.

The prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures are uncompromising in their message to Gods people – God’s people need to stop being uncaring and ignoring the suffering of those people who are poor. More than that, God’s people must also stop actively courting catastrophe by failing to be what they are in essence called to be. The potential catastrophe for us now as a Methodist Church might be that we fail to live out our calling by abandoning the lowest income communities of our nations and islands as we retreat from the most challenging and demanding contexts for mission and ministry.

Last year at an ecumenical conference the former Archbishop Rowan Williams explored the question of what it means to be blessed, or fortunate and how that question impacts the way churches relate to today’s world.

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He said: “Those who are not anxious about stockpiling their resources but acknowledge their dependence on mercy and gift; those who are hungry not for more security for themselves, but for a justice that is shared with all; those who are compassionate and without aggression, who are not afraid to be wounded, who labour for reconciliation – all these are people who have left behind the passion to be the possessors and managers of their destiny. They have become people who know that it is only in relation to God, and to their siblings under God, that they will be fully human.”

So, I believe we should listen for the call of God and look for the gift of God in the needs of the world, and find the courage to embrace the risks that this looking and listening and learning can bring.

I believe that the foundation to us becoming justice-seeking disciples is that firstly we offer truthful witness to ‘what is’. Let’s not pretend we have all the answers when we need to be taught the answers by those whose lived experience is of those things we seek to change. Peruvian theologian and priest on the margins Gustavo Gutierrez said, “You say you care about the poor – now tell me their names”. Those who experience poverty describe it as a web of poverty. It isn’t simply about having less money, which we could call a poverty of resources, but that economic hardship can lead to poverty of relationship and to poverty of identity. Choosing to stay alongside lower income communities and weave relationships of friendship and neighbourliness rather than withdrawing to more resourced communities is something the Methodist Church needs to do more of as part of our commitment to work to tackle injustice and end poverty. We must avoid taking refuge in the illusion that our ways and practices, our priorities are always just ones but instead pay attention to, and engage with the truth of what is. What might be required of us is a recognising of the “waking life of love”. Malcolm Guite (*Sounding the Seasons*) in his sonnet for the beginning of Lent imagines Jesus talking to Satan on a high mountain. Satan says to Jesus,

*“wake up from this foolish dream of love...
But Jesus laughed, ‘You are not what you seem.
Love is the waking life, you are the dream.”*

I want us to reflect on the choices we make as a Church as we seek to live the waking life of love, here and now. The choice to ignore racial injustice, for example, to not have to engage with it on a daily basis, is a key aspect of what is known as white privilege.

As a white woman, I can choose whether to educate myself about Black British history, or to choose to notice micro-aggressions directed against Black colleagues, friends or strangers, or walk away pretending I did not see or hear anything. When paying attention to racism feels uncomfortable or challenging, I can turn up the ‘white noise machine’ (a phrase taught to me by a former colleague Dr Rachel Starr) and block out any disturbing voices or events. I can walk away. We can walk away. We have walked away. Some of us can choose to walk away from those who are misgendered. We can fail to notice the micro-aggression and physical violence and threat offered to trans people. Transphobia is not someone else’s problem. It is ours. So, be an ally and an advocate. Don’t look away.

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Prejudice and discrimination are not someone else's problem. The racism that flourishes in British society is the result of white people's actions, past and present. To quote a Sri Lankan colleague of mine, "we are here, because you were there". As a white person it is my responsibility to wrestle with my own identity and privilege, in order to learn how I might work with others to disrupt, challenge and transform racial injustice.

Whiteness is not often spoken about in our churches. But unless those of us who identify as white come to acknowledge and reflect on our own ethnic and colour identity, we will fail to understand both how we benefit from racism and how we might better confront it and be an ally with those who experience exclusion, and not be those who collude with prejudice and injustice.

We must learn how to do what is right and that might mean first recognising and then unlearning our own behaviours. This is demanding, scary, risky but right.

We must be honest about the world as it is experienced by many and honest about the Church we belong to. The British Methodist Church is smaller than it was. Globally there are 75 million Methodists. I invite the British Methodist Church not to be anxious about what we do not have, or be deluded about our status and role. I want us to be truthful witnesses to what is. I want us to be a truth-bearing community. I want us to be those who in their rigorous thinking challenge current prejudice, disturb the complacent, question the foundations of all about us and in Harry Blamires words, "be a nuisance" to those promoting falsehoods and labelling every asylum seeker an 'illegal immigrant' and ignoring growing levels of child poverty and hunger.

As God's people we are called to abandon pretence and collusion and stand up to those who abuse and misrepresent the vulnerable and speak truth to power. We are called to live the waking life of love. To refer to those on the front line of poverty as 'scroungers' removes people's dignity, denies the reality of their lives and removes their dreams of living with dignity and hope.

We are smaller and frailer as a denomination on our own but we are also part of a glorious, diverse and dynamic body of Christ. Standing one evening in Lambeth Palace library enjoying conversation with the church leaders of England gathered together, my friend and colleague Bishop Mike Royal commented, "the world is here." I looked around me and it was true. There were leaders of churches with Iranian, Indian and Pakistani heritage, with Ghanaian, Zimbabwean and Nigerian heritage, from Europe, from Egypt and Greece, the Caribbean, Ukraine and may many more nations, all serving the churches of England. It was a gloriously diverse gathering – and that diversity is God's intention for us. It is a true gift of God.

Living untruthfully, hiding from truth really doesn't help and perpetuates injustice. James Baldwin, the American writer, poet and social critic spoke of the need to build nations capable of bearing the truth and of the need to build truth-telling communities. In his book *Remember This House*, which reflects on race by tracing the lives and assassinations of his three friends Malcolm X, Medgar Evers and Martin Luther King Jr

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he said, "Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced".

I would want to assert that the beginnings of forming a truth-bearing, justice-seeking community who can witness to 'what is' requires a willingness to face those things which discomfort us, challenge us and even de-stabilise what we have, in our privilege, become accustomed to.

Belden Lane reminds us in *The Solace of Fierce Landscapes* that,

We cringe from the idea of relinquishing, in any moment, all but one of the infinite possibilities offered by our culture. Plagued by a highly diffused attention, we give ourselves to everything lightly. That is our poverty. In saying yes to everything we attend to nothing. One can only love what one stops to observe.

We need to be attentive to, and focused on, what needs to change beginning with ourselves and our behaviours. There is no place amongst us for ableism, for transphobia, for misogyny, for homophobia, for racism. All are contrary to the gospel and if we persist in these ways and behaviours we abandon the gospel. I have loved Wendell Berry's sabbath poems for a long time, they are a testimony to close and persistent scrutiny of the world as it is. He wrote in 2011,

"I saw a hummingbird stand mid-air and scratch his cheek with his foot, as he might have done perched on a branch... I never dreamed of such a thing and now after 77 years of watching. I have seen it."

So what do we see and who do we notice? Please look for Stephen Martin's exhibition of portraits called, 'Dreams and realities' as it tours the UK. Stephen Martin has painted acrylic portraits of nine people living in poverty in Sheffield, including himself. Each picture shows the person with something that depicts their economic reality (the background of his self-portrait is dark to reflect that he cannot afford to rewire his home so lives in darkness without electricity). Each portrait shows something that represents the dreams and ambitions each person would pursue if they were not held back by poverty and unjust systems.

Sharing power

Our truthful witness about our nature, our convictions and our priorities matters. If when someone enters their local Methodist Church it is warm and welcoming, if they encounter disciples sharing a love which is generous and for all, then our witness is truthful and faithful. But, if there are restrictions on access which stop someone getting around church with their wheelchair or getting into leadership then we diminish the gospel. If joining in worship gets hard because disciples are deaf or blind and no-one can be bothered to make the worship accessible for all who belong, then the story of love and grace is diminished, not by God, but by us. If we fail to recognise the call of all disciples and commission only the abled bodied then we have abandoned the gospel. When we speak for the perceived 'voiceless' but silence them by our arrogance, we diminish

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the gospel. When we abandon people living with a disability “at the gates” (to quote theologians Emily Richardson and Naomi Lawson-Jacobs who both live with a disability) waiting for entry to the church as guests to be cared for (however generously), when they are members of God’s household and a vital part of the body of Christ, we diminish the gospel. Those living with disabilities (visible or invisible) need to experience justice, equality and access as others do.

If we abuse the power and privilege that comes with our role the story of love and grace is diminished. If we refuse to listen to the voices and experiences of the survivors of abuse and having listened, then fail to change our ways, then we fail in our essential calling – to be good news. I look forward to meeting with the Disability Solidarity Circle and learning from them.

The Justice Seeking Church report said,

God was fully present in the person of Jesus Christ, and chooses to be present through the followers of Christ in the messiness of everyday life. Justice may be a form of kenosis, or self-emptying. Too often, this is unequally expected of certain (often already marginalised) groups, but when we all give of ourselves freely for others, surrendering the privilege that we hold, the imbalance of power which leads to injustice gives way to a commitment to the good of the other. Paradoxically, this self-emptying leads to a society in which all can be fulfilled. Irenaeus of Lyons reminds us that Christ “became what we are so that we may become what he is,” and Mary sings that God “has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.” (Luke 1:52, NRSVA).

I grew up in Dormanstown Methodist Church in the Redcar, Saltburn and Guisborough Circuit of the Darlington District where there was fierce competition to be the little girl who got to wear a blue cloth on her head and represent Mary in the Sunday School nativity play. It took me years to notice that when the blue cloth was folded up at the end of that service and placed in a cupboard until next year, so was Mary. I was late to discover the hymn of praise and protest that is the Magnificat and late to discover the prophetic witness of Mary. In accepting an account of Mary’s compliance and obedience, as we are sometimes invited to do, we ignore the great truth that this narrative of redemption can only continue with Mary’s co-operation. Only by her courage, knowledge and skill can Jesus be brought safely to birth. It is Mary’s love and tenderness and her capacity to make space for his growing body which will allow the Saviour of the world to grow to adulthood and learn what it is to be human. These ideas are reflected beautifully in John Burt’s *Sonnets for Mary of Nazareth*

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*What did he have in mind? She thought at nights
While patient Joseph snored and shepherds woke.
It came to her at last: he didn’t know;
He himself would catch it up from her.
What could he want, except to want like her?*

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I am encouraged by the thought that when God comes among us, and is born as one of us, God in Christ grows in understanding of how to offer his identity as unreserved gift. Jesus learns how to act liberatively, and, through what looks to others like passivity and defeat, transform us and all the world. Jesus learns from Mary that human weakness is not something to be frightened of, that weakness and vulnerability can be gifts to others.

We need to be reminded about this because the Church can sometimes struggle with ideas of weakness and fragility. This is connected with some distorted ideas we cling to about greatness, power and victory.

The use of power in the Church is something we need to be much more reflective about. It is noteworthy that the use of power in the New Testament is almost always to do with the freedom to **release people from bondage**, the power to heal, the power to forgive or in the most wonderful phrase in the first chapter of John's Gospel, "the power to become children of God". Power can be defined in the human context as the capacity to influence the behaviour, thoughts, emotions and attitudes of others. Scripture leads us to understand that power can be used destructively to oppress others or in ways that are liberative and which enable the flourishing and growth of others.

In Mark 10:42-45 we read: "So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'"

We do need to exercise power if we are going to make things happen. But power is not usually a matter of all or nothing, of some having it all while others do not. Power is usually a matter of more or less, because the capacity to influence another is relative to who the other is in a given context.

We see that Jesus, in his life and ministry, both exercises power in response to human need when invited to do so, but also relinquishes power and control when he chooses to do so. "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No-one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again" (John 10:17-18).

Power can be picked up and laid down. I want to suggest that we need to become a humbler Church, led by lay and ordained leaders who are immersed in humility, able to be relaxed and non-anxious about being in receptive or listening mode rather than always being in broadcast or assertive mode. We are called to live, as Jesus did, in the liminal space between power and authority, and vulnerability and weakness, and we must therefore constantly ask "How do we use our power?"

We need to open to learn from the margins and be willing ourselves to be de-centred and displaced.

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Rollo May describes how power can be used to oppress others or to expand another's freedom. Exploitative and manipulative actions are expression of domination. They presume a relationship of inequality and a determination not to change that. Nutrient power is that applied for the benefit of someone with less power – it enables or empowers them. Integrative power respects the freedom of others and is expressed as co-operation and collaboration with the gifts of others and makes team working possible.

I want to suggest that the whole Church needs to reflect more carefully than we have done so far on the power we hold and the responsibility this confers on us.

Being present and awake to love

Finally, we need to put our money (or our brass, as we say in Yorkshire) where our mouth is.

Our policies regarding our use of funds must be shaped and led by our justice-seeking Church agenda. When we give up church buildings in communities caught in that web of poverty we should be more willing to create roles for people to live and work in communities the Church has otherwise withdrawn from. This is happening in some locations but perhaps not sufficiently frequently or part of a vision for how we should engage with communities. The buildings we have closed are often in communities with lowest incomes and poorest service provision. The buildings may be unsuitable and not fit for purpose but people participating in the lives of lower income communities are needed, not for the evangelisation of those living with poverty but rather the reverse. When we are present in these communities we might well be the first recipients of the expertise, gifts and knowledge that those living in poverty in that location possess. Our Church at the Margins work in the Methodist Church shares core values of celebration, inclusion and participation, "We recognise our need for the gifts of those at the economic margins and believe the whole Church needs to receive these gifts in order to be fully transformed by the gospel of Christ."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer preaching in London in 1933 had this to say about the important of Mary's witness recorded in the Magnificat,

The throne of God in the world is set not on the thrones of humankind but in the manger. For here thrones begin to sway; the powerful fall down, and those who are high are brought low, because God is here with the lowly.

So, I am really challenged because I know which side of this equation I currently find myself. What kind of reversal does the gospel offer? Is it enough that "the rich" are now empty and "the poor" are now full? Should anyone be exalted over another? Is it true that there must always be "the poor and the marginal" or is it possible to weave a beloved community which shares together in mutual trust, compassion, truth, justice and love? I believe it is, but we must be willing to take our part in weaving and re-weaving community when it breaks or tears and that might mean dismantling or giving up things we love and treasure. I want to be clear that I am not just speaking about urban, or inner-

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city locations. Rural communities know they have been abandoned too and know all about poverty of resources, relationships and identity.

I am reminded that we find our identity and worth not in what we possess materially but in standing before God as God's beloved. We must learn to see the world, to see one another as God sees us, from the perspective of the Cross.

We are called to a waking life of love where we know we become fully human in and through our relationships based on justice, truth, mercy and love. Most importantly we must recognise the fundamental truth that the locus of God's authority and activity does not lie within the Church. We must not imagine God resides there and moves out with us as we engage with the world. Rather, as we busy ourselves in the Church waiting for others to come and join us, God is already in the world with people who have been dispossessed, abandoned and those with least power. We may die as a Church waiting for the world to come and join us – no matter how beautiful our worship is.

Consider a model of church as 'workers' hut' – somewhere to store the tools and useful for making a cup of tea in but not somewhere which is the actual location of the real work of transformation.

So, I invite us into a period of reflection as a Church in order to examine our life robustly. We must pay attention to the structures of society and Church which are unjust, and to look to the margins, to the people who our structures and resourcing decisions so often exclude, silence and render invisible.

In this period of reflection may we learn to do what is right, to seek justice and rebuke all those who oppress (including ourselves, our systems and structures). May we begin by doing just one thing differently. May we wake up from our slumbers, from complacency and avoidance of that which discomforts us and embrace the waking life of love and justice.

We are called to be salt and light, to hold together the personal and social gospel, re-weaving the places where we live, not as aid or service providers, but living "alongsiders", as Jenny Sinclair puts it. The Spirit of God is moving among us longing to connect and re-connect us in an act of resistance to the fragmentation of society we are witnesses to. Our prayer must be:

**Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us, the fire of your love. Amen.**

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THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Madam President, family and friends, Conference,

Starting this address here in Leeds I have to smile. For one thing, it is great to be in Yorkshire, a place I love deeply, have family roots and where I have spent a good chunk of my life so far.

But I have to confess that Leeds is also a city with special memories for me, not only as a place where my in laws lived for a while, but it is also that well-known romantic destination where David and I spent our honeymoon 35 years ago. It may not have golden beaches and wall-to-wall sunshine like some more conventional destinations, but a stroll round the lake at Roundhay Park and a visit to Tropical World gives some of the same romantic vibes, even if on a slightly different scale.

My life to this point has been in the company of some wonderful people, many of whom are here today. There are those I have known for a long time and some I have gotten to know more recently, but I would thank you all for your friendship, collegueship, patience, inspiration, gentle and sometimes less gentle challenge and encouragement.

Thank you for those who have believed in me and built up my confidence. Thank you to those who have, in words and deeds, made me feel that it is ok to be standing here, even though my brain is wired a little differently, and I will admit, I'm somewhat out of my comfort zone. I give thanks here, especially, for the Youth Representatives over the last few years, and Youth Presidents whose leadership and example has been a source of inspiration.

I would take a moment to pay tribute to those who are no longer with us, but whose love and support have been like scaffolding in my life. That scaffolding may no longer be there, but their support and example has given me strength and allowed me to grow and stand strong.

My family, Rachel, Ruth, Rob, Ethan, Ibby and my David are the people who know best my ups and downs. They have been, and continue to be, the best companions on that journey. They know when encouragement is needed, when to suggest a rest and when a very full cup of tea is the best solution. Thank you for everything, and for all the cups of tea!

I am someone who is fascinated by people, how we interact and especially the way we as humans learn. This is not just an academic interest but a very practical one. We learn in different ways. For each of us, what we find difficult and easy to learn varies. We too often judge others through the lens of our own experiences.

My own experience is of people assuming that, if I just tried harder and put in a bit of effort, I would be able to spell better or do the other things that my dyslexia makes more challenging. What people are so often saying is that, if only you would try harder and put

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more effort in you could be more like me. Wouldn't life be dull if we were all the same and all thought and responded to life and faith in the same way!

In the Justice-seeking Church report there is the quote from John Wesley's 'Sermon 39' that says "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may." This is not just true where we differ in our political or theological thinking, but also in the more fundamental aspects of thinking and cognitive processing.

We do not all experience faith in the same way and we do not all need to do church in the same way. The joy of being a connexional Church is the rich diversity that makes up who we are.

We are blessed to be part of what makes up such a varied Connexion, but there are key values that bind us. This was bought home to me keenly on my overseas visit, where the love and welcome expressed in the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands District was palpable. Our context, geography and history may be different, but I felt like I was being welcomed by a branch of my own family. The fundamental values of our faith are what link us.

For our presidential year, Helen and I have chosen the theme "Learn to do right, seek justice and defend the oppressed". Encapsulated in these words from Isaiah is what underpins much of what the Methodist Church has been working on in recent years. We can trace Conference reports and initiatives that go back over the years that have led us to more recent pieces of work including the Justice-seeking Church work, the Justice Dignity and Solidarity Strategy and the Theology of Safeguarding report.

But all this work also reflects the three key rules that John Wesley spoke of in the early days of the Methodist movement, "Do no harm, do all the good you can, and attend to the ordinances of God". These three golden threads should weave through our lives and all we do as individuals and as an organisation.

The exhortation of Isaiah to learn to do right sounds fairly simple at first glance. We are all pretty sure we know what is right, but if we dig a little deeper into what that actually might mean for us, it can be a real challenge. We might find the need to move on from views, opinions attitudes and actions we have held for a long time. We may also need to critically reflect on the power and privilege that we hold, and not just point this out in others.

We read earlier the passage from Mark's Gospel about the calling of the first disciples. One definition of the word disciple is someone who learns from Jesus to live like him. A disciple is a follower or learner. This is something that we are all called to be. At the heart of being called to follow Christ is the call to learn. Learning is something to embrace.

A friend was about to head off to college to start his ministerial formation. Someone from his home church said to him "Whatever you do, don't let them change you!" They might as well have said "Whatever you do, don't learn anything!"

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The process of learning new things changes our brains and how we think and act. Learning is not just what others need to do. There are attitudes, thoughts and actions within each of us, that, if we are honest, could benefit from the effects of the challenge of change through learning. Those assumptions we make about people because of the way they look, speak, dress, act and many other things, may benefit from that challenge.

The Methodist Way of Life information on the Methodist website tells us that “For some people learning might be formal theological education, but we also learn through our day-to-day lives and encounters with other people. There are lots of things that can block learning. We might be over-nostalgic and sceptical of the unknown. Or get stuck in an ideology that limits curiosity. Or just get distracted. But, by definition, disciples are learners, so stay open-minded!” This takes us right back to our calling to be disciples.

One powerful lesson for many adults is that children learn by watching and copying, whether it is what we want them to learn and copy or not. This was brought home to me when our younger daughter, aged about two, was found with all her cuddly toys lined up in rows and was shouting at them. I didn’t manage to catch all that she was shouting, but it did include the words “Alleluia” and “Amen”. When asked what she was doing her simple reply was, “I am shouting at the people like daddy does”. I am not sure this accurately sums up David’s preaching style, but it was another lesson for me that children learn from what is modelled to them, even though this may not be quite what we intend.

The same is so true for us as individuals and as a Church. All that we say and do is modelling behaviour and attitudes that others will learn from. It will also, more often than not, be a greater witness to those around us than any sermon, or carefully crafted church social media post.

We ourselves learn from others and how they live and act. There are so many faithful and saintly people who can inspire and teach us. I thank God for all those people in my life who I have learnt from, some are in this room and may never be aware of the way they have taught and inspired me, and continue to do so.

Like with a child picking up unintended lessons from watching those around them, our attitudes to learning and training opportunities will say more to those round us than producing a certificate with our names on.

We are hardwired to learn, change and develop in our thinking. Experiences that challenge our thinking may not always be comfortable but are part of that very proactive exhortation by Isaiah and being called as disciples, and this helps us personally and collectively grow and mature in our thinking.

As the Methodist Way of Life says, “disciples are learners, so stay open-minded.”

Spurgeon – the Victorian preacher – got to the heart of things when he said, “A little faith will take you to heaven, but I pray for the kind of faith that will bring heaven to earth”. This faith is what drives us to learn to do right, seek justice and defend the oppressed.

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I can assure you that I am not on commission, but I can recommend the book, *Revive us Again* by author and Chair of District, Leslie Newton. In this book he says, "It was anthropologist Margaret Mead who famously said 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has.'" Leslie goes on, "The growth of the Methodist movement in the eighteenth century is a dynamic proof of this statement. A growing vibrant network of small groups of people up and down the land all set about changing their world, and together created a fire across much of the nation."

The challenge to change the world now sits with us all, and our generations. Not with someone else. Each of us here and throughout the Church has a part to play in this.

But how? I am just one ordinary person, and there is so much to do and I don't know where to start and I am so tired, there are always so many emails to answer! The problems are too big, what can I do, my voice won't be heard. I imagine all these thoughts are echoing round all our heads to varying degrees.

So, what do we do to set about being agents of change and agents of a justice-seeking God? My vision is that each of us starts by changing or doing just one new thing.

We can each find one thing that we can do or change that will help to make the Church a justice seeking and safe place, and if we break this down it need not be overwhelming.

It might be:

- thinking about and changing the language we use
- baking for the coffee morning or warm space
- looking at how information is presented on websites and notice boards so that it is clear and more accessible
- writing to our MP
- voting in elections
- doing an assessment of the energy efficiency of our buildings
- phoning someone who is housebound for a chat
- crocheting hats for the local special care baby unit
- attending training with willingness
- praying each day with the JPIT prayers shared on social media
- worrying less about always sitting in the same place on a Sunday morning as that might be the very seat needed for someone to feel safe in that space.

And underpinning all our actions is prayer. We can all pray. In many different ways, we can pray. We can all pray that we learn to do what is right, seek justice and defend the oppressed.

If everyone in this room changes or starts doing one new thing, and then changes or starts doing just one more, and then another, those small changes will come together to create a great wave of change. Multiply that by all those joined by the Methodist

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Connexion and the wider Church, and we can begin to see what a great force for transformation this could be.

In the words of Gandalf from Tolkien's *The Hobbit*, "Some believe it is only great power that can hold evil in check, but that is not what I have found. It is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love."

There is a great deal of truth in this. All our small deeds and changes will build together into something unstoppable and transformational. The kingdom of heaven on earth.

Learn to do right. Seek Justice. Defend the oppressed. But do not be overwhelmed. Let's all take the first step and start by doing one new thing.

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3. Presbyters received into Full Connexion in 2024

Jonathan Bell	Rachel Moss
Evelyn Bhajan	Rosemary Mutopo
Sarah Louise Caddell	Michelle Onyett
Rachel Irene Collins	James Alan Patterson
Tiras Philip Dainty-Share	Philip Robinson
Anne Mary Day	Matthew Barrie Smith
Steven David Donnison	Steven Sutton
Rebecca Elizabeth Fugill	Marcia Yvonne Tull
Catharine Hughes	Wendy Walker
Juliet Aritey Kisob	Fiona Weir
Joyce Mayisiri	Blayze Kyle White
Alexandra Dagmar Middleton-Laing	

4. Presbyters received into Full Connexion from other Churches

Quophie Anochie Ababio	Helen Lawson
Kim Leslie Alexander	Allen Moyo
Tokunbo Ezekiel Olusegun Asogbon	Peggy Mulambya-Kabonde
Fiona Marie Calverey	Adrian Trevor Roux
Kennedy Gondongwe	Bethany Marie Willers

5. Presbyters received by reinstatement and transfer

Steven Granville Jones

6. Presbyters reinstated into Full Connexion

No case

7. Transfer of Candidates, Students or Probationer Presbyters from other Churches

No case

8. Presbyters who have ceased to be in Full Connexion

Andrew M Clark	Fidelio R Patron
Christopher J Collins	Peter J Pillinger
Andrew M Emison	Judith M Satchell
Edwin T Myers	Christine Taylor
Mervyn P Oliver	

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9. Presbyters transferred to other Churches

Darren J Holland

Robert D Lewis

10. Presbyters returning to the Active Work

Ernest Grimshaw

Hee Gon Moon

11. Preachers recommended for continuance On Trial

In the following lists:

* = change from the lists approved by the 2023 Conference

+ = candidates accepted by the 2023 Conference

<i>Surname</i>	<i>First name(s)</i>	<i>Due to be received into Full Connexion</i>
Alex	Abi	2026
Banks	John Paul	2025
Banks	Kyung Mi	2026
Barker	Michaela Jayne	2026
+Bediako	Eric Obenaye	2027
Bell	Judith Helen Elizabeth	2025
Birks	Tracy Ann	2025
Brooker	Tina	2025
Bryon	Ian David	2026
Carney	Owen Gerallt	2027
Carrington	Anna Marie	2026
*Chan	Chi Lok (Rocky)	2026
Chikaviro	Godfrey	2027
Chun	Hannah Moon	2025
Clark	Julie	2026
Cullingford	James Jeremy	2026
Dowson	Ruth Elizabeth	2025
Edbarg	Christvin Johnson Kirubakara Pandian	2027
Edmondson	Hayley Lisa	2025
Frimpong-Manso	Collins	2027
Geeson	Nicola Jayne	2026
+George	Daniel Richard	2027
Gillard	Samantha Jane	2025
Haraszti	Ildiko Maria	2027
Holmes	Christopher John	2025
Hooks	Sarah Anne	2025

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Jacobs	Susan Nerissa	2026
Jennings	Cassandra Emma	2027
Kwallah	Joseph Ndehi	2025
Makunde	Sincere	2025
Marshall	Rebecca Jane	2026
Martin	Laura Sarah	2026
Mayo	Stephen Neil	2026
McGhee	Kirsty Seonad	2025
McMahon-Riley	Jason Lee	2025
Pinkney	Rachel Elizabeth	2025
Pipet	Dorothy Anne	2027
Popoola	Joyce	2026
Porter	Richard John	2025
Prince	Rachael Helen	2025
Read	Rachel	2026
Sam	Agnes Eyiaba	2025
Sheridan	Liam James John	2028
Simmons	Heather Elizabeth	2025
Smith	Fiona Marie	2025
Sparey	Naomi-Rachel Frances	2026
Sutcliffe	Claire Lucy	2027
Tedd	Paulette Rosemarie	2026
+Thevanesan	Obeth Ratnesan	2027
Thorne	Penelope	2025
+Watkin	Stuart John	2028
+Wheeler	Lorraine Fay	2028

12. Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry

12.1 To proceed immediately into pre-ordination training

Kieran Matthew Bohan	Luke Rhys McLeod
Thomas Richard Clayton	Genevieve Mawufemor Musey
Paul Michael Coleman	Claire Louise Nott
Samantha Ashley Cree	Sophia Jemima Odoom
Thomas Ferguson	Joanne Rose Peek
Susan Elinor Groves	Sarah Jane Reed
Kerry Louise Halliday	Aqeela Tanveer
Jonathan Hood	Louisa Joanne Taylor
Hayley Anne James	Marc Alexander Stuart Williamson
Ka Fai Stephen Lau	
Mwadzipaura Magaisa	

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12.2 For deferred entry into pre-ordination training

No case

12.3 To proceed to pre-ordination training upon fulfilment of stated conditions

Sue Ann Mak

12.4 From the Methodist Diaconal Order

None

13. Presbyters permitted to become Supernumeraries

*All applications were made under Standing Order 790(1), except those marked * who applied on grounds of ill health under Standing Order 790(2). The figure in brackets indicates the number of years of status as a presbyter of the person concerned (with any former years of status as a deacon added with the prefix D).*

13.1 Permission granted by the Conference

The figure in brackets indicates the number of years of status as a presbyter of the person concerned (with any former years of status as a deacon added with the prefix D).

Julian C Albrow	(27)	W Arthur Harbottle	(35)
Sheryl M Anderson	(28)	Timothy J Harrison	(43)
Frances E Balham	(24)	John Hellyer	(42)
Stuart A Bell	(40)	Rachel A Hextall	(27)
Sally Binymin	(16)	Roger K Hides	(35)
* Timothy C Boocock	(26)	Trevor Hoggard	(43)
Raymond Borg	(13)	Jacqueline A Horton	(24)
Christopher P Briggs	(34)	Hilary Howarth	(22)
Susan M Burton	(10)	Keith W Hunt	(33)
Trevor Capstick	(40)	Fredrick R Ireland	(44)
Rita Carr	(10)	Stephen P Jakeman	(10)
Rosemary E Coles	(10)	Kevin P Johnson	(31)
Heather D Cooper	(39)	Gareth P Jones	(42)
Robert C Cotton	(33)	H Elaine Joseph	(34)
* Andrew Dart	(31)	* Sue Keegan von Allmen	(25)
Gordon H Davis	(26)	Ian P Kemp	(19)
Lesley Dinham	(10)	Lindsay D Kemp	(20)
Jennifer M Ellis	(32)	Donghwan Kim	(20)
Albert Gayle	(41)	R Blair Kirkby	(21)
Jonathan K Gichaara	(21)	Katherine J Le Sueur	(24)
Barbara C Glasson	(30)	Christine J Legge	(22)
Louise E Grosberg	(24)	Sally J Long	(39)
* Brian J Hadfield	(29)	Andrew J Lunn	(39)

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Julie A Lunn	(35)	Paul Saunders	(26)
Deborah C Mallett	(10)	Israel Selvanayagam	(43)
Lorraine N Mellor	(29)	David M Shaw (B)	(37)
Adele F Moorhouse	(20)	Peter D Sheasby	(42)
Elizabeth Morris	(23)	* Ruth Simpson	(11)
C David J Moss	(34)	Eleanor J Smith	(11)
R Margaret K Mwailu	(18)	Amanda Stevens	(19)
Keith A Osborn	(20)	Harold Stuteley	(20)
David R Owen	(28)	Timothy A Swindell	(16)
Yvonne J Pearson	(24)	Shaun Swithenbank	(32)
Jonathan H Pye	(46)	Richard J Teal	(44)
Melanie Reed	(19)	Mark H Wakelin	(45)
Valerie J Reid	(13)	Roger L Walton	(49)
Alison Richards	(14)	Allison Waterhouse	(28)
Alison Richardson	(15)	Rosalind Watson	(10)
John D Ritson	(41)	Heather A Wilson	(12)
Joy M Rulton	(25)		

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13.2 Permission granted by the President during the year

* Vivienne R D Atter

* Nicola K Hilmy-Jones

14. Deacons received into Full Connexion in 2024

Janet Amey

Clare Purfit

Margaret Chipandambira

Suzanne Marie Sale

Douw Gerbrand Grobler

Vicky Ann Welsh

Marie Poole

15. Deacons received into Full Connexion from other Churches

None

16. Deacons reinstated into Full Connexion

None

17. Deacons who have ceased to be in Full Connexion

None

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18. Deacons recommended for continuance in Training or on Probation

* = change from the lists approved by the 2023 Conference

+ = candidates accepted by the 2023 Conference

<i>Surname</i>	<i>First name(s)</i>	<i>Due to be received into Full Connexion</i>
+Blackhall	James	2028
Brazier	Deborah Jane	2027
+Chikaviro	Vivian	2028
Clark	Natalie Mary	2025
+Cook	Helen	2027
Da Silva Kaka	Adelha	2025
+Dolman	Joanne	2027
Gardner	Helen	2025
*Hyde	Alison (Ali)	2025
Laycock	Judith Grace	2025
Morris	Samantha Jane	2026
+Paterson	Katrina (Kate)	2027
+Topping	William (Bill)	2027
*Uwimana	Marcianne	2025

19. Candidates for Diaconal Ministry

19.1 To proceed immediately to pre-ordination training

Jane Brough
Jessica Dalton

Melissa Wheeler
Kathryn Williams

19.2 To proceed to pre-ordination training upon fulfilment of stated conditions

No case

19.3 Transfer of Candidates, Students or Probationer Deacons from other Churches

No case

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20. Deacons permitted to become Supernumeraries

Applications were made under Standing Order 790(1), except those marked * who applied on grounds of ill health under Standing Order 790(2).

20.1 Permission granted by the Conference

Sheila Dawson	(11)	Margaret E Patchett	(10)
Donna Ely	(27)	Kina Saunders	(15)
Janet Heys	(20)	* Robert Stoner	(6)
Linda R Kinchenton	(12)	Annie Trembling	(15)
Pamela Luxton	(10)	Sara M Windsor-Hides	(16)
Alison McCauley	(13)	Jennifer Woodfin	(19)
Jane Paine	(15)		

20.2 Permission granted by the President during the year

No case



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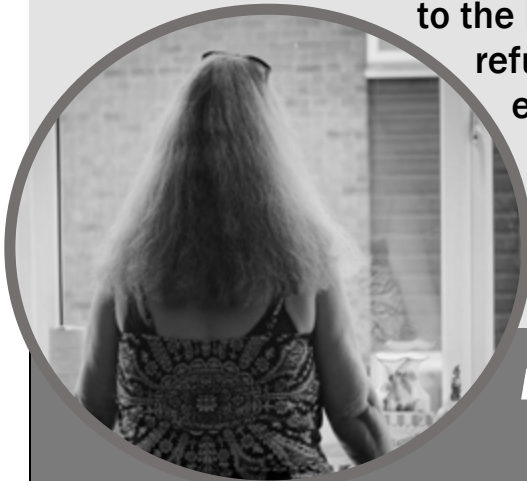
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A. Presbyters

Goh Peng Beh: Born in Ipoh, Malaysia, on 9 April 1951. Mr Beh dedicated his life to ministry, profoundly impacting communities across Malaysia, Taiwan, Canada, and the United Kingdom. With a Bachelor of Theology degree from Trinity Theological College, Singapore (1976), and further theological studies in Taiwan and Canada, he embarked on a journey of service that transcended borders. Starting his ministry in 1977 at Ipoh Methodist Church, Malaysia, Mr Beh's path led him to significant roles, including pastorships and academic positions, culminating in a cherished tenure in the Birmingham Circuit until his retirement in 2016. His ministry, characterised by a deep commitment to sharing God's love, left indelible marks on each congregation he served. From nurturing university students in Kajang to supporting Chinese immigrants in the UK, his efforts fostered communities of faith and kindness. Mr Beh was his parents' only surviving son. He married Annette (née Soo Ngo Wong) in 1976, and they had two children, Grace and Jonathan. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he instilled values of kindness, faith, and unity, enriching his family's life with the spirit of service. His teachings, emphasising the significance of faith in everyday acts, continued to resonate, inspiring those who knew him to live lives anchored in faith and community. Mr Beh's journey reflected a life devoted to service, education, and the spiritual guidance of countless individuals. He died on 13 December 2023, leaving behind a legacy defined by selfless service, dedication to faith, and a loving family. His life's work, enriched by the many lives he touched, continued to inspire a legacy of faithfulness and compassion. Remembered for his unwavering commitment to his calling and the profound impact of his ministry, he died in the seventy-third year of his age and the forty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

Margaret Mary Bethel: Born on 10 October 1929 in Coulsdon, Surrey, the eldest of six children of Jim and Mary Preston. Moving to Watford, Margaret attended Watford Girls' Grammar School. She went on to Southlands Teacher Training College before moving to Kenya in 1954 to work with the Methodist Missionary Society. Her passion for teaching led her in 1957 to Meru in Mombasa to work at the Kaaga Girls' School, the beginning of her lifelong commitment to education, training and religious studies, supported and assisted by her husband Stan. Margaret served at Meru teacher training college as head of the Religious Education Department for ten years, during which time she wrote five books, taught English and home economics, provided Christian training and local preacher training, and assisted as required, be that with examinations or catering. Margaret was involved in a venture with the Roman Catholic Church leading to a government-recognised certificate course. Margaret's service was marked by engagement with students, together with her great capacity for work. She was a very able organiser, travelling widely, always working with great dedication. Many schools in the remote rural areas of Kenya were very grateful for her persistence and determination to offer assistance and guidance. At the invitation of the Methodist Church in Kenya, Margaret was appointed as Religious Education Advisor to the Methodist Schools in

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Mombasa. The Methodist Church tested Margaret's call to ordained ministry when she and Stan were on furlough in the 1980s. Margaret was accepted as a candidate for presbyteral ministry and, having finished her studies in 1984, was ordained in Kenya where she had pastoral charge of Wesley Mombasa and a village church in Kongowea. Her commitment to education remained deeply significant to Margaret, as was her ministry of word and sacrament. Returning to the UK in 1997, Margaret served in the Eastbourne Circuit, becoming a supernumerary there and later in the Hastings, Bexhill and Rye Circuit, when she moved to the care of MHA Richmond and latterly to MHA Lauriston. Margaret died on 23 November 2023 in the ninety-fifth year of her age and the fortieth year of her presbyteral ministry.

David Blanchflower: Born in Salford on 17 August 1944. David was a 'cradle Methodist' as, from earliest days, his parents Annie and John took the family to the local Methodist church, and later Manchester Central Hall, where David was blessed to hear preachers including the Revd Lord Soper and Leslie Weatherhead. On leaving school at fifteen, David began working at a local scrap metal merchants, before moving to an insurance company. Evening classes took David through GCEs, and at the same time he studied to take local preachers' examinations. One formative influence on David was George McLeod, founder of the Iona Community. Under his guidance David was prompted to offer as a candidate for the Methodist ministry. A further blessing came on Iona in the shape of a young woman named Jenny. They met, fell in love and married in Derby in 1970. David was at the time studying at Wesley Theological College in Bristol (1969-72). Following college, David served in the following Circuits: Sheffield (North-East), Leeds (Richmond Hill), Frodsham, Birmingham (West) and Oldbury, Birmingham (Elmdon), and Belper. During his first appointment Jenny and David were blessed with two sons - Sean and Peter - and in his final appointment, grandchildren: Amelia, Samuel, Edward and Joseph. David's interests included writing liturgy, and anything historical. He was also an external examiner for Queen's Theological College, active in the hymn society, and spent time as chaplain to the diaconate. David and Jenny began to enjoy retirement and they joined the Belper U3A. The move to Cambridge was due to Jenny's increasing poor health. David was survived by his widow Jenny and two sons, Sean and Peter. He died peacefully at home on 12 November 2023 in the eightieth year of his age and the fifty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

John David Bland: Born on 11 December 1937 in Warrington into a Methodist family who attended Stockton Heath Methodist Church. He was a member of the choir and youth club and occasional organist. He became a local preacher before successfully candidating for the ministry and entering Hartley Victoria College, Manchester, in 1961, shortly after his marriage to Margaret. His first appointment was in Kirkcaldy in Fife in the Edinburgh (Nicolson Square) Circuit in 1965. He was ordained at the Middlesbrough Conference on 11 July 1967. The family moved to Tadcaster Circuit in 1970. Here John had six churches as well as being chaplain to a number of prisons and to the RAF station at Church Fenton. His enthusiasm and commitment to his work as padre led to him being asked to be minister at Wesley House, Gibraltar, and Free Church Chaplain to the Forces on The Rock, a post he took up in 1974. Owing to family illness, they had to return to the UK within twelve months and John went to Queens Hall Methodist Mission in the

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Derby (Derwent Mission) Circuit, where he remained until having to take early retirement due to ill health in 1979. As a young supernumerary his work continued in many voluntary and behind the scenes roles. He was a good listener as well as a skilled orator and preacher. Despite constant pain, he was not frustrated or bitter but found new outlets for his calling, and was at peace with the lot life had dealt him. He was passionate about prayer, and this gave him the peace, patience, and personal strength to continue to devote his life to ministry in other ways. His pastoral care for his congregation was outstanding, and he loved people. Many lives were deeply touched by his loving, gentle care and compassion, not least those of his wife Margaret, daughters Janet and Elaine and grandson Ben. He was awarded the MBE for services to the people of Derby in 2000. John died on 23 July 2023 in the eighty-sixth year of his age and the fifty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Richard Martin Broadbent: Born in Lightcliffe, West Yorkshire on 28 May 1939 and always known as Martin Broadbent. After attending Devizes Grammar School and winning a Rotary scholarship, Martin studied at the International House, Jacksonville University, Alabama. He was placed under police protection after hostile reaction by white supremacists to his visit to the black-led Methodist church in Jacksonville, but this visit also led to an invitation to meet Dr Martin Luther King. Martin then studied geography at Exeter University, after which he was accepted as a candidate for ministry and trained at Hartley Victoria College, Manchester. He served in the following Circuits: Bristol South, Paulton, Bath, Bristol (Clifton and Redland) (where he became the Superintendent), and Brighton and Hove (becoming the Superintendent within the first year). Martin's final ministerial appointment was as Chair of the London South West District, during which time he was installed as an Ecumenical Canon of Chichester Cathedral. Martin had met Teresa while at university and in 1963 they were married at Devizes Methodist Church. Their daughter Helen was born in 1967 and their son Chris in 1969. Martin's style of ministry was dynamic, proactive and positive. During his time as Chaplain to Bath University, Martin and Teresa's manse is remembered by students as a place of warm welcome and generous hospitality. On retiring as Chair of the London South West District Martin continued to serve as chair of the Westminster Central Hall redevelopment scheme. Martin's leadership, drive and know-how was pivotal in the success of the scheme and there was a strong sense that, without his leadership, the Central Hall would have closed. A room in the Hall is now named after him. He was also a Fellow of Southlands College and, when Southlands was incorporated into Roehampton University, he ensured that Methodism's presence and profile were well-represented. In retirement Martin took an active part in the life of Bath Abbey and regularly led services in the Abbey. He died on 19 June 2023, in the eighty-fifth year of his age and the fifty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Peter Brooks: Born in Hallatrow on 24 September 1938. Raised in a Methodist family, his faith was nurtured in churches at Paulton and Dorchester. He was educated at Sexey's School, Bruton and, after National Service in the Royal Air Force, at Exeter College, Oxford. He trained for the ministry at Wesley House, Cambridge. Wonderfully supported by his wife Betty throughout fifty-nine years of marriage, he served in the following Circuits: Romford, Tavistock, South Petherton and Crewkerne (at Ilminster),

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Nelson (Lancashire), Cardiff, Goole, Telford North, and Wellington (Somerset), and after retirement, in Leicester West and Leicester Trinity. He died on 6 October 2023 in the eighty-sixth year of his age, and the sixty-second year of his presbyteral ministry. At his own request there is no further obituary.

Vernon Thomas Bullock: Born in Great Wyrley, Staffordshire on 15 December 1933, he was a quiet, well-behaved child and rarely got told off. Encouraged by his mother and aunt he joined Wesley Methodist Church. This proved a strong influence, shaping his future career and calling to the ministry. At Wesley he met Dorothy. Living at opposite ends of the village, Vernon joked that he came from the ‘posh’ end. From Rugeley Grammar, he won a state scholarship to study geography at Liverpool University. Vernon trained for the ministry at Didsbury College, Bristol, gaining a first-class degree in theology, later obtaining an MA. Vernon’s first appointment was Whitehaven. He then moved to Stockton-on-Tees where, now married, his energy and enthusiasm finally made the dream of a new church building come true. His daughters Gill and Kathryn, whom he reminded were ‘Tesssiders’, were born there. The family moved to Durham and Deerness Valley where Vernon was a “sector minister”, working as Chaplain and Lecturer in Religious Studies, Neville’s Cross College, Durham. Moving to Bloxwich and Willenhall, then Cannock Chase, Vernon became Lecturer, then Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies at West Midlands College of Higher Education, Walsall. Returning to circuit life, he served in the Long Eaton and, finally, Nuneaton and Atherstone Circuits. Retirement took Vernon and Dorothy to Bingham in the Vale of Belvoir Circuit, where he continued to preach. A family man, Vernon loved to take his daughters for long Sunday afternoon walks, later chauffeuring them to the speedway. An avid reader, he would read them Finn Family Moomintroll, The Chronicles of Narnia, Mrs Pepper Pot and the Nonsense Rhymes of Edward Lear. He was immensely proud of his grandchildren, Rebecca and Daniel, taking a keen interest in their lives and achievements. Vernon was passionate about classical music, with an extensive collection of CDs, and Classic FM was always on in the background. Dorothy predeceased him earlier in 2023. Throughout his life he touched the lives of many through his ministry. Vernon died on 29 October 2023 in the ninetieth year of his age and the sixty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

Keith Burchell: Born on 13 October 1941. He trained as a mechanical engineer and worked fourteen years with the Central Electricity Generating Board. He married Glenda Mitchell in 1969 and they had two children, Catherine and Martin. After training at Hartley Victoria College, he served in the Coventry, Basingstoke, Burton-on-Trent, and Shildon Circuits, retiring to Derby in 2006 where he continued to be active as a supernumerary until a few days before he died. Keith served as District Property Secretary in two Districts, and District Manse Secretary in one. Following a short illness, he died in Derby on 6 September 2023, in the eighty-second year of his age and the forty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry. At his own request, there is no further obituary.

Jack Robert Burton: Born in Thorpe Hamlet, Norwich, on 17 October 1939, the eldest of ten siblings. Jack was husband to Molly, and father to Trevor, Linda and Jeanette. Jack’s unusual ministry path began with a very challenging appointment in the Glasgow (Paisley Road) Circuit, then Ely, and Norwich Circuits. Finding the constraints of his role

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difficult, he was eventually granted the status of a 'worker-presbyter', enabling him to earn his living as a bus driver whilst continuing his ministry, with a freedom to take the opportunities his new circumstances afforded. Fascinated with buses from a young age, Jack became a familiar figure in Norwich, both in the pulpit and the cab of his double-decker. Public transport was to Jack both a passion and a means to exercise his calling. He was a gifted author, having several books published including the local history of buses and trams, poetry, children's stories and a diary of a year in the life of a worker-priest. He was active in the life of the city, founding the Norwich Over the Water group, achieving protection for several notable buildings including St. Clement the Martyr Church. Jack leased the church in the mid-1970s, raising funds to keep it open for twenty-five years as a place for personal prayer and reflection. His Christmas Eve midnight services were highly popular as pub-goers filed in. Jack held a number of responsibilities over the years, including chaplain at the Norwich School of Art, branch chairman of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and later served on the board of Eastern Counties Bus Company. He was also very proud to serve as Sheriff of Norwich in 1988-9, forging a long friendship with then Lord Mayor, David Bradford, giving the address at his funeral in 2021 in one of Jack's last public appearances before illness severely hampered his activity. He was due to receive Maundy money from the Queen in 2020, but the ceremony at Windsor Castle was cancelled due to COVID. Jack died on 1 August 2023 in the eighty-fourth year of his age and the sixty-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

Norma Beryl Couldwell: Born in Bolton on 14 March 1934, she was the youngest of four children. Norma candidated and entered training for the Wesley Deaconess Order in 1955 and she was ordained in 1960. She served in the following Circuits: London Mission (Poplar & Bow), Newquay, Radcliffe, Bolton Mission (Victoria Hall), and Liverpool Mission (Central Hall), all the time gaining valuable experience and making life-long friendships. In September 1977 Norma resigned from the Wesley Deaconess Order and entered presbyteral ministry. She served as a presbyter in the Bolton, and the Leigh Circuits. During this time, she pioneered the role of an industrial chaplain with two engineering works in Bolton and Radcliffe. She had a life-long interest in ministry in hospitals, schools and with young adults. This included allowing skateboarders to use the massive car park and disabled access ramp of one church as a safe skating space. Norma vigorously combined her life-long faith with her natural abilities as a courageous connector with people, and an adept conversationalist. These were combined with her instincts for compassion, leadership and adventure. She was a fine example of someone who took Christianity to people. Norma knew that the ministry took its toll on her, and she needed rest as a regular discipline. So, travel and relaxation were a clear part of her life; heading off on holidays with friends became very important to her. When Norma "sat down", she moved back to the Bolton Circuit. She had a long and fulfilling ministry as a supernumerary in the Circuit. In later life Norma had a brief and mainly happy stay in Beechville, an MHA Care Home, in Bolton. Although diminished by dementia, some of her Christian caring instincts remained, namely a concern for her family and a gentle way of approaching people as she walked around the public areas of the home. Norma died on 28 June 2023 in the ninetieth year of her age and, after serving seventeen years as a deacon, in the forty-sixth year of her presbyteral ministry.

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Derek Hubert Alfred Davidson: Born 8 May 1930 in the Middlesex Hospital London, the only child of Winifred and Hubert. He attended Isleworth County Grammar School. Derek was confirmed in the Anglican Church, but it was the Boys Brigade that brought him into Heston Methodist Church where he became a local preacher, society steward, and trustee. He had trained to be an optician but left to join his father in his pharmacy in the City of London. He did his National Service in the RAF. Following a family move to Leigh-on-Sea, he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry. He was at Handsworth College 1963-66. He married Ann directly after leaving college and was ordained following their honeymoon. They had two sons, Paul Russell and Mark Kingsley. Derek served in the following Circuits, Oldbury, Barnet, Alderley Edge and Knutsford, Dorking and Horsham, and Guildford, then becoming an active supernumerary minister in the Romiley and Mid Derbyshire Circuits. Derek was a people person. Pastoral work and preaching were his priority. Drama, especially religious drama, was important to him for spreading the gospel. He was the longest serving Chair of the Methodist Drama Committee and a Vice-President of the Religious Drama Society of Great Britain. He directed and wrote for many groups including young people. He was the District Media Secretary and served on the Connexional Ministries Committee. He was a member of Spectrum and Probus and during retirement he and Ann hosted many times for the Methodist Holiday Hotels. A favourite verse, found among his papers was 'God, give me work till my life shall end, and life till my work is done.' Derek was a loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandad, and family man, greatly missed by his wife Ann and all his family. He died on 28 May 2023 (Pentecost Sunday) in the ninety-fourth year of his age and sixtieth year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Edward Davis: Born on 30 April 1942, Jed attended Wolverhampton Grammar School, before working as a trainee manager with the Central Electricity Generating Board. Jed's call to ordained ministry was partly inspired by the minister of his home church in Bilston, leading to a radical change in life. Jed trained for ministry at Handsworth College, attaining a Youth and Community Work Diploma which underpinned his deep involvement in community and justice-seeking work. Jed served in the following Circuits: Bolton, Cleethorpes, Denby Dale and Clayton West (serving in Penistone), Liverpool (North Central), London Mission (South), London Mission (Victoria and Chelsea), and Richmond and Hounslow. Jed was a gentle, pastoral and deeply committed minister and an active member of the Alliance of Radical Methodists. He worked tirelessly to encourage the Church to engage with issues such as the anti-apartheid movement, world poverty and Mission Alongside the Poor. Jed met and married Edwina whilst serving in Penistone. They had two sons and a daughter, James, Alex and Edward, who spent their childhood in Liverpool. In 1984 the family moved to south London, where Jed led the 'Work to School' project, assisting teenagers finding education and employment opportunities. Jed's next appointment included developing a night shelter in Chelsea for those who were homeless. He took quiet pride in ensuring no one needed to sleep rough on the Kings Road. Jed also played a committed role on the 'Forum of Faiths' group, seeking common ground between people of different faiths. Jed's lack of hubris and ego were central to his ability to connect with a wide range of people. His compassionate desire to listen built trust and enabled positive outcomes in many projects. He was uncompromising in his desire for social justice and inclusion. Jed sat down in 2010, moving close to daughter Alex and children, and then onto Kingsbridge

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in Devon. Edwina, James and Emma, Alex and Yiuwin, Edward and Maddy, grandchildren Tobias, Henry, Matilda, Rufus, Jacob and Rosa, and brother Stephen and sister Margaret all survived him. He died on 13 October 2023 in the eighty-second year of his age and the fifty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

Douglas Allan Dennis: Born on 21 February 1927 in East Ham, London, moving to Ilford in 1928, where his family became founder members of Gants Hill Methodist Church. In 1942, at the age of fifteen, he left school to gain an apprenticeship in engineering. Dougie, as he liked to be known, became a local preacher in 1944 under the influence of the Revd Fred Pratt Green. He was exempted from military service until 1946 when he was de-reserved, and he spent two years in the RAF as an engine fitter. After acceptance as a candidate for the Methodist ministry in 1948, he had a year as a pre-collegiate probationer in the New Forest Mission Circuit, followed by three years at Richmond College, then by two years in the Brighton and Hove Circuit before his ordination. In 1954 he was accepted as a member of the Royal Army Chaplains Department and served worldwide, in Egypt, Libya, UK, Malaysia and Germany. He was deployed on operations to Bahrain, Thailand, Northern Ireland and Cyprus. He reached the rank of Chaplain to the Forces First Class (with the rank of Brigadier). At the end of his army career he was Deputy Chaplain General and he received the CBE. He was appointed Queens Honorary Chaplain (QHC) in June 1981. Later in 1981 he served in Gibraltar, running the service men and women's centre for eight years. Dougie's final appointment was in the Romford Circuit for three years. In 1992 Douglas retired to Melton Mowbray along with his wife Anne, where they both became active members of the local Methodist church and community. Anne sadly died in 2014. Dougie was also an officiating Chaplain to various ex-military and local organisations in his retirement. He was a gifted communicator in radio and television, someone who loved people and had a natural way with children. He was actively preaching for seventy years. Dougie Dennis died on 30 June 2023 in the ninety-seventh year of his age and in the seventy-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

Harry Alan Dodd: Born on 6 December 1926 in the Moss Side area of Manchester. He began his working life at the Post Office, and in 1945 was conscripted into the army. Soon after World War II he was posted to Egypt where he befriended German prisoners of war, and invited them to the church where he worshipped. When Harry candidated for the ministry, as he was already married and considered old (aged twenty-six!), special permission had to be granted. He trained at Hartley Victoria College. He served in the following Circuits: Manchester (Gravel Lane), Cadishead, Bedford (South) and Ampthill, Teddington, Brighton and Hove, and Glossop, where he was superintendent. Throughout his life Harry demonstrated a strong passion for social justice through word and action. He was a man of strong convictions, an independent thinker who followed his conscience. During his ministry he supported the vulnerable and worked tirelessly for their cause. His dedication to pastoral care was widely appreciated and he was renowned for his challenging and relevant preaching. Harry was a keen cyclist, and was regularly seen riding his bike around his Circuits. His home was an open house and he practised generous hospitality. Harry's first wife Joan died at an early age, leaving him with two young children. Later Harry married Pat and they had a son. On retirement Harry remained in the Glossop Circuit where he continued to be active as a supernumerary

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minister. He was fondly remembered for his fine sense of humour and his devoted care and love for his close family. His health deteriorated in his last years, and he was cared for at home, where he died peacefully on 16 July 2023 in the ninety-seventh year of his age and the sixty-sixth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Stephen Richard Donoghue: Born in Windsor on 18 February 1947. He first served in the Redcar, Saltburn and Guisborough Circuit and the Wolverhampton (Trinity) Circuit. After a break of some years from circuit ministry, following reinstatement, he served in the Wolverhampton (Darlington Street), and the Witney and Faringdon Circuits until sitting down in 2014. Richard originally became a Methodist presbyter in 1979 and always worked with a church but was also involved in ground-breaking work within further education. Whilst working with Bilston Community College between 1985 and 2000, he set up a new project to assist adult unemployed people into work through the Honeycomb project, a course offering life skills. He also worked with younger unemployed people recruiting teams for companies like McDonalds and Boots. He was involved in setting up a college company to enable the college to operate outside of the education system. In the 1990s he had the opportunity to become involved in the setting up of a college in Moscow, leading to interesting relationships with the Russian mafia! For a time, Richard also held a senior post in the YMCA. Some of Richard's most important work was in bringing churches together, offering healing in difficult situations and enabling growth. He supported the creation of an LEP in Wolverhampton, and enabled healing in churches in Bloxwich and Witney. Richard was married to Valerie for thirty-eight years, and they had three children: Rachel, Samuel and Miriam, and three grandchildren. Family was always very important to Richard and he was determined to see and hold the youngest grandchild, Gracie, born six weeks before his death. Richard was infected with Hepatitis C in the 1970s and this contributed to his eventual diagnosis of liver cancer. For five years he was proud to have the opportunity to conduct an annual service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for people with genetic bleeding disorders who have died due to treatment with contaminated blood products. Richard died on 11 May 2023 in the seventy-seventh year of his age and the thirty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

Donald McNaughton Eadie: Born 17 February 1939 to a single parent who gave him the name Peter Roger. However, he was adopted by Dorothy and William Eadie and named Donald McNaughton. They were living in Bradford, and Donald was always proud of his Yorkshire background. A year later he got a brother John, also adopted. Donald attended two Methodist schools, Prior's Court and Kingswood. On hearing that he wanted to be a Methodist minister, his headmaster said that he should go and work "where people sweat and swear", so he worked in a wool factory in Bradford for two years. In 1960 he went to a European ecumenical youth conference in Lausanne. He was an active member of the group and met the Swedish lady whom he later married. In the same year Donald went to Didsbury College, Bristol, and then William Temple College, an ecumenical establishment. He married Kerstin in Sweden. Donald's first appointment was at The Luton Industrial Mission, where he worked as assistant minister to the Revd William Gowland. Congregational work was combined with a variety of conferences. His and Kerstin's children were born during that period. This was followed by more

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traditional circuit work, in the Watford Circuit, and then ecumenical group ministry in London Mission (Notting Hill), where Norwyn Denny was his superintendent, Donald taking over that role later. In 1982 he was appointed Tutor in Pastoral Theology at Wesley College, Bristol, followed by his last move, to Birmingham, as Chair of District. He thrived on the many different encounters in urban as well as rural areas, but his back began to suffer. After nine years he had to be invalided out, having had three major back operations. During the following years he wrote two books, *Grain in Winter*, followed by *Into the Foothills of Transformation*. He also participated in the writing of *Dear God, I'm Gay.....* In retirement he continued his listening ministry from his special chair, and there were many regular visitors to his home. He died on 10 June 2023 in the eighty-fifth year of his age and the sixtieth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Roy Sidney Everitt: Born in Feltham, Middlesex, on 26 January 1929. After leaving school, Roy was called up for National Service, and was stationed with the RAF, as a Telecommunications Technician. He was always proud of his service. Later he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry in 1951. Roy served in the Long Eaton Circuit as a pre-collegiate probationer. He entered Handsworth College, in Birmingham in 1952. From 1954 he served in the following Circuits: South Petherton and Crewkerne, Portland, Sherborne, Devon and Dorset Mission, Christchurch and Lymington, Falmouth, and West Wight, on the Isle of Wight. He asked permission to sit down in 1990 and moved to Huish Episcopi, situated in Somerset, within the first Circuit in which he had served. Roy had a real love for classical music, trains, and trainspotting, and making model aircraft. However, his greatest love was his wife Daphne, who faithfully and loyally supported him throughout his ministry. He was always close to her family who lived around Kingsbury Episcopi and spent much of his life nearby. Roy lovingly cared for Daphne in the latter years of her life as she struggled with dementia. Roy was a caring, gentle, and spiritual man and a supportive colleague to many. He died on 9 December 2023 in the ninety-fifth year of his age and the seventieth year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Farrimond: Born in Birkenhead on 7 January 1932 and baptised at Grange Road Primitive Methodist Church. John was a fourth generation Methodist; his great-grandfather, Henry Farrimond, was a lay preacher near Wigan. John was the youngest child of Robert and Emma Farrimond, with two older sisters, Ruth and Joan. Robert ran a garage and played the church organ throughout his life, inspiring a lifelong love of classical music in John. While at Rock Ferry High School, John first felt the call to Methodist ministry, and so got involved in visiting various churches in Birkenhead. At one of these he met Kath Trace. After leaving school they both studied in Liverpool and John was very involved in the Christian Union, and was a member of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship executive committee. John trained for ministry at Hartley Victoria College in Manchester, after which, in 1956, he became a probationer minister. That same year, the Methodist Conference changed the rules and allowed probationers to marry. So on the 21 July 1956 John and Kath were married, at Palm Grove Church, two years earlier than they had anticipated, and went to his first appointment, in Glasgow. John served in the following Circuits: Glasgow (Cathcart Road and Pollockshaws), Keswick and Cockermouth, Nantwich, Rhyl and Prestatyn, Whitchurch, and Colwyn Bay and Llandudno. John's preaching was particularly appreciated. He always acknowledged

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the debt his ministry owed to Kath, and he always fully supported Kath in her ministry, as a local preacher, Sunday school teacher trainer, and as a physiotherapist. He was immensely proud when she received an MBE for her work with stroke patients. They had three children, Janet, Sue and Ken, seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. After retiring in 1994, John and Kath ran their home as a centre for prayer, retreats and various training courses. John was a keen motorcyclist and was particularly pleased to host Fellowship of Christian Motorcyclist events. In 2004 they moved to Market Drayton and eventually to Muxton in Telford, where they found a home at Newport Church. John died on 23 January 2024 in the ninety-third year of his age and the seventieth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Geoffrey Norman Kay Gee: Born in Levenshulme, Manchester on 24 October 1929. His early days in Manchester led to his lifelong support of Lancashire County Cricket Club and Manchester United Football Club. During the War he was evacuated to Poynton in Cheshire, and then, after National Service, took a job at the Midland Bank. The call to ministry came, and after training he served in the following Circuits: Ripley, Castle Donnington, Birmingham (Smethwick), Liverpool (North), Blackpool (South), Scunthorpe, and Liverpool (North) again. In his final two appointments he was superintendent. After forty years of active ministry he retired to the Lytham St Annes Circuit, settling at The Drive Methodist Church where he was a fixture at the early morning service of Holy Communion. He had a long and happy marriage to Joan whom he met in church. They had two daughters, Helen and Claire, and later grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom he delighted to play a part in looking after, especially with school runs. He was always very keen that meetings should be held at church in order to keep the manse as a home for his family. He was an active member of Rotary in Blackpool and Scunthorpe, and more recently Probus in St Anne's, where he also enjoyed hikes across the Fylde until he was ninety. He played badminton at the YMCA and would cycle for an early swim on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. He walked to the paper shop every morning for the Guardian newspaper, never missing, come rain or shine. He also enjoyed many holidays with the wider family to the Lake District, Center Parcs, Disneyland Paris and Menorca. Whilst frustrated by the limitations of age and deteriorating health, he never lost his friendly smile, his willingness to chat and take an interest in those around him and his deep and personal faith. He died on 2 September 2023 in the ninety-fourth year of his age and the seventieth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Robert Drummond Gillespie: Born in Drogheda, Ireland, on 7 October 1943. Drummond was the son of Mrs Margaretta Gillespie and the Revd Robert Calwell Gillespie, and the brother of Astrid. In 1948 the family left the sand dunes of Mornington for the smog of Sheffield to serve at St James' Presbyterian Church where the ministry was characterised by the welcoming of the 'Windrush' immigrants, and where the family remained until 1969. While a pupil at King Edward VII school, Norman Barnes MBE was the head of music, and Drummond learnt to play the organ, piano, cello and guitar. This musicianship led him to become a secondary school music teacher, following a brief period in hospital administration, where his knowledge of statistics served him well. In 1971, Drummond met his wife Yvonne at St James' Church, and they had two daughters: Olivia and Pascale. During these years, Drummond felt called to the ministry,

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and it was in 1978 that the family moved to Westminster College, Cambridge, where their son, James, was born. Drummond was taught by Buick Knox and Walter Houston, both of whom became life-long friends. In 1981, Drummond was ordained as a URC minister, serving in South Ockenden and Aveley, Great Wakering and Southchurch Park, and Dunstable. In 1996 Drummond transferred to the Methodist Church and served in Exmouth and Budleigh Salterton, Grimsby and Cleethorpes, and Ashby and Coalville Circuits. Drummond and Yvonne retired to Sheffield where Drummond remained active, continuing to play the organ for several churches, something he had started to do aged seventeen. He was a keen member of the Organists' Association and kept up his life-long interests: music, trains and photography. He was devoted to his five grandchildren: Marie, Alice, Daniel, Samuel and Emilia. Gentle, gracious and unassuming, he was a kind, warm, caring, enthusiastic man who found joy in everything; a generous encourager; a deep person with a light touch who had the courage of his convictions and always believed in "welcoming the stranger". He died peacefully in hospital on 20 April 2024 in the eighty-first year of his age and the forty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Goatley: Born in Saltash, Cornwall, on 3 June 1929, he was educated at the Royal Merchant Navy School and at Plymouth College, then a degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Glasgow. Following a short career in the steel industry in Sheffield where he met Margaret, he entered the ministry in 1955 and after training at Richmond College, offered for overseas work and was sent to Sierra Leone. There, he and Margaret spent ten years in pastoral and education work in the Eastern Province, serving in the Kailahun Circuit of the Sierra Leone District, and then the independent Sierra Leone Conference. Their three children, Michael, Mary and Helen, grew up in Sierra Leone. On returning to England he served in the Exmouth and Budleigh Salterton, Aldershot, Farnborough and Camberley, Diss, and South Wirral Circuits, retiring to Budleigh Salterton in 1994 and finally to Godalming in 2013. Throughout his ministry, John greatly enjoyed all aspects of circuit work, even committees and administration, but he particularly loved pastoral work and visiting. In all of this he was wonderfully supported by Margaret. John continued to take a lively interest in World Church affairs and Christian Aid, and in retirement joined in all aspects of church life, continuing to preach until 2019. Family life was always given high priority and he delighted in his six grandchildren. Among his many interests were reading, singing (tenor) in church and community choirs, classical music, ballet and walking, particularly on Dartmoor and in his native Cornwall. He kept bees for many years and honey appeared regularly on church stalls. He said beekeeping gave him insight into community behaviour. John's laugh and smile and sense of humour endeared him to all and often helped lighten tricky situations. He died on 28 July 2023 in the ninety-fifth year of his age and the sixty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Margaret Winifred Graham: Born on 27 February 1937. Raised in Ballyclare, County Antrim, Northern Ireland, her parents were Patrick John Graham and Margaret Graham. She had one brother, Thomas. Margaret worked as an office junior for eighteen months before joining the Civil Service in Belfast and then Stormont as a Clerical Assistant for five years before she candidated for the Wesley Deaconess Order in 1960, attending College in Ilkley until 1962. As a deaconess she served in Sheffield South – Surrey Street, Brighton (Dome Mission), and Belfast North Mission Circuits, in a Home Mission

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Caravan in Devon and the Rugby areas, and then the Clay Cross, Preston Leyland, and Edinburgh Mission Circuits. She was ordained to the presbyteral ministry in 1988. As a presbyter she served in Denby Dale and Clayton West, and Doncaster Circuits. During her first appointment in Sheffield South Margaret travelled around to her services and meetings on a Lambretta scooter, which caused a stir with some people. Margaret was a great dog lover. She introduced people to Irish ceildh dancing, her brother being an Irish dance champion. She enjoyed travel, particularly to Germany. She shared in several church weekends in Scarborough and Whitby, and in pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Oberammergau. Family stayed in Edinburgh visiting the Castle, Princes Street Gardens and the cafes during Festival times. During her ministry Margaret worked with young people, for example forming a circuit youth group in her first appointment, creating the Sheffield South Pacemakers, and serving in the North Belfast Mission holiday home in Portrush where children were taken from the troubled areas of Belfast for a break. She was an excellent pastor, a wonderful listener, a powerful preacher and a person who really lived her faith tangibly. It was remarked that 'She lived her life through Christ!' Margaret died on 1 October 2023, in the eighty-seventh year of her age and, having served twenty-two years as a deacon, in the thirty-seventh year of her presbyteral ministry.

David John Griffiths: Born on 13 March 1940 at Ruabon in Wales, just over the border from Oswestry where he spent some of his early childhood. The family moved around in his formative years according to his father's work, including Knutsford and Northwich. David came to faith in his teenage years, making a commitment which was to shape and direct the rest of his life. Upon leaving full-time education, David worked briefly in retail, before going to Cliff College in 1961. During his year there he went to Blackpool where he met Sylvia who was to become his partner for life. David entered ministerial training at Handsworth College, Birmingham in 1963, and he and Sylvia married in 1967. In September 1967 the newlyweds entered Kingsmead College, Birmingham for missionary training, where they stayed for one term before setting off, in January 1968, for Sierra Leone. They served as mission partners there for ten years, in several Circuits. During these years their two boys were born, Chris in 1971 and Philip in 1974. Returning to England in 1978, David served in Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Rochdale, Preston, Garstang, and Sheffield (Brunswick) Circuits. He was particularly glad to have been involved in the development of a homeless shelter while in Preston. David sat down in 2002 on medical grounds and moved to Chesterfield. Throughout his life and ministry David maintained a strong commitment to the evangelical Gospel and shared in the Methodist Revival Fellowship, Headway and Methodist Evangelicals Together, as well as engaging with Easter People. He was able to hold to his evangelical convictions and, at the same time, build bridges to people who thought differently. He was a prayerful and sensitive pastor with a great gift of encouragement and spiritual discernment, demonstrated by an ability to get alongside people, often when he was most needed. David's health declined in his later years, and he faced a number of challenges with great patience and grace, maintaining a passion for sharing in the mission of God to his last days. David died on 24 April 2023, in the eighty-fourth year of his age and the fifty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

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Cesar Anibal Guidi: Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 28 May 1944, and spent the first twenty-three years of his life there. After completing secondary education, Cesar entered the Faculty of Theology in Buenos Aires. From there he decided to become a volunteer for the World Council of Churches and was sent to Sicily for a year where he worked in a children's home in Palermo. It was with the 'Italian Team' and their regular retreats that he met Gill. In 1970 Cesar and Gill were married in Gill's home town of Harrow, and began their life together. The next year they were able to make their way to Argentina by ship, taking as many belongings as they were allowed. Cesar's first ministerial appointment was in Patagonia where he worked amongst the Welsh community. He was then moved a thousand miles north to minister to a small church community near the River de la Plata. When their first son Pablo was born the new family decided to travel back to England to visit Gill's relatives. It was about this time that the military government was in power in Argentina and things were very unsettled. Cesar decided to stay in England and spent several years working in non-church jobs. Their second son Robert was born in 1975. In 1982 Cesar applied to Wesley College to complete his ministerial training. He served in the following Circuits: Bristol (Frome Valley), Oxford, Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes, and Watford. He retired to Amersham but eventually moved with Gill to Ormskirk to live near their oldest son, Pablo. In his retirement amongst his hobbies he enjoyed singing with the local community choir, cooking and running the local U3A Philosophy Group. He was much missed by family in the UK and in Argentina with whom he kept close contact. An Argentinian hymn was sung at his funeral: "Heaven is singing for joy Hallelujah, for in your life and mine is shining the love of our God". Cesar died on 27 February 2024 in the eightieth year of his age and the forty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Barrie Hirst: Born in Great Harwood, Accrington, on 8 January 1933 to Clifford and Mary, elder brother to Roger. The influence of Methodist parents and with encouragement from grandfather, as a teenager Barrie, as he was better known (or JB to some), began local preacher training. From education at Clitheroe Grammar School Barrie was called to National Service. On reporting for duty, Barrie's prayer that his infantry posting be changed was answered, serving with 16 Field Ambulance in Kuala Lumpur, where, during the Malayan Emergency, Christian Fellowship enriched his faith. Back home, while working for Refuge Assurance, Barrie completed his LP training in 1954 before candidating from his home Harwood Circuit, trained at Handsworth, Birmingham, and served his probation at Stamford. There he met Phyliss and they married on 28 May 1960. Married sixty-two years, the family was completed with Timothy, Matthew, and Simon. During forty-one years of active ministry Barrie served eight Circuits: Stamford, New Mills, Stour Valley, Weymouth, Portsmouth and Southsea, Grassington, Market Harborough, and Retford, being superintendent in the last three. Though preferring rural ministry, Barrie also had a passion for chaplaincy; serving as Other Denominations chaplain for the Royal Signals at Blandford Camp, Prison Chaplains at The Verne, in Portland, Kingston in Portsmouth, Gartree (Market Harborough) and Ranby (Retford), and Hospitals at Weymouth and Grassington. Throughout his ministry Barrie supported ToCH, Christian Aid, Alcoholics Anonymous and served with the Samaritans and the Free Church Council. In 1998 Barrie 'sat down', moved to Ruskington in the Sleaford Circuit, giving him more time for collecting match boxes, pottery and in

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gardening where he found a great source of peace in God's presence. Upon developing eyesight problems Barrie joined the Macular Society, yet continued his circuit preaching, pastoral care and prayer ministry, together with his wonderfully entertaining dialectic storytelling, for another twenty-five years. Barrie then exercised ministry at the Cloverleaf Care Home, Lincoln, where he died on 7 January 2024 in the ninety-first year of his age and the sixty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

Keith Angus Horton: Born in London, on 8 June 1932, the second child of William and Flora Horton. Keith grew up in Tottenham and Palmers Green, where the family attended Bowes Park Methodist Church, and for Keith and his brother Bill this meant an enjoyable social life as well as spiritual growth. On leaving school in 1950, Keith went to Nottingham University where he received his first degree, in horticulture. He then carried out National Service in Colchester before preparing for missionary work at Selly Oak in Birmingham in 1955. He also had a term studying at the School of Oriental Studies in London. In 1956, Keith went to Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. His first job was as a tutor in agriculture and horticulture at Waddilove and whilst teaching, he also trained local people as local preachers. After five years in this appointment, Keith returned to the UK and trained for the Methodist ministry at Handsworth College, obtaining his second degree, this time in theology. After Handsworth, Keith served for a year in the Wirksworth Circuit in Derbyshire before returning to Rhodesia in 1966. For the next thirty years Keith served in Moleli, Harare, Epworth, Marondera, Harare again and, finally, Gweru. Keith was highly thought of by both African and British colleagues and by the then Methodist Church Overseas Division. In the midst of a changing political situation Keith was committed to pastoral work, the involvement of lay people, church growth, and the high principles and standards by which he lived. Missionaries were encouraged to end their active ministry in a home appointment, therefore Keith was posted to the Douglas and Peel Circuit in 1992. In 1997, Keith retired to Sudbury in Suffolk where he continued to preach and was actively involved with Christian Aid and Amnesty International. He also continued to enjoy teaching and study. Keith remained single all his life. He had a wide network of friends and enjoyed the company of his nieces and nephew. Keith died on 23 June 2023 in the ninety-second year of his age and the sixty-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

James Housman Hunkin: Born on 17 November 1937. He trained at Headingley College, Leeds, and served in the following Circuits: Lowestoft, Stoke-on-Trent, Truro, Redruth, Camborne, and Falmouth. He sat down in 2006. James died on 20 August 2023 in the eighty-sixth year of his age and the fifty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry. At his own request there is no further obituary.

Derek Illsley: Born in Preston, Lancashire, on 9 February 1931. He lived in Clitheroe, Lancashire until he was nine when his family moved to Blackpool. He attended school there until he was called up for National Service in the RAF. He became a qualified armourer and it was during this time he felt a calling to preach in the Methodist Church. After he left the RAF at the age of twenty he began training for the ministry and spent four years at Hartley Victoria College in Manchester. Meanwhile his friendship with Irene, who he had met at Sunday school, deepened, and they were engaged on Irene's twenty-first

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birthday. They married in June 1957 and had four children, Heather, Kathryn, David and Suzanne. Derek served in the following Circuits: Wath and Mexborough, Barnoldswick, Darwen, and one feature of his ministry was building and opening new churches. Derek then trained for sector ministry as a further education lecturer and college counsellor at Horwich College and was stationed in Chorley Circuit, while continuing to work as a voluntary assistant minister for the next twenty-five years. Derek then served in the Kendal Circuit, before sitting down in 1996 when Irene and Derek moved to Arnside, Cumbria. While here Derek spent much of his time gardening and enjoying being with his grandchildren. They enjoyed their involvement with Arnside Methodist Church and formed many friendships there. In February 2024 Derek and Irene moved to live with their son in Marchwood, Hampshire. Derek was greatly loved by all of his family and friends. Derek died on 22 February 2024, in the ninety-fourth year of his age and the sixty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Keith Jump: Born in Bury on 26 January 1951, he was the youngest of three children. On leaving school at eighteen, Keith worked for the Midland Bank before leaving in 1972 to go to Padgate College to study French and German so he could teach modern languages in high schools. Friends from that time encouraged him to attend the local Methodist church and he became a member of the Christian Union. In 1976 Keith qualified as a teacher and he taught for many years, although he did take a break to study at Cliff College. He felt a calling to the Methodist ministry, and eventually he was accepted for training for presbyteral ministry at Hartley Victoria College. His first appointment was to the Accrington and Haslingden Circuit. This was followed by service in the South Ribble, North West Durham, and Doncaster Circuits, before sitting down and moving to Bolton to be nearer his family in 2015. As a ministerial colleague Keith was remembered with great fondness. He was a caring and supportive person, with a wonderful sense of humour even if it was quirky, irreverent, dry and wicked. He is equally remembered with great affection by members of the many congregations he cared for as a kind, genuine, gentle man who was an encourager and deeply pastoral in his support to many people, giving sound advice when it was asked for. At the same time Keith was a very private person and was happy with his own company, although he was not a recluse and he enjoyed the company of many friends and in particular his extended family who were very important to him. Keith will be remembered as a warm friendly person, who stood up for what he believed in. He was a great ambassador for Christ and his deep personal faith was evident to all. Keith died on 30 April 2023, in the seventy-third year of his age and the twenty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Alfred Lawson: Born in Pipers Ash, Chester, on 11 March 1927. Alf left school at fourteen to work in a smart restaurant in Chester. He was called up at the end of the War and served in the Army Catering Corps in Egypt. He was devoted to Pauline Mary, whom he married in 1957, their five children, Kath, Rosie, Meg, John, and Simon, twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He wrote a poem for every family member on their birthday in his beautiful script lettering, was a lifelong whistler, and a collector of Wesleyana. After National Service, Alf studied at Cliff College, going 'on trek', pulling a cart from church to church preaching. He was a regular visitor to Derwent Week and sometime speaker there. He completed ministerial training at Richmond College and

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served in the following Circuits: Agbani Circuit (Eastern Nigeria District), Elland, Hull Mission, Hillingdon, Rotherham, and Durham Coast and Peterlee. Whilst in Nigeria, Alf was pleased to play concertina for Billy Graham at a rally, and helped set up many schools. After leaving Nigeria in 1961, a school was established bearing Alf and Mary's name. Inclusive and forward-looking, Alf enjoyed a varied ministry. Always ready to meet new people where they were with the commitment 'if you won't come to me, I'll come to you.' Whether selling 'Challenge' evangelical newspapers around the pubs in Hayes and Rotherham or as chaplain to the miners in Peterlee, his outlook was always ecumenical and warmly welcoming. He retired in 1992 to Chichester and Bognor Regis Circuit but had pastoral care of the church in Selsey until 1997, only stepping down from the preaching plan at the age of ninety. An inspiration to many, Alf lived what he preached, with an inner light which was infectious. Generous and kind, he spent his life preaching a message of love, quoting hymns, especially Wesleyan ones, and was sincerely committed to fulfil the aspiration, 'my every sacred moment spend in publishing the sinner's friend'. He died on 4 September 2023 in the ninety-seventh year of his age and the seventy-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

David Wilfred Le Poidevin: Born in Bristol on 17 October 1940 in war time, his family having left Guernsey shortly before. From Bristol they moved to North Wales, eventually returning to Guernsey in 1945. David's family were Methodists, and it was in that environment that David felt the call to ministry when he was just seven years old. He attended Didsbury College in Bristol, where he met Marion who was studying at Bristol University. They were married in 1966, and had three children together, Anne, Stephen, and Christine. Family was central for David, and he would always ensure that he was around for his children. They have very fond memories of times spent with their dad. Throughout his life, he would be at his happiest when the whole family came together. David spent forty years in active ministry, serving in Bridgend, Risca and Cross Keys, Reading, West Somerset, Ashford (Kent), Portsmouth, and the Poole and Swanage Circuits. In ministry, Word, Sacrament and Care were important to him. His preaching was sincere, thought provoking and challenging. He always had many helpful stories to share from the wealth of ministry experience acquired, and a dry sense of humour. He was a man of his word, who was never afraid to speak his mind. Whilst serving in Eastney he encouraged the church to embark on a redevelopment project, and it was a great cause of celebration when he returned to mark its completion. His pastoral ministry was exemplary. He always sought to build relationships with people, so that when someone had a need, he was there: to listen, help in whatever way he could, and to pray. David's ministry extended beyond the church doors to the community around, seeking always to work with and encourage fellow Christians. Since retirement he served as a chaplain at MHA Maidment Court and took on advocacy work in the community as an 'appropriate adult', whilst continuing to lead worship. He died on 15 May 2023 in the eighty-third year of his age and the fifty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

David J S Lee: Born on 15 June 1935, David trained at Hartley Victoria College. Initially, after leaving college in 1960, he had permission to study in Germany, before serving in the following Circuits: Pontefract, and Morecambe and Heysham. He then returned to Germany for the rest of his active ministry before sitting down in 2000. David Lee died on 8 August 2023 in the eighty-eighth year of his age and the sixty-sixth year of his presbyteral ministry.

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Kenneth Mankin: Born in Jarrow on 22 July 1939, Kenneth trained at Hartley Victoria College in Manchester. He served in the following Circuits: Portsmouth and Southsea, Sunderland (South), Fleetwood, London (Finsbury Park and Southgate), London (Harrow), Louth, Stanley, and Sunderland (North), before moving in retirement to Newton Hall, Durham. He died suddenly on 15 October 2023 in the eighty-fourth year of his age and the fifty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry. At the family's request there is no further obituary.

Robert Arthur Marsh: Born in Wilsden near Bradford on 4 September 1933. He grew up in a Christian family who regularly attended Wilsden Methodist Chapel. He was a fully-accredited local preacher by the time he went to Leicester University in the early 1950s. There he was an active member of the Christian Union, where he met his future wife, Margaret. Following Bob's completion of training for Methodist ministry at Headingley College, he and Margaret got married in July 1958 and offered themselves to serve as missionaries and were sent to India, where Bob served in the Church of South India for twenty-seven years. He moved to minister in the Methodist Waldensian Church in Italy between 1985 and 1993, before returning to the UK, serving in the Leeds (North-East) Circuit until he sat down in 1998. In retirement, when Bob returned to live in Bradford, he reflected in one of his sermons that whilst his experience in India created a concern for the poor and economic development, and his time in Rome made him an internationalist with a global concern for politics and justice, when he returned to ministry in the UK he found his enthusiasm blunted by a Church which he felt was "hiding within walls". Bob was not a man who sat on the fence. He had a clear set of values and ideals that governed how he lived his life. He had a passion for literature, something which he shared with Margaret, and read a wide selection of books on radical politics. Bob had charisma and used this to connect with people in the various congregations for which he had responsibility. His friendships were wide and varied, including people of different faiths and none. His evangelistic appeal to others was to find a friendship with God. Sadly Margaret died in 2020, but his four children, Elizabeth, Katharine, David, and Eric survived him. Bob died on 27 May 2023 in the ninetieth year of his age and the sixty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Ian Mason: Born in Tottington, Lancashire on 20 November 1937. Ian attended Stand Grammar School in Whitefield. During a Tell Bury evangelistic campaign he felt his heart 'strangely warmed' and the call to become a local preacher. Returning to Bury after National Service, he was fully accredited but felt the call to ordained ministry. After training at Headingley College, he served in the following Circuits: Northallerton, Sleaford, Batley, Edinburgh and Forth, Kendal, and Stafford, sitting down in 2003. However, he returned to the active work in 2005, serving in the Leicester (North) Circuit. Becoming supernumerary again in 2010, Ian continued to offer his ministry, in the Nottingham (Trent Valley), Grantham and Vale of Belvoir, and Kendal Circuits. Ian married Irene in 1961 and they had three children, Robert, Sue and David, whose partners became part of their close-knit family. Ian was delighted to become a grandfather to Ben and Sarah and then in 2022 a great-grandfather to Isla Bea. In some ways, Ian was an early pioneer minister, offering his skills outside the Church by teaching for seven years in Sleaford, becoming year head with pastoral responsibilities. In 1980, Ian felt a strong call to return

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to his church ministry, having gained insights which enhanced his future ministry. He was reinstated as a Methodist presbyter and stationed to Batley. Ian not only believed and preached the Methodist Covenant prayer: he lived it, accepting the challenges of “Your will, not mine, be done in all things, wherever you may place me.” At his thanksgiving service, Paul’s words in 2 Corinthians 1:4 summed up his ministry: “God comforts us in all our trouble, so we can comfort people in every kind of trouble, through the comfort with which God comforts us.” Most ministers have strengths but it seemed Ian had them all: preacher, pastor, mediator, leader, yet with a humility and sense of humour. He was a man of God who touched lives and influenced, shaped and grew many congregations. Ian died on 24 October 2023 in the eighty-sixth year of his age and the fifty-fourth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Robert Brian Mavers: Born in Liverpool on 17 March 1938. Brian served in the following Circuits: Ripley, Ilkeston, Nottingham (East), Runcorn, Tadcaster, and Isles of Scilly. He died on 29 June 2023 in the eighty-sixth year of his age and the sixtieth year of his presbyteral ministry. At his own request there is no further obituary.

John Brian McCarthy: Born near Wrexham on 31 July 1936. Moving to Pontefract, he became involved in the local Methodist Church, Micklegate. John started training as a local preacher while still in the Sixth Form and whilst at Hull University changed direction and went on to candidate for the Methodist ministry. John’s National Service, as a conscientious objector, was fulfilled at a local hospital, gaining nursing experience and counselling skills. He trained at Richmond College, London and in September 1963 entered circuit ministry. It was that August that John and Maureen married, having met earlier at Micklegate Church. Their family grew with the birth of Jonathan and Claire. John served in the following Circuits: Castleford, Pontefract and Normanton, and Castleford a second time, retiring in 2001 to Filey, where John and Maureen had spent yearly holidays since 1970. John settled into circuit life immediately, immersing himself totally in church and community work. He was a familiar figure in the community and schools. During his ministry John held the role of Industrial Chaplain to Ferrybridge C power station and, with his love of sport, especially cricket and rugby league, as Chaplain to Featherstone Rovers, supporting players and officials. Music was important to John, playing guitar and singing in choirs. He was Patron and President of the Featherstone Male Voice Choir, helping in the organisation of concerts. In retirement, John continued his work, completely absorbed into the life of Filey Methodist Church. Moving to Meltham in 2014, John remained faithful to his calling, becoming involved in Meltham Methodist Church and community for as long as he was able. John’s ministry touched so many lives, known as a kind, caring and humble man, thoughtful both in his preaching and in his everyday conversations with everyone, and a calming healing presence. He was also renowned for his sense of humour and mischief. Sadly, during the Covid years he developed Alzheimer’s and on 3 October 2023 died in the eighty-eighth year of his age and the sixty-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

Roger Lionel Moore: Born in Hanham, Bristol on 5 December 1940, while his father was away in the Royal Navy. Attended Samuel White’s Infant School and Hanham Abbotts Junior School where he was always top of the class, and went on to Kingswood

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Grammar School where chemistry and physics were his key subjects. He worked at analytical and research laboratories, before working for the Port of Bristol Authority. He was an active member of the MAYC Youth Club at Hanham High Street Methodist Church, led the Inters group, and became a local preacher in 1958. Young people and MAYC were always close to his heart. He attracted attention in his three wheeler 'Bond' car! Roger felt the call to the ministry and was accepted to go to Wesley College Bristol in 1969. Whilst taking his parents for a Christmas holiday to Highcliffe Methodist Guild Guest House at Swanage he met Elizabeth (Liz) Charters. They became firm friends, and were married in 1972 in their first Circuit, Ilkeston, where their first child, Craig, was born. From there they travelled to Nottingham (South) (where their second child, Joanne, was born), Birmingham (Moseley Road and Sparkhill), Worcester, Bishop's Castle and Clun Circuits, then Knighton and Leintwardine from where he sat down in 2001. Roger was always involved with youth work in whichever Circuit he served, and often in student chaplaincy. He served as a governor to several schools and was actively involved in community support initiatives from MHA 'Live at Home' to coping with the fall out from foot and mouth disease. Roger sat down in 2001 following a quintuple heart bypass, moving to Willenhall where he continued his ministry supporting the Brownhills and Willenhall Circuit as a supernumerary. As his health deteriorated, he was cared for by his beloved wife, Liz, until her illness, moving to MHA Waterside House. Roger died on 26 October 2023 in the eighty-third year of his age and the fifty-third year of his presbyteral ministry, leaving wife Liz, children Craig and Gina, and Jo and Jimmy, and grandchildren Beth, Zoe, Aidan and Mia.

Irene Elizabeth Morrow: Born in Church Hill, Co. Fermanagh, on 24 April 1929. One of the four children of the Revd Wesley and Mrs Sarah Morrow, Irene Morrow was educated at Wesley College, Dublin, Ireland. She worked for a time in the Ulster Bank before discerning a call to the diaconate. Following training, she went to Ghana where her seventeen years in that country live on in the memories of many senior Ghanaians. In tribute, the President of the Methodist Church in Ghana, Bishop Paul Bofofo, wrote: "Sister Irene Morrow arrived in Ghana (then Gold Coast) in 1955 and was stationed at Kwadaso Women's Training Centre, Kumasi. In 1958, she was transferred to Takoradi to continue her work among the women in the Church. Sister Irene Morrow astutely combined the missionary work, training of young illiterate girls, and organizing the Methodist Women's Fellowship. We thank the Methodist Church in Ireland for sharing the love and generosity of Sister Irene with Ghana". When the Methodist Church in Britain came to ordain women, Irene returned, and, having served a year in Longford, Ireland, she was among the first eight women to be ordained, in Bristol in 1974. Irene then served on a number of Circuits in Scotland and England: Coatbridge, Airdrie and Armadale, Accrington and Haslingden, Blackpool (South), and Rotherham (Eastwood Mission). On retirement, she returned to Birr, Ireland, as her parents had done and where members of her family lived. Among Irene's interests in retirement was involvement with the Birr Historical Society of which she was President for many years. Organiser of a number of conferences on the early medieval period of monastic Birr, she was instrumental in the acquiring of a facsimile copy of the manuscript, *Cáin Adomnáin*, for the town library. This medieval document, proclaimed in Birr in 597, urges the protection of non-combatants, particularly women and children. Irene died on 4 August 2023 in the ninety-fifth year of her age and, having served eighteen years as a deacon, the fiftieth year of her presbyteral ministry.

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Ian Wesley Mutton: Born in Sutton, Surrey, on 30 November 1931. Ian grew up in north London with his younger siblings Pauline and Timothy. He attended the School of John Lyon in Harrow, beginning work at Barclays Bank in the City of London in 1948, with a break for National Service in the RAF. He began preaching in 1950 and was admitted as a local preacher in 1955. In 1958 Ian sailed for South Africa to become lay pastor in the Port Elizabeth Circuit. In 1959 he was accepted as a probationer minister of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. After study at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, he joined the Springs Circuit in 1963. In 1962 he married Gwyneth Jones of Walmer, Port Elizabeth, and their daughter Lesley was born in 1965. Ian was proud to have been ordained in 1964 by the Revd Seth Mokitimi, first Black president of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. He played an active part in the struggle against apartheid and regularly faced surveillance from the security forces. Meanwhile, he studied journalism in Johannesburg. This created opportunities for broadcasting with the South African Broadcasting Corporation. He served as District Christian Education and Youth Secretary in Southern Transvaal while working in the Germiston, Johannesburg East, and Cape Town Metropolitan Circuits. He returned to England with Lesley and Gwyneth in 1983, serving for one year in the Doncaster Circuit before moving to the Frodsham Circuit, then returning to Doncaster before sitting down in 1997. Ian enjoyed cricket. He read widely, especially John Bunyan and Charles Dickens, and in retirement published works on Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, and the English Bible. More surprisingly, he was an expert magician, with skills including balloon modelling and plate spinning; the family remember his Punch and Judy fondly. Following Gwyneth's death in 2015, he made his home with Lesley in south Manchester. He spoke often of his dependence on his Lord for forgiveness. After a period of declining health he died on 7 February 2024 in the ninety-third year of his age and the sixty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

James Needham: Born in Rushton Spencer, Staffordshire, on 20 January 1934. Jim was born into a farming family, and in many ways remained a farmer at heart, always knowing the weather forecast, growing vegetables, and having a natural affinity with farming people. He was a minister recognised by many for the impact he had upon people's lives; his pastoral care was said to be superb, and through his preaching, discernment, and vision he was always full of energy and enthusiasm. Jim was outgoing and friendly, and it was said that he included everyone, forgave everyone, and welcomed everyone. After training at Hartley Victoria College, he served in the following Circuits: Tarporley, Chester, Sandbach and Alsager, Clitheroe, and Stafford. Although he officially sat down in 1999, Jim continued to be so active that he was given at least another five 'farewell and thank you' events for periods of active ministry which were always appreciated. Jim met Yvonne, a school teacher, and they married in 1957. In the best senses of the words, she supported and shared his ministry and life of service. With their children Marcus, Christopher and Catherine, they remained a close and supportive family despite many miles separating them, and they loved and supported their six grandchildren. Jim's family recognised that he had a knack for engaging with strangers and making new friends, international travel to keep in touch, and of making terrible jokes that truly made people groan. Jim was constantly looking forward and making plans, and always challenged himself to use and keep up with modern technology. He demonstrated these life habits until the very last few weeks of his life. Jim died

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on 11 March 2024, in the ninety-first year of his age, and the sixty-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

Lionel Edwin Osborn: Born in Birmingham on 6 May 1952, the youngest of three sons. Growing up in a Methodist family in Handsworth Wood meant that Sunday lunches were regularly shared with guests from Handsworth College, and from the age of four Leo knew he was called to be a Methodist minister. He trained at Wesley College, Bristol and during this time he met Charlotte on a beach mission team in Cromer. In 1975 he was stationed in the Ripley Circuit, followed by Bury and Heywood, Bramhall, then North Shields and Whitley Bay. He was appointed Chair of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne District and was privileged to be the first ecumenical Canon of Newcastle Cathedral. Elected President of the Conference in 2011, it was no surprise that Leo preached on and practised pastoral care in the Wesleyan tradition. Leo finally served in the Stamford Circuit, where Charlotte served her curacy, before sitting down in 2020. In 2021 Charlotte accepted a parish appointment in north Northumberland where Leo supported the Lindisfarne Circuit as an Ordained Local Pastor. As a connexional leader he was widely respected by peers in the Chairs' Meeting and Leadership Forum; as a member of the Faith and Order Committee and its liturgical subcommittee, he offered wise reflection on what would best serve the Church. He chaired the Ministries Committee with prayerful care and served on the Resignation Advisory Committee. In retirement he co-chaired the British Methodist Roman Catholic Dialogue Commission. He was authentically and unmistakably a representative of a tradition which, in his words, was at once 'evangelical, sacramental and ecumenical'. Leo was passionate about Aston Villa and followed Warwickshire Cricket Club avidly. His love of football led him to serve as chaplain to the Northern League. Leo's evangelical roots remained precious to him; he shared the gospel with gentleness and grace. At heart Leo, circuit minister, superintendent, District Chair, President of the Conference, supernumerary, was always a pastor, obedient to the call of the Good Shepherd. Leo died on 13 September 2023, in the seventy-second year of his age and forty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Daniel James Reid Paterson: Born in Winchburgh, Edinburgh on 23 February 1944. Educated in Edinburgh, Dan became a member of the Methodist Church aged fourteen, a leaving present to the outgoing minister. Working in Montrose, for the now DWP, he returned to Edinburgh, working for the Gas Board, where his love of music and guitar playing found a home in a folk group. Returning to Methodism, helping the youth club and MAYC weekends, in 1968, he met another circuit youth leader, Anne, and by the end of the week knew they were meant to be together. Marrying at Central Hall, music was a common bond, with songs and lyrics speaking to his heart, through which Dan committed his life to Christ. Initially a no to ordination, by Dan, a yes to local preaching emerged. However, the call to ordained ministry was strong, and he trained at Wesley College, Bristol. Mark was born prior to Bristol, and Susie during their first year. Ordained, aged thirty-three, straight from college, Dan's initial station was changed by the Conference to Paisley Central Hall where his ability to relate to young people and his gift of music saw the church "come alive". Serving in Altrincham, Alderley Edge and Knutsford, and Manchester (Withington) Circuits, after the initial shock of English Methodism, he thrived, and his giftedness as a "church builder" and creativity through

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music, and the “Scaramouche” puppet, enriched the churches. A heart for welcoming and caring for new people, his godly approach, alongside his humorous, considerate and supportive nature, was inspirational. He sat down in 2001 due to heart problems and found new ways to minister. Supporting heart patients and professionals, he sought to improve treatment and pathways for patients. A park guide at Dunham Massey, trustee of the Sisters of Jesus Way in West Kirby, he continued to give. His love of his family with Anne, Mark, Susie and their partners David and Karen, and the precious gift of grandchildren Tom, Martha and Jamie, gave him such pride and care. Following a period of ill-health Dan died on 15 May 2023, in the eightieth year of his age and in the forty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Marcus Alwyn Pattern: Born in Long Sutton, Lincolnshire on 17 May 1933, and educated at John Glead School in Spalding before training as a journalist. He fulfilled his National Service with the Royal Air Force. Following his conversion whilst at a conference at Hildenborough Hall in Kent, he responded to the call as a local preacher and then candidated for the ministry in 1955. Training followed at Handsworth College, Birmingham. He was stationed as a probationer in the Brigg Circuit, where he also served as a chaplain at the local Royal Air Force station. He was ordained at King Cross Methodist Church in Halifax. His next station was South Shields before moving to High Wycombe, where his first task was to manage the building of a new church. Here too he served as a chaplain to the RAF. His next move was to St. Albans, based in Hatfield, where he was very involved in ecumenical relations, and served as a chaplain at Hatfield Polytechnic. His appointment in Halifax followed. He served as superintendent in Bradford (Great Horton), and then Brighouse, where he supervised the rebuilding of Central Methodist Church, following a devastating fire. His final appointment was in Keighley and Worth Valley Circuit, where he helped adapt three churches to serve as village day care centres. In the West Yorkshire District he served as Home Mission Secretary, Press and Information, and Radio and Television officer. He enjoyed being involved in several BBC “Songs of Praise” services. He and Olive hosted at both Methodist Guild and Methodist Hotel holidays. He visited the Holy Land and enjoyed sharing his experiences. He sat down in 1998, and, with his wife, Olive, enjoyed walking in the Yorkshire Dales, attending the lunch time concerts in Leeds Town Hall, and visiting historic buildings and beautiful gardens. He was secretary to the South Craven “Spectrum”. Marcus was survived by his wife and three sons. He died on 3 July 2023, in the ninety-first year of his age, and the sixty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Julia Mabel Pellett: Born in Portsmouth on 6 September 1940, elder child of Agnes and Henry Pellett and sister to Michael. The family moved several times, to Chichester, Shoreham, Selsey and East Grinstead, where Julia attended Sackville Secondary School. Julia then worked in banking. Having grown in Christian faith, Julia sensed the call to the Wesleyan Deaconess Order and was duly accepted. Julia took seriously the commitment to be available wherever she was most needed, serving in city centres and deprived areas. From 1965 Julia served in the Liverpool Mission (Central Hall), Preston (Trinity), Birmingham Central Hall (where she was Warden of Shaftesbury House, a hostel for female students), Bristol Mission (Novers Lane), and Bristol South Circuits. Whilst in Bristol, Julia felt a call to presbyteral ministry. Having undertaken a year’s course

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at Lincoln Theological College, Julia was ordained a presbyter in 1992 and served in Snaith and Selby, Cannock Chase, Redditch, and Burton-on-Trent Circuits. In many ways Julia's whole identity was that of a Methodist minister, often wearing her clerical collar even in contexts where it might not be necessary. Julia had remarkable experiences in ministry, including fleas from her diaconal accommodation, being laid aside for eighteen months after a serious motor scooter accident, and, taking up a new appointment, being described in a local newspaper as "Snooker playing vicar roller blades into town." Julia was a great talker whose abilities in this regard might drive people to distraction, but she had a wonderful wit and a sharp mind, and, though having a strong personality, had a soft and compassionate heart. Julia also knew the value and importance of deep friendships, which she sustained over many years, and which helped to sustain her. When Julia sat down, she returned to Redditch and remained an engaged and engaging supernumerary, including acting as a volunteer chaplain at the Alexandra Hospital, Redditch. Julia was active until very near the end of her life. Following a fall, her health deteriorated quite quickly. She died on 13 March 2023 in the eighty-third year of her age, and the thirty-second year of her presbyteral ministry, following twenty-six years of diaconal ministry.

Stanley Ralph Pipe: Born in Hardley, Norfolk on 4 March 1932, Stan grew up in a farming family where his three elder brothers served in the Armed Forces in wartime while he assisted his parents on the farm. He left school at fourteen to work on the farm but not before gaining a love of books that was to stay with him throughout his life. Stan was involved in the Methodist Church from an early age and met his future wife, Nancy, on a MAYC weekend in London. They married in 1957, the beginning of a partnership that spanned sixty-six years. Stan moved into catering and subsequently became caretaker of a Methodist Church in Lodon which provided Nancy and Stan with their first home. Their three children, Stephen, Tess, and Martin were born in this period. Stan was always very hard working and would often do part time jobs to supplement the family income. The family moved to Wyomondham College where Stan worked as a catering instructor, then to Wicklewood, before moving to Lancashire in 1971. Here Stan worked as a catering instructor and house father at Fylde Approved School. Stan was a local preacher for thirty-five years before offering for the ministry. After training at Wesley College, Bristol, he briefly served the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA). Returning to Britain he served in the York South, Bradford (Great Horton) and Great Harwood Circuits. He sat down in 1997 but soon took on pastoral roles at Church Road Methodist in St Anne's and as chaplain at Starr Hills MHA Care Home. Stan was a very humble man who did not realise what an impact he had on so many lives. He was admired and respected by friends and colleagues alike and much loved by his congregations. Stan took a keen interest in current affairs and had a lovely gentle sense of humour and great warmth towards others. A wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he died on 17 October 2023, in the ninety-second year of his age and the forty-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

Terence William Porter: Born in Bingley on 25 January 1943. Terry grew up on a council estate. He left school at fifteen, with no qualifications, and began an engineering apprenticeship in Shipley. He met Jenifer when they were both teenagers at Gilstead Methodist Church, where he was a Sunday School teacher. They married at twenty.

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Terry's deepening Christian faith led him to train as a local preacher, and he was fully accredited in 1961, at the age of eighteen. After completing his apprenticeship, he worked as a fitter in Keighley and then in Bradford. In 1970 he studied for several GCEs, and then for a Diploma in Education, which he converted to a degree at Bradford College. He taught RE for several years in Leeds and Bradford, and he and Jenifer lived in Wilsden, where, to their great joy, their daughter Sara was born. After a few years of teaching Terry candidated and was accepted for training for the Methodist ministry, so the family moved to Wesley College, Bristol. Terry's first appointment was in the Huddersfield Pennine Circuit. He served there for nine years, with a particular interest in ministry with children which led him to study for a Masters degree in children's religious development at Westminster College, Oxford. Terry's next appointment was in the Otley and Aireborough Circuit. The family lived in Menston for eight years. Terry then became superintendent in Hull (East) Circuit, from where he sat down in 2008. They moved to Oakworth in the Keighley and Worth Valley Circuit, close to many family and friends. Terry continued to preach as long as he was able, and also volunteered in the shop at Airedale Hospital, which he very much enjoyed. Alzheimer's Disease greatly affected Terry in his final years, but he was able to remain at home with the support of Jenifer and Sara. He remained friendly, cheerful and good humoured to the end of his life, qualities for which he was remembered. He died on 9 December 2023, in the eighty-first year of his age and the forty-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

Antony Howard Price: Born in Gloucester on 27 July 1932. As a teenager Tony was very involved with the National Young Life Campaign, a Christian organisation that held a weekly Bible study and other events in Gloucester. It was here that he met Kathleen, who he was later to marry. Upon leaving school Tony worked for a wholesale stationers based in Ledbury. At the age of seventeen he began training as a local preacher and at eighteen was called up for National Service with the RAF, stationed in Germany. Afterwards he returned to Ledbury and married Kathleen. They moved to Malvern and then to Claverham, as Tony went to work for Bingley's in Brislington, where he became Managing Director. Tony eventually offered for ordination and trained at Wesley College, Bristol. He served in the following Circuits: Bromsgrove, Bristol (Kingswood), and Port Talbot, the last of these as Superintendent. Tony was considered a 'people's person' and he enjoyed visiting and getting to know the members of his churches. He took an active interest in social affairs, often writing to his MP. Tony sat down from itinerant ministry in 1997 and he and Kathleen moved to Yatton. Tony remained active in retirement, preaching in the Gordano Valley Circuit, fundraising for the church in Yatton, and helping at the Seafarers Centre in Avonmouth. He also drove for Yatton Carers, taking people to hospital appointments, and would often visit people at the Weston Hospice Day Centre. He loved his family: his three children (David, Sue and Sarah), six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He entered fully into their lives, and it was a source of great sadness when David died in September 2023. In his last six months Tony's health began to deteriorate. After a spell in hospital he was moved to St George's Nursing Home in Weston-super-Mare. Tony died on 2 December 2023 in the ninety-second year of his age and in the forty-sixth year of his presbyteral ministry.

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John Edward Pullan: Born in Derby on 1 July 1936, always known as Ted. Ted grew up in a loving home, being taken to St Aidan's Mission Church, where he joined the choir. As a boy he loved his bicycle: at thirteen years of age, he cycled alone from Derby to Fleetwood. At eighteen, Ted entered National Service, serving with the Army Pay Corps, becoming a Corporal, and it was during this time that he became a Christian. After demobilisation, Ted worked for a short while in a colliery. He then spent a year at Cliff College, studying to be a local preacher, and having first-hand experience in mission and service. In September 1959, Ted began work with a civil engineering firm. In September 1958, Ted met Dora Franklin at a Sunday School teacher's conference, and they were married in January 1960. They were married for forty years and had two children, Christine and Tim. At Alvaston, the family joined the Methodist church, which had many young families. Ted was lay chair of many committees, which stood him in good stead in later years. After leaving Cliff College, Ted had been encouraged to candidate by a number of ministers, but he did not hear the call at that time, and he did not want to unsettle the family with a semi-nomadic lifestyle. However, the call grew and, after being made redundant in 1984, he candidated and trained at Queen's in Birmingham. Ted served in the Preston Trinity and the Bury and Heywood Circuits, before sitting down in 2001. Ted will be particularly remembered for his pastoral work. His wife Dora died in January 2000. In 2002, Ted met Dorothy Dodgson at an Alpha Course, and the couple were married in August 2003, and Ted gained a bigger family in Dorothy's children, Tim and Rebecca. Ted was diagnosed with cancer in May 2010 but through ground-breaking treatment he was blessed with another thirteen years of life and ministry. He died on 10 June 2023, in the eighty-seventh year of his age and the thirty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Janet Elizabeth Roe: Born in London on 17 October 1935. Janet did not grow up in a church-going family and, although she and Barry were married in church, they did not feel able to make the promises required to be able to have their four children christened. However at the age of forty Janet had a change of heart and started to attend the Parish Church in Iver, Buckinghamshire, where the vicar was the Revd Tony Coulson. When the family moved to Winchcombe in the Cotswolds Janet could not find her way in the Parish Church there, so she "crossed the road" to the Methodist church where the minister was the Revd John James. Immediately, she started trying to comprehend intellectually the faith she had given her heart to. She studied at St Paul's and St Mary's in Cheltenham, and also with the Methodist Study Centre. After a relatively short time studying, Janet obtained the Diploma in Christian Studies and the Local Preacher Diploma, long before she had any thought of becoming a local preacher! Following a serious illness in 1982/83, she candidated for presbyteral ministry and, on acceptance, in 1984 Janet went to Wesley College, Bristol. In all this she was hugely supported by Barry and by a rather surprised family. Janet served in the following Circuits: Swindon, Malvern and Ledbury, and Stourbridge and Brierley Hill. She retired in 2001, earlier than she would have hoped because Barry's health was deteriorating. However she served as Chaplain to the diaconate, and then two years as an active supernumerary at Winchcombe, where her calling had come and her response made. In 2009 she and Barry moved to Godmanchester in Cambridgeshire to be closer to family, Barry dying in 2011. Among Janet's valued gifts were her fresh approach, clear insights, straight

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talking, wit, ecumenical commitment, effective preaching and comprehensive pastoral care for people of all ages. Janet was first diagnosed with cancer in 2014 and suffered a recurrence in late 2022. She died on 20 April 2023, in the eighty-eighth year of her age, and the fortieth year of her presbyteral ministry.

Geoffrey William Scarlett: Born at Worcester Park, Surrey, on 31 October 1941. Geoffrey went to train as a Methodist minister at Didsbury College Bristol, and was ordained in 1967. He achieved an MA in theology at Bristol University, then served in the following Circuits: Bridgend, Crewe, Canterbury and Faversham, Sunderland (South), Retford, The Medway Towns, Truro, and the South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area. He met his wife Valerie, who worked as a Nurse Tutor, and they married in April 1985. She became a staunch supporter of Geoff throughout his ongoing ministry, as well as pursuing her own vocation in nursing, and contributing to the life of the Church. They had two children, Andrew and Lydia, and Geoffrey particularly relished his time as school governor, and minister to the school they attended at Threemilestone in Cornwall. From his early experience at an inspiring Sunday school, he developed a keen interest in the work of Sunday schools, and enjoyed preparing and delivering family services. Geoffrey loved preparing worship and especially preaching, and looked for any sermon to be both biblically-based and centred on Jesus. He enjoyed times of being a local preachers' tutor and also leading church study groups. He developed an interest in writing poems and hymns for newsletters and services, relying on obliging organists to provide the music! His love of words led him to the compiling of crosswords and other puzzles for church newsletters, which linked with his leisure pursuit of internet scrabble. Geoffrey believed in the importance of pastoral care and enjoyed pastoral visiting, including supporting day clubs for the elderly, and occasional hospital chaplaincy. As Geoffrey became more frail with illness, and his ministry drew to a close, he became increasingly aware of the wonderful and enabling grace of God, and realised the tremendous privilege he had been given to be a minister of the gospel. Geoffrey died on 29 February 2024, in the eighty-third year of his age, and the fifty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

William Frederick (Bill) Seymour: Born in London on 9 August 1935, he was evacuated with his mother to various places during the War, his father being a war casualty. After National Service, when he rose to Sergeant, he trained to teach wood and metal work at Shoreditch College. He taught for four years in Walthamstow near his home, after which he trained for the ministry at Didsbury College, gaining his degree in theology from Bristol University. On leaving, he married Ann, and they went into circuit in Barry, South Wales. He subsequently served in the following six Circuits: London Mission (Poplar), Colchester, where their daughter Ailith was born, Chester, Evesham, as superintendent, joining with Stratford to form the Stratford and Evesham Circuit; Darlington, where he had the country section, Falkirk, Wallacestone and Stirling as superintendent, where Armadale was added to form the Central Scotland Circuit. He thought he had left his craft skills behind when he went into the ministry, but he was able to use them for the benefit of all his churches and also the Albert Dock Seaman's Hospital in the Occupational Therapy Department. After retirement in 2000 he served two terms as a locum for the Church of Scotland on the Isle of Islay, having gained experience of the Church of Scotland in Grahamston United Church in Falkirk. He died on 17 June 2023 in the eighty-eighth year of his age and the fifty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

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Gordon Shaw: Born in Wigan, Lancashire on 20 July 1936. Gordon's greatest achievement was he met Barbara Hooton at Loch Street Methodist Church, Orrell, where they were married in 1960. He completed a Bachelor of Laws degree at the University of Manchester, followed by a Masters degree in Theology from Handsworth College, Birmingham. Later, he was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Serampore University, India. He continued his training at St Andrew's College, Selly Oak with a probationary year at Haslingden, Lancashire before sailing to India with Barbara and their son, Stephen. From 1962 to 1975 he served in the Church of South India's Medak Diocese. They lived in Dichpalli (Victoria Leprosy Hospital), Nizamabad and Medak (Cathedral Pastor and Boys' Hostel Superintendent). Gordon was ordained in Medak Cathedral by the Rt Revd Eber Priestley and Barbara Anne was born at the remarkable CSI Medak Hospital. Gordon was elected Diocesan Treasurer in 1967 and moved to Secunderabad, meanwhile Michael was born in England where Barbara had remained on furlough. Gordon was also the Pastor at the Church of St John the Baptist. Two years later Elisabeth was born. Churches in India could no longer rely upon financial aid from historical foreign partners and Gordon assisted in the challenge to find alternative revenue to fund the Diocesan work and played a great part in transforming the Diocesan educational institutions. Gordon returned to London in 1975 to spend seven years at the Overseas Division and fourteen years at the British Council of Churches Conference for Global Mission. This enabled Gordon to pursue his lifelong passion for world development and ecumenism. He returned to a pastoral role in 1996 as Superintendent of the South East Northumberland Circuit, from where he retired to Clifford in the Tadcaster Circuit in 2002 with Babs. They continued to love each other, their four children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; whilst supporting local churches and mentoring new ministers. Gordon died peacefully on 20 February 2024, in the eighty-eighth year of his age and the sixty-sixth year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Brian Sherrington: Born in Wigan 6 July 1938 into a Christian family, Brian attended the local Parish church, sang in the choir and belonged to the Boys' Brigade. After Wigan Grammar School, he joined the Civil Service. Influenced by Audrey, a Methodist, he began local preaching. In 1963 ministerial training took him to Hartley Victoria College, where he was in the first group of 'married' students. Appointments in the Cannock Chase and Liverpool (Crosby) Circuits followed. In 1972 the Methodist Church sent him to serve in the Royal Army Chaplains' Department. His first posting was to 4th Field Regiment, BAOR. Then came 'The Glosters' and three years as their Regimental Chaplain in BAOR and UK, with emergency tours to Northern Ireland and Belize. There were five further postings in UK and BAOR. Brian's love of learning gained him a BA and Cert Ed to add to his college BD, later followed by an MPhil, tracing the history of Christian thinking about other faiths. He loved teaching, which his final posting as Deputy Warden, Bagshot Park allowed. Here he wrote and delivered courses to equip lay Christians and Chaplains for their ministry. In 1988 Brian returned to Circuit as Superintendent in the Aldershot, Farnborough and Camberley, and Salisbury Circuits. As Secretary of the Methodist Forces Board he was responsible for recruiting and caring for Chaplains in all three Services. When by 1988 his sons Paul, Mark and Tim had left Rydal Penrhos School, he joined the Governing Body, serving for twenty years. In 2003 he sat down, and he and Audrey moved to Colwyn Bay. In the Circuit and District he remained active,

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preaching and serving as Local Preachers' Tutor and Secretary of the Candidates' Committee. Brian's early learning in the Boys' Brigade about order, discipline and duty shaped his character. He studied the life and Rule of St Benedict. A spiritual discipline was reading and illustrating the daily lectionary with a watercolour, accompanied by music. Brian enjoyed walking the dog, fishing, gardening and book/coffee shops. He died on 4 June 2023 in the eighty-fifth year of his age and the fifty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Basil (Bas) Siddons: Born in Rawmarsh on 3 July 1933. He was the middle child of five, and, growing up in Swinton, he attended Mexborough Technical School. He then served an apprenticeship as an electrician at Manvers Main Colliery. Responding to the call to preach in the Mexborough and Wath Circuit, he was accepted subsequently for the ministry and trained at Headingley College, Leeds. He served in the following Circuits: Uttoxeter and Ramsor, Ilkeston, Sheffield (North), Bridlington, St. Ives and Hayle, and Pickering, becoming supernumerary in 1998. Preaching continued well into retirement, alongside a deep commitment to pastoral care. Bas married Doreen in 1956 and they shared in over sixty years of married life until her death. Their family grew to embrace two children, Rachel and Andrew, and four grandchildren. Family life was crucially important to Bas and the joys that came to him through all the family were immense. Bas's ministry was not confined to the Church in its structural entity. His ministry extended to the world of industry, taking on chaplaincy work. Bas was fired and dedicated to the Kingdom that his church served. His vision was undimmed until the end, and he maintained all the values of the faith he proclaimed. His commitment to all things church was phenomenal and prayer was always central to his life. In retirement, he was instrumental in setting up a telephone prayer line with United Christian Broadcasters. Any fellowship group that provided for furthering study of the Bible found a willing participant in Bas. He enjoyed watching sport and was a continuing supporter of Leeds United. He possessed an endless fund of jokes. In the care home where he became a resident for the latter days, even when speech had gone, he continued to draw his jokes on the whiteboard. He died on 12 April 2023, in the ninetieth year of his age, and the sixtieth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Barrie David Snook: Born in Poole, Dorset on 4 October 1938. Barrie was first and foremost a people person. In the family hotel, he developed the ability to greet friend or stranger with a smile and engaging conversation. Aged seventeen, he attended a Billy Graham rally in London and was transformed by the experience. As a result Barrie began exploring the ministry of local preaching, alongside serving at a homeless soup kitchen. Barrie met Grace at a local church youth club, and after a year they were engaged, marrying on 21 January 1961. In the following years Nicola and Louise completed the family, and it was not until the girls were a little older that Barrie followed his calling into full-time presbyteral ministry. Family was always important to Barrie, sharing his ministry with Grace, his daughters and the wider family. After training at Didsbury College, Bristol, Barrie served in the following Circuits: Portsmouth, and Dorchester, before sitting down in 2003. During Barrie's first appointment in Leigh Park, Havant, he notably organised a trip to the Holy Land, a time that was very special for him and Grace. He then moved to Dorchester, where he was involved in the Millennium building project and strengthened

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their twinning relationship with a Church in Lubbecke, Germany. Barrie also exercised a very fruitful and challenging ministry as a chaplain to Dorchester Prison. His time as chaplain was marked by a desire to come alongside, to see the best in people and journey with them. All this was inspired by his faith and conviction that “death is not the end...it is merely a gateway to eternal life beyond...” As a supernumerary minister Barrie continued to lead worship and supported the ministry at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church. Barrie believed the main concerns of ministry were people, preaching and visiting, living out these priorities, always with the greeting “my friend”. In failing health, Barrie continued to live out his calling, with a smile, until his death on 19 December 2023, in the eighty-sixth year of his age and the forty-sixth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Martine Keala Stemerick: Born in San Diego, California in the United States of America on 25 February 1947 along with her identical twin sister, Ann, to parents John and Elaine Stemerick, to later be joined by younger brother John Jr. The family moved from San Diego to Pennsylvania, and then ultimately settled just outside Houston in Texas. All of the children graduated from High School and both Martine and her twin sister went to the University of Texas, where Martine gained her first PhD, in English literature. Martine received the call to ministry in 1990 and decided to pursue a life of full-time service and enrol at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. There she received her second doctorate, in divinity. She is remembered as the only graduate student within the university’s history to receive full marks, 100% for both New Testament and Old Testament studies. After completing her studies, she served in the Texas Conference as Perkins intern and then transferred to the British Conference in 1998 to be ordained at the Huddersfield Conference in 2000. Her first appointment was in Derby (Derwent Mission) Circuit followed by Derby (South), Southend and Leigh, and Wimbledon Circuits. She sat down in 2016 and returned to her faith family at Benfleet Methodist Church, in the Southend and Leigh Circuit. Martine was a caring, warm-hearted and generous person, involved in human rights. She had a special concern about oppression in Zimbabwe, creating a fund to raise money to help AIDS orphans, and then decided to focus on one rural school in Ntunungwe, where over the years she raised thousands of pounds to provide for the children there. Martine died on 7 October 2023, in the seventy-seventh year of her age and the twenty-sixth year of her presbyteral ministry.

Albert Juan Thompson: Born on 29 June 1934 at home, at The Hope, St John’s, on the Isle of Man. He was the elder of two boys. Juan attended school in St John’s and his family worshipped at St John’s and Glen Maye Methodist Chapel. In 1952, at the age of eighteen, he began his National Service in the RAF in Belfast. This experience made a lasting impression on him. By twenty, Juan was exploring the possibility of the ministry and a local Manx Methodist benefactor paid for him to attend Cliff College in Calver for two years. Juan’s call into ministry came in 1960 and he trained at Hartley Victoria. He was married to Valerie, and they had two daughters Alison and Claire, and one son, Mark, and six grandchildren. Juan served in the following Circuits: Matlock, Newhall and Woodville, Castletown, and Congleton, working for the National Children’s Home as a house parent. Later he trained to become a social worker with Cheshire County Council, moving back to Matlock in 1979 as a team leader. He left circuit ministry, but his ordination always remained sacred. Returning to Matlock, Juan became an active

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supernumerary minister in the Mid-Derbyshire Circuit. In 2016 and at the age of eighty-two, he returned to the Isle of Man to become an active supernumerary in Ramsey, for two years. He returned to the Mid-Derbyshire Circuit in 2018. Juan was always on the preaching plan and was a people person, using his social working skills pastorally in church as well as in the local community. Juan was chaplain to both Willersley Castle and Matlock Boys' Brigade. He often played the organ in services and sang in Darley Hillside Choir, and enjoyed playing badminton. Juan was the person many went to for a listening ear and sound advice. Juan was a loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandad, and family man, and was greatly missed by all his family. He died on 30 November 2023 in the ninetieth year of his age and the sixty-fourth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Clifford Topping: Born in Preston, Lancashire, on 20 June 1926, the elder of twin sons with an older brother and sister. He had his further education at Preston Technical College, taking up work as a bricklayer and later a building foreman. Converted in 1945, he became a local preacher in the Lune St. Circuit. He and Marjorie met at Clubland Methodist Church in Preston and were married on 8 May 1948. Shortly after Christine was born, in 1952, they left for Northern Rhodesia (later Zambia) to build a Girls' Secondary School for the Methodist Missionary Society at Chipembi Mission. Paul was born there, and, after completion of the school, the family returned to Fulwood Circuit in Preston, preaching and working with children and young people. In 1956 they returned to Northern Rhodesia. This time Clifford worked for the Public Works Department then took charge of a Trade School for young African men. Here they became involved in the Presbyterian Church of South Africa and, after three years external studies, Clifford was ordained in that Church, serving the new area of Milnerton, and then as minister of the David Livingstone Church in Cape Town. In 1962 the family returned to the UK, Clifford entered Handsworth College and was in 1963 received as a Methodist minister by transfer. As chaplain to collieries in the North East of England and North Yorkshire he was a much loved and respected minister who literally got his hands dirty. In all his Circuits he was remembered with great affection. Cliff's practical background led him to serve on the connexional Property Board. He served in the following Circuits: Stoke-on-Trent (Longton and Fenton), Durham Coast and Peterlee, Otley (where he served as colliery chaplain), Crewe, Stoke-on-Trent (Kidsgrove), and Ashby-de-la-Zouch, becoming supernumerary in the Newark and Southwell Circuit. He continued preaching until advancing frailty and dementia made that impossible. Marjorie died in 2019. Clifford died on 18 July 2023 in the ninety-eighth year of his age and the sixty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

Ioane F Tupou: Born on 18 October 1937 in Samoa. He served in the following Circuits: Manchester (Droylsden and Openshaw) (working at Manchester Christian Institute), Penzance, Shipley and Bingley, and Stanley. He became a supernumerary minister in 2000, living in Shotley Bridge. He died on 6 July 2023, in the eighty-sixth year of his age and the forty-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

Laurence John Turner: Born in Barnet, North London on 26 April 1935 the only child of parents Helena and James. Laurence attended Potters Bar Methodist Church and it was here he felt a call to become a Methodist local preacher. He offered himself as a candidate for presbyteral ministry and trained at Didsbury College in Bristol, later

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to become Wesley College. He was enrolled on a three-year degree course at Bristol University which included learning Hebrew and Greek under the tutelage of the renowned Methodist scholar the Revd Dr Kenneth Grayson. On completing a BA in theology, Laurence was granted a scholarship in Virginia, USA where he was awarded a Master of Theology degree. On return, Laurence was ordained at the Methodist Conference in London in 1968. That same Conference sent Laurence to the Leeds (West) Circuit for his first ministerial experience. This was followed by Castleford, Luton (North), Bishop Auckland, and Morley Circuits, as superintendent minister in the last two. He sat down in 2000. He and Pam retired to live in Kippax. In retirement Laurence remained active in ministry until the age of eighty-four. Laurence's ministry was augmented by the enormous contribution his wife Pam made over the course of their married life. They were married in July 1980, and five weeks later they were stationed in Luton. Laurence was a gentle, gracious, patient gentleman in every way. He led his churches and Circuits with a quiet authority which gained the respect of all. He wore his theological scholarship lightly, and particularly loved the Old Testament. For a time, he was a tutor for the local preachers' correspondence course and also stood as District Probationers Secretary in the Leeds District. The ageing process had taken its toll both physically and mentally and for the last fourteen months Laurence resided in Warde Aldam Methodist Care Home. Laurence died on 27 October 2023, in the eighty-ninth year of his age and the fifty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Joan Margaret Verity: Born on 28 August 1941 in Burnley, Lancashire. She married Harold Brown in 1963. In the late 1980s she became a 'born-again Christian' which Harold had been praying for, for many years. Together they attended Cliff College, Derbyshire. Joan was ordained as a Methodist minister in 1996. She served in the following Circuits: Christchurch and Lymington, and Blackburn. She sat down in 2003. It was during her first appointment that Harold died after a long illness. Having moved back 'up north' she met John Verity, whom she later married, in 2001. Shortly after John's death in 2013 Joan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and she moved to a care home in Ayr, Scotland, to be near family. Although she was generally a happy soul, she could also be a force to be reckoned with. Joan is lovingly remembered as a wife, mum, grandma, great-grandma, sister and aunty. She died on 15 March 2024, in the eighty-third year of her age and the thirtieth year of her presbyteral ministry.

Marion Isabella Enid Warren: Born in Scotland on 5 July 1939, the daughter of an aeronautical engineer which, in wartime, meant she lived in Scotland for only two years of her life. Her faith was shaped in the chapel methodism of the Isle of Portland. She was educated at Weymouth Grammar School, Homerton College, Cambridge, where she trained as a teacher, and Westminster College, Oxford, where she read theology. She may have lived only two years in Scotland but remained proud of those Scottish roots, enjoying watching Scotland games in the rugby World Cup in the months before she died. Marion moved to the Surrey-Hampshire borders to teach at Woolmer Hill School, Haslemere in her twenties and married local farmer and Methodist John Warren. Marion was far from stereotypical in any aspect of life, except as a farmer's wife she loved to bake. Later Marion taught at Mill Chase Secondary School, Bordon and then The Grove School, Hindhead where she eventually became Deputy Head. In many ways Marion's

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life was not an easy one. Her family lost everything in the so-called Weston Blitz during World War II, her parents' marriage broke down and she was estranged from her father, and then, after a wonderfully happy marriage, she was suddenly widowed in her fifties. Through those experiences Marion was formed into a person of strong faith, firmly-held views and an extraordinarily kind nature. Marion was a person of strong conviction which she carried with the lightest of touches. She was a Christian fascinated by comparative religion. She was an only child with no wider family but compensated for it with an extraordinary capacity for friendship. Marion was a teacher, preacher, farmer's wife, friend, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother. A local preacher for many years, Marion fulfilled a lifetime's calling when she retired from teaching and candidated for presbyteral ministry in the 1990s, and served as a Minister in Local Appointment in the Petersfield, Liphook and Haslemere Circuit. She died on 18 November 2023 in the eighty-fifth year of her age and the twenty-seventh year of her presbyteral ministry.

Paul Trevor Waterfield: Born in Bathley, Nottinghamshire, on 20 September 1930. Second youngest of six, he was greatly influenced by the steadfast faith and Christian values of his parents. Paul started his working life in a plant nursery in Sutton-on-Trent (where he also retired). With his deep affinity for the countryside and natural world, this was all he wanted. However, following strong Christian family influences, deepening personal faith and increasing conviction of the intellectual case for Christianity, he trained as a local preacher. At twenty Paul went to Cliff College, where he experienced a deep sense of vocation and call to ordained ministry (something he described as unwelcome, costly and conflicting with his love for his job). In 1952 he candidated, was accepted and stationed, pre-collegiate, to the Cheddar Valley Circuit, Banwell, Somerset. Then came three years of theological training at Handsworth College, Birmingham (1953-1956). Whilst a market gardener, he had met Joan, but they were not allowed to marry until he completed his training, in the summer of 1956. Two months later they set sail for their first appointment in Abaco in the Bahamas. In 1962 they returned to the UK as a family of four with two Bahamian sons, Paul and Jonathan. They ministered together in Spilsby, Matlock, Port Talbot, Retford, Epworth Old Rectory, Lincoln (Central), and finally Skipton and Grassington Circuits. His third son, Andrew was born whilst they were in Derbyshire. Throughout travel and change Paul and Joan were united in a life of shared faith and work. A very caring minister, who would spend genuine time with people, often finishing a visit to elderly folk with a quick gardening task! He was a free thinking non-conformist, a lifelong member of the Clergy Chess Club and a published poet. After a long, full, committed life of active faith, having made a unique contribution to the lives of many, Paul died on 26 October 2023 in the ninety-fourth year of his age and the sixty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Stanley Maurice Weary: Born in Finchley, North London on 28 July 1928, and introduced to the Methodist Church by a friend who invited him to join the church Scout troop, and it was there that he did his first public speaking. He joined the Royal Navy for his National Service, hoping to travel, but to his disappointment he never set sail. He then worked for the tax office for a few months before he offered for the ministry. Stan was sent as a Lay Pastor to Tetbury and then served a pre-collegiate year at Brackley. After training at Handsworth College, Birmingham, he served in the following Circuits: Banbury, Watford,

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Cleethorpes, Preston (Lune Street and Orchard), Kingston-upon-Thames, and Morpeth, the last two as superintendent. Stan married his first wife, Sheila Debenham, at Watford. They adopted their children Paul and Alison while in Cleethorpes. After his first wife died, Stan married Sheila Page, in Kingston-upon-Thames in 1977. Stan enjoyed ministry and is remembered as a faithful visitor, engaging preacher and skilful at charring meetings. He had a particular gift for relating the gospel message to children and young people, both at church and in school assemblies, particularly in the Methodist day school at Leyland. At Leyland and Morpeth he successfully led the churches through major development schemes, and also at Morpeth he became District Probationers' Secretary and gave many younger ministers the benefit of his experience. He used to say 'No matter how good your best sermon is, the people will remember you for the care you give them at the good times and the sad ones'. On retirement Stan and Sheila moved to Evesham, central in the country to family and friends. They took a full part in the life of the Local Church and Circuit. Stan continued to preach until he was almost ninety years old. Stan enjoyed many interests including walking, philately, holidays, gardening, food and the Daily Telegraph cryptic crossword. He died on 20 April 2023, in the ninety-fifth year of his age and in the seventy-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Mark White: Born in Islington, London on 26 December 1927, but grew up in Welling, Kent, with his sister Jill and devoted parents. With the War, he was evacuated in Kent and then to Cornwall where he came under the influence of a Methodist minister, Clifford Buckroyd, eventually moving into the manse in Liskeard. His Eleven Plus results were not as he hoped, but he subsequently won a scholarship to a commercial school which was transferred to the local grammar school, gaining the matriculation certificate. With the end of the War, he moved back to his family and attended Eltham College where he achieved the Higher Certificate. Faced with National Service, and with a deepening Christian faith, he registered as a conscientious objector, working for the Forestry Commission in Lincolnshire. Here he began training as a local preacher. Despite aspirations to be an actor and applying to RADA, on his return home he sought to enter the ministry and was surprised to be invited by the Principal to attend Wesley House, Cambridge. There he met and eventually married Maeveen Gotobed who was a trainee nurse at Addenbrookes. They had two sons, Stephen and Matthew. Together they served in Worcester, Huddersfield (West), Great Yarmouth and Gorleston, Cambridge, London (Wanstead and Woodford), Bishop Auckland, and Liskeard and Looe Circuits. At Liskeard he had pastoral charge at the church where he had been a Sunday school pupil. In 1976 he wrote 'A Life in the Spirit', about Pentecostals, published by Epworth Press. He is remembered as a great preacher, never repeating a sermon and always increasing congregations. A quiet and warm man with a dry wit and liberal values, he cared deeply about the community around him. John sat down in 1993, moving to King's Lynn, where he volunteered at the local arts centre, walked and gardened, before eventually moving to York to be nearer family. In the last four years of his life Maeveen died and John began to suffer from dementia, though he retained his sense of humour. He died on 28 November 2023 in the ninety-sixth year of his age and the seventy-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

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Robert White: Born in Bristol on 17 September 1932, the second of three boys to Martha and Ernest White. At eighteen Bob was called up for National Service. Bob offered for the RAF Police and served in Aden, but poor eyesight prohibited his hopes of a police career, so Bob became an insurance salesman. He found that people wanted to share their concerns and needed someone to listen, and thus started Bob's first pastoral ministry. At the same time with two of his friends, Bob started a Sunday school at Severn Beach Methodist Church. On Trinity Sunday, the minister announced that this church had not to his knowledge had anyone offer for the ministry, so he would pray for someone to receive a call to ministry. It was as he was praying that Bob felt God say to him: "This is for you". A year later, and having become a local preacher in that year, Bob entered Richmond College. Bob's first appointment was to Broadstone in the Poole Circuit. It was here that his ministry to young people was established. It was at this time too that he married Jenny and where Jacqueline was born. After ordination, Bob and Jenny accepted a calling overseas and travelled to South India as Superintendent of two churches in Madras. Anita was born there, and son Kevin on their return home to Bristol. Bob went on to serve in the following Circuits: Towcester, Torquay and Paignton, Barnet, Ambleside and Windermere, and Alston. Bob showed a genuine interest in people, and his kindness and wisdom influenced many lives. It was in Alston that Bob married Millie. In retirement Bob moved to the Brampton Circuit where their son Christopher was born and where he continued his respected preaching ministry. Bob is remembered for his pastoral approach, his commitment to and connection with young people, his sense of humour, love of music, interest in philately, and the warm welcome that was given to all visitors to the manse. Bob died on 20 October 2023, in the ninety-second year of his age and the sixty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Donald Morley Wilkes: Born in Colombo, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) on 12 July 1936. Donald was the fourth generation of the Wilkes family to serve as a Methodist minister, so he followed in a long family tradition of Christian service. Both his father and grandfather had spent part of their ministry in Ceylon, so when Donald and Elizabeth sailed for Colombo in 1963, they were following in family footsteps. Donald studied geography at Liverpool University, and trained as a teacher, but offered himself for ordained ministry, training at his father's old college, Handsworth, in Birmingham. Here, he and Elizabeth met, and they married in 1962, once his training was completed. Having been selected for service overseas, Donald and Elizabeth attended St Andrew's College, Selly Oak for missionary training. They were stationed in Batticaloa in Ceylon's Eastern Province for over four years with a spell in Bangalore (now Bengaluru), India for language training. Their first two children, Ian and Stephanie, were born in Colombo. Later, Martin was adopted. Donald also served in the following Circuits: Kimberley, Nottingham (South), Loughborough, Wolverhampton (Trinity), and Crewe, the latter three as superintendent, retiring to Loughborough in 2001. Impressions of those years serving in Ceylon were to remain vivid for the rest of Donald's life and cemented his global outlook. In later years he recorded them when he wrote his memoirs in retirement. While his calling as a minister was central to Donald's life, he had many interests. In his younger years he had played rugby, cricket, and football, and he continued to follow sport avidly, and was doubtless glad when Ian and grandson Jake also took up the oval ball with enthusiasm. His lifelong calling to ministry was founded on his understanding of the Christian

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message. For him it was about changing and redeeming, not just individual lives, but society as a whole, and working for social justice. He shared that conviction in his preaching and in the causes he espoused and worked for. Donald died on 3 November 2023, in the eighty-eighth year of his age and the sixty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Martin Howard Wray: Born in Halifax on 21 July 1946. His father died when he was young and his mother and aunt helped to bring him up. He went to catering college and subsequently worked in the kitchens at Leeds University, and pubs in the Yorkshire Dales. His uncle Tom was a Methodist local preacher and Martin followed in his footsteps, eventually candidating for the ministry and, after acceptance, being sent for training at Wesley College, Bristol. Forming part of his studies was a period of two years at The Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio with a placement in a local church there. Martin served in the following Circuits: Tonbridge, Grays, Otley and Aireborough, Middlewich, Chorley, where he was superintendent minister, and Bolton. In 1998 he was given permission by the Methodist Conference to move into ministry in the sectors, giving him the freedom to develop his interest in spiritual direction, particularly drawing on the insights of St Teresa of Avila and St Ignatius Loyola. In 2010 Martin was invited to give an ecumenical perspective of St Teresa in a lecture to the International Teresian Conference in Avila, Spain. More locally, this next part of his ministry led to significant involvement at the Tabor Retreat Centre in Preston and Loyola Hall, Rainhill, Merseyside. Those post-1998 years opened a door, literally, Martin and Anne's house door, to many ministers and lay people from within the Methodist Church and beyond who came to benefit from Martin's wide reading, his profound sensitivity to the ebbs and flows of the human soul and his reminding them of the everlasting and unfailing mercies of God. For Martin, the joys of family were special. His wife Anne, children Laura, Tom and Melanie, and his grandchildren were held high in affection. At the time of Martin's death, Anne had been running for over thirty years a financial advisory service which proved helpful to many clergy. In his final years Martin became involved in the life of the parish church of Chorley and so it was fitting that Methodist, Anglican and Roman Catholic clergy took part in his funeral. Martin died on 23 April 2024 in the seventy-eighth year of his age and the fifty-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

Maurice Harold Wright: Born in what is now Telford on 9 July 1936, and educated at Coalbrookdale High School. He served in the following Circuits: Leominster, Doncaster (West), Stourbridge and Brierley Hill, Bishop's Castle and Clun, and Wem and Prees Green. Maurice was obedient to the discipline of itinerancy. Nevertheless, the latter part of his ministry was entirely in his beloved Shropshire. When he sat down in 2001 and moved to Shrewsbury he found himself in what was becoming the Shropshire and the Marches Circuit and reflected that he had spent a total of twenty-nine years of ministry in one or other of its constituent parts. Maurice had a strong social conscience. In his preaching he was an advocate for the needs of the poor and marginalised, calling out hypocrisy and injustice wherever he saw them. Personally disciplined (he was a lifelong teetotaler, a careful recycler, and a vehement critic of waste) and delighting in debate, he lived and preached a Christian socialism which included a commitment to the environment, support of relief and development causes, and an unequivocal pacifism.

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He served as a town councillor in Bishop's Castle and a number of Shropshire MPs were the frequent recipients of letters from him (as was the editor of *The Guardian*). Maurice was tireless in the cause of peace; a member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, the Methodist Peace Fellowship (MPF) and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. He served for many years as the Secretary of the MPF. Maurice was an enthusiastic collector of Caughley porcelain, a leading light in the Caughley Society (and its President) and a major contributor to the authoritative study of Caughley published in 2012. For sixty-one years Maurice was supported by Janet who gave up her nursing career to look after the home and family and to assist with the administration of a busy ministry. She survived him as did his two children, Philip and Lesley, and six grandchildren. He died on 9 October 2023, in the eighty-eighth year of his age and the sixty-fourth year of his presbyteral ministry.

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David Bernard Clark: Born on 31 August 1934 in Nottingham, David grew up in a loving Methodist family. He was educated at Nottingham High School, where he was Head Boy. Following National Service, he took an MA in modern history at St John's College, Oxford, followed by a diploma in public and social administration at Barnett House. He was very keen on sport, and while at Oxford he was awarded half-blues for both cricket and rugby. Inspired by the Revd Bill Gowland of Luton Industrial Mission, David trained for ministry at Handsworth College, Birmingham, and was ordained presbyter in 1961. He then spent a year at the William Temple College, Rugby, founded to explore the relevance of Christian faith to the working world, which was a continuing thread throughout his ministry. As a presbyter he served in the Sheffield (Norfolk), London Mission (South-East), and Birmingham (South-West) Circuits. In Sheffield he obtained a PhD in Sociology. In Greenwich he was instrumental in setting up the first joint Methodist/Presbyterian church. In 1973, he joined the staff of Westhill College, Birmingham. As well as teaching, he also initiated the succession of projects which defined his ministry. Uniquely, after sitting down as a presbyter, David felt that the diaconal role more closely reflected his ongoing ministry and so he candidated and was accepted as a member of the Methodist Diaconal Order in 2004. After a year's probation, he was ordained deacon in June 2005, serving in The Peak Circuit. David loved the natural world and from youth onwards he was a keen climber, walker and photographer. David was always an ecumenist, and his move to Bakewell in 2004 was the start of a number of local inter-denominational projects. He read and wrote prolifically, publishing eleven books which explored his vision of the church as servant of the Kingdom community. David made a "good end", telephoning his friends and those dearest to him to say he had "heard the call to a higher service." He died on 6 May 2023 in the eighty-ninth year of his age, and, after forty-five years as a presbyter, in the nineteenth year of his diaconal ministry.

Helen Davie: Born on 19 September 1936 near Ravenscraig, the eldest of four children. Her family were not churchgoers, but Helen had joined the local Girls Life Brigade. She came into contact with Sheildmuir Methodist Church where she was brought to faith. In 1958, already an accredited local preacher, she was accepted for training as a Wesley deaconess. Helen trained at Ilkley, then served in the Manchester and Salford Mission

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Circuit. Ordained in 1963, Helen was already exploring a call to serve overseas. She attended Kingsmead College before being sent to the Gambia District. In 1968 Helen transferred to Nigeria, at a time of civil war. She lived in the refugee camp not far from the front line with about a thousand people, mainly women, young children and elderly, with no food, except what could be foraged, and little water. Normally travelling by bicycle, Helen begged the use of an army vehicle to collect relief available seventy-five miles away. It took two days, during which she was captured by soldiers at gun point. However, an officer knew her and she was released. Transferred to Lagos, she worked in the theological college but with responsibility for women's work across the whole Nigerian connexion. Helen would muse that this was not bad for someone who was told at Ilkley she could not join the Greek class until she had learned how to speak English. Helen loved her overseas service, but her health suffered. She caught typhoid, and needed surgery. She returned to UK, stationed in Bradford Mission, and Leeds (becoming Vice-President of the Wesley Deaconess Order 1984-85), and serving with the Division of Ministries. In 1987 Helen entered her final appointment, in the Edinburgh and Forth Valley Circuit, sitting down in 1997. She was much loved and respected for her gifts as a pastor and preacher. Her ministry was direct and practical. Helen remained an active preacher, committed to the Order. She gave her life to serving the Church, also loving her family dearly, and being a friend to many. She died on 27 December 2023 in the eighty-eighth year of her age and the sixty-fourth year of her diaconal ministry.

Ivy Rose Forkin: Born on 1 December 1933 in south-east London, the eldest child of John and Ida. When Ivy was very young, the family moved to Darlington and grew, with Ivy having three more sisters, and then a half-sister some years later. Life was hard, and Ivy recalled having to carry a carpet two miles from one house to another with her sister. She was six at the time. Ivy attended school in Darlington and it was there she met her lifelong friend, Mona. She attended secretarial college and followed a career in administration. However, Ivy felt God was calling her onto another path. Eventually she candidated for the Wesley Deaconess Order and was accepted for training in 1964. Ivy's first appointment was in Manchester and Salford Mission in 1966. Unfortunately, she was involved in a major road accident and needed to halt her probation. She returned to circuit ministry in 1969, spending a year at Huddersfield Mission before being ordained in 1970, and moving to the Monmouth and Ross Circuit. At a time of great change, with secular agencies undertaking social work, Ivy trained as a social worker in 1974, continuing in this role until she retired in 1995, although Ivy never stopped working. She never neglected her commitment to the Methodist Diaconal Order, attended to the Rule of Life, attended Convocation, and was an active member of her Area Group, and faithful in prayer for the whole Order. Ivy was known and loved for her generous hospitality, her patient wisdom, her theological knowledge and her thoughtfulness. She was a woman of deep faith and spirituality, ecumenical, and engaging in theological reflection. She was a shining light. Ivy served on candidates committees, and mentored probationers. She also delivered safeguarding and pastoral training. Ivy never lost her compassion for the marginalised, volunteering as a prison visitor and with various homeless projects well into her later years. Ivy was a woman of prayer, who lived as Christ's faithful servant. She died on 6 January 2024 in the ninety-first year of her age and the fifty-eighth year of her diaconal ministry.

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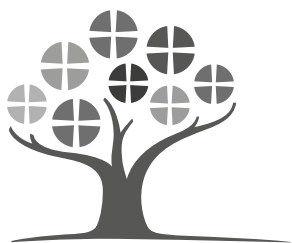
Maria Howard: Born on 10 July 1962. God's call upon Maria's life was with her from the beginning, but it was at Witney Methodist Church that she began to explore more deeply what that calling may be. She was a church steward, and welcomed any visitors and, occasionally, Members of Parliament. Much to her bemusement, a notable life moment was directing David Cameron to the toilet when he visited the church. Maria was already actively involved in leading worship and, in 2010, trained to be a worship leader. She candidated for the Methodist Diaconal Order in 2012 and was accepted to train at Wesley House, Cambridge. Maria had always been a keen student with a gift for study that continued beyond her ordination. She was stationed in the Basingstoke and Reading Circuit, where she remained throughout her ministry. Maria was a deeply spiritual person, thoughtful, reflective and prayerful. Many bore witness to Maria's compassionate heart, her strong sense of justice and fairness, her ability to listen well and to remember the details of people's lives. Maria was a very private person, and yet able to minister with openness and vulnerability. She drew alongside people, often recognising their giftedness before they did. Maria was a loved and respected member of the MDO. The fruit of her service was very evident at her funeral when so many gave testament to the impact of her life and ministry. A member of her Circuit said that they had lost a great spiritual leader. Maria bore her own challenges with fortitude and courage. When Maria became ill, such was her private nature, she did not want many to know. This included colleagues in the MDO, many of whom were not aware of her illness. Yet, she remained upheld by the Order and those who knew her remember her love, prayers and wisdom with gratitude. Maria lived a life dedicated to the service of God and all of whom God placed in her path. She died on 27 October 2023 in the sixty-second year of her age and the tenth year of her diaconal ministry.

Janet Linda Miles: Born on 31 July 1953. It was in the aftermath of tragic personal circumstances that Jan began to explore faith, and discovered God, who knew her and loved her. She discovered a call to a life of devoted service, and to share this love with others. In time, Jan explored a call to ordained diaconal ministry. She was accepted and ordained in 2007. The "diaconal family" meant a great deal to Jan, and she took seriously both her role in serving God and the people she encountered in ministry, but also the responsibility for her siblings in the Order. Jan served in the East Durham and Sheffield (West) Circuits, sitting down in 2015, but remaining active in the MDO. She was continually grateful for the support and encouragement of her husband, Ron. For Jan, the divine love which found her demanded a great deal from her and those around her. She had very high expectations both of herself and of others. Some did not meet those expectations, which could anger and frustrate her. She had an easy way of being with ordinary folk, and had no time for hierarchy or any expressions of faith she felt were not genuine. She drew alongside others and made faith relevant and real. She loved her chaplaincy role at Dalton Park in the North East, using her experience in retail to relate to those who worked there. She was able to make faith real to others because her own faith was genuine. She knew what it was to go through times of doubt in her life, and question what life was about. She was an encourager and could spot gifts in other people before they did themselves. Jan was a wonderful pastor and cared deeply for people. Jan lived a courageous life, facing challenges quietly, and embracing joys gratefully. This she could do because of her deeply tested, proved and grounded faith in Christ, and her knowledge of the love of God. Jan died on 1 June 2023 in the seventy-first year of her age and the eighteenth year of her diaconal ministry.

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Assistant Secretary of the Conference:	The Revd Michaela A Youngson
Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice:	Mrs Joanne Anderton
President-Designate:	The Revd Richard M Andrew
Vice-President-Designate:	Mr Matthew Forsyth

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Representative Session:	Mr Martin Harker
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Journal Secretary:	The Revd Jennifer M Dyer
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Officers, Committees and Other Appointments

3. Attestors of the Daily Record and the Journal of 2024

Daily Record

Presbyteral Session: The Revds Calvin Cheung
and Andrew C Moffoot
Representative Session: John Heard and Hope Wild

Journal

The Revd David M Goodall and
Anna Malnutt

4. Conference-elected Representatives to the Conference of 2025

Presbyteral Representatives: Retiring in 2025:
The Revds Kenneth G Howcroft, Joanna R Rand.

Lay Representatives: Retiring in 2025: Ms Martha Rand.

5. The Councils, Committees, Trust and Panels appointed by the Conference

Connexional Council

- (i) the President and Vice-President of the Conference as required by clause 37A
- (ii) the Secretary of the Conference as similarly required
- (iii) the chair of the council: The Revd Sonia M Hicks
- (iv) the chair or a deputy chair of the Mission Committee: The Revd Dr Joanne Cox-Darling
- (v) the chair or a deputy chair of the Ministries Committee: The Revd Gillian M Newton
- (vi) the chair or a deputy chair of the Resourcing Committee: Alethea Siow
- (vii) the chair or a deputy chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee: Keith Hickey
- (viii) up to fourteen other persons: The Revd Richard Byass, the Revd David Goodall, the Revd Beverly Hollings, the Revd Dr Michael J A Long, Anna Malnutt, Professor David Matthews, the Revd Nicholas A Oborski, the Revd Sarah Parkin, Paul Spray, the Revd Timothy A Swindell, Dawn Wood

Law and Polity Committee

Appointed by the Council but reporting to the Conference

- (i) The Secretary of the Conference: The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler
- (ii) The Secretary of the Committee: Mrs Joanne Anderton
- (iii) Mr Simon Birks, The Revd James A Booth, the Revd Andrew Charlesworth, the Revd James A Cruddas, the Revd Jennifer M Dyer, Mrs Susan Eldridge, Mr David Gibson, the Revd Helen R Hollands, the Revd Kenneth Howcroft, Mrs Susan R Howdle, Mrs Nwabueze Nwokolo, the Revd Thomas J Osborne, Miss Elizabeth Ovey, Mr Richard Price, Mr Thomas Pye, the Revd Keith A Reed, Professor Diane Rowland, the Revd Ian S Rutherford, the Revd Dr James N Tebbutt, the Revd E Adam Wells

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Faith and Order Committee

A senior member of the Connexional Team representing the Secretary of the Conference: The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler

The Secretary of the Committee: The Revd Dr Mark Rowland

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The Connexional Team is arranged into three main areas:

- Conference Office
- Ministries and Learning
- Mission

In addition to the above, the Finance & Resources (including Property), Human Resources, and Communications & Media teams exist under the management of the Connexional Secretary to facilitate the ongoing operational aspects of the Connexional Team.

The Secretary of the Conference

The Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler (soc@methodistchurch.org.uk) (020 7467 5157)

Key responsibilities: to be the principal executive officer of the Conference and to be the Secretary of the Connexional Council, to work with the President and Vice-President in the oversight and leadership of the Church, with the Senior Management Group to lead the Connexional Team, and with those leading on safeguarding, law and polity, and faith and order, and to be available to Circuits and Districts for consultation.

The Connexional Secretary

Doug Godfrey-Swanney (godfrey-swanneyd@methodistchurch.org.uk) (020 7467 3791)

Key responsibilities: to work in partnership with the Secretary of the Conference and other connexional leaders to determine how the vision, strategy and policies of the Methodist Church as determined by the Conference are put into effect using the whole resources of the Church and specifically the Connexional Team's contribution to that work, exercising management oversight of the Team, and representing the Church throughout the Connexion and beyond.

Assistant Secretary of the Conference

The Revd Michaela A Youngson (asc@methodistchurch.org.uk) (020 7467 3525)

Key responsibilities: to contribute to and support the development of the Connexional Team particularly in respect of the planning, preparing for and facilitating the Conference, supporting the role of the Secretary of the Conference, and overseeing the work of ordained ministries, complaints and discipline, and the Methodist Church's ecumenical relationships.

Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice

Joanne Anderton (lcp@methodistchurch.org.uk) (020 7467 5243)

Key responsibilities: overseeing the production of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church and convening the Law and Polity Committee. Oversight of the provision of guidance on legal, constitutional, and governance matters.

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1/19 Leigh and Hindley

Wilfred W Robinson (S)
Katharine J Bland

Supernumeraries:

Jacque P Evans
John Fisher
Janet Heys (D)
Jeffrey D Walker
Susan M Whitehead

1/20 Liverpool (South)

David J Goodwin (S)
Peter O Hughes
Clement Matarirano
Gareth Morgan (AP)
Andrew J Cheatle (*Lecturer and
Senior Pastor at Hope University*)

Supernumeraries:

Alan J Fretwell
David J Frudd
John W Lansley
Leonard J Pereira
Jennifer C Rayner

1/21 Macclesfield

Graham M Edwards (S)

Supernumeraries:

Frank E Bishop
Sheila M Bishop
B John Ingyon

Stations

1/22 Manchester

Caroline Wickens (S)
Catharine Hughes
Sharon Read
Kenneth Stokes
Paul C Welch
Adedotun O Kila (AP)
Anthony J Clowes (*Church Planting Officer*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District.
Jennifer A J Jones (D) (*Central Hall Deacon*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District.
Ian S Rutherford (*City Centre Minister*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District.

Supernumeraries:

Amanda J Boon
Christopher J Cheeseman
John L Forster
Peter D Gomm
Sheila Parnell (D)
Henry D Rack
Kim I Ratcliffe
Susan Rowe
Peter J Went
Susan Williams

1/23 North Cumbria

Philip J Jackson (S)
David C Newlove (S)
Tokunbo E O Asogbon
Mark Attwood (D)

Supernumeraries:

Paul M Beard
Joan Gooding
Gilbert S Hall
Colin D Harbach
Margaret C Jackson
Ruth Kershaw
Joy Margerison

John Millard
Peter M Ormerod

1/24 North Fylde

William J Hunter (S)
Sarah E Lamb
Katherine A Leonowicz

Supernumeraries:

Barbara Crockett (D)
Peter G Haywood
Lindsay J Pettigrew
Paul Ruddick
Ian Sumner
F John Swales

1/25 North Lancashire

Linda J Catlow (S)
Prudence E Cahill (D)
Emma C Holroyd
Kara S Cooper (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Graham S Bampton
George W Barton
Andrew P Champley
Michael R Fielding
P Jane Harper (D)
Judith Jeffery (D)
Colin Marchment
Derek North
Margaret E Patchett (D)
David H Peach
Yvonne J Pearson
David P Philo
William A Seville
Paul T Turner
Vivien B L Ward (D)

1/26 North Liverpool and South Sefton

Ian J K Hu (S)
Jemima E Strain
Neil A Stubbens
Helen R Kirkup (WA)
Karen Jobson (*Chaplain to NW ambulance service*)

Stations

Supernumeraries:

Susan Edwards
Martyn A Newman
Sheila E Prest

1/27 Oldham

Kennedy Gondongwe (S)
Suva L Catford
Angleena J Keizer (D)
Kenneth G McNally

Supernumeraries:

Robert Davies
R Edward Gordon
Lindsay Neal

1/28 Preston Ribble

Jane S Wild (S)
Philip J Gough (*District Secretary*)
Michael J Grimsley
Rebekah-Joy Spinks (D)
Sharon J Thraves
Kenneth G Walton (*Teaching*)

Supernumeraries:

Janet Clasper
John A Maiden
Barbara S Pettitt
Frank Sanderson
Kevin G Savage

1/29 Rochdale and Littleborough

Ruth Jackson (S)
John P Malnutt
† Marcianna Uwimana (D)
Rachel D Battershell (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Gillian M Berry
Lawrence Copley
Carl Howarth

1/30 Rossendale

David J Burrow (S)
Supernumeraries:
John R Bolton
Sheila M Dawson (D)

1/31 Salford

John B Palmer (S)

1/32 Sankey Valley

Andrew C Moffoot (S)
Linda R Bishop
Helen M Coleman (D)
Mark T Coles
Mark Harwood
Jeremy N Tresise

Supernumeraries:

Roger N Bradley
Filippus Den Uil (D)
T Aneurin Evans
Terence M Keen
Thomas Luke (D)
Iris P Musgrove
Peter L Summers

1/33 Sedbergh

Melanie J Greenall (S)
Andrew G Burgess (AP)

1/34 South Lakes

Grace R Cauldwell (S)
Hayley L Edmondson
Joanna R Rand
Martyn J Coe (AP)

Supernumeraries:

David W Edmondson
David A Jackson
Susan M Nicol

1/35 South West Cumbria United Area

Helen Hooley (S)
Hayley L Edmondson
Kate Hunt (AP)
Deborah L Wilde (D) (*Site Team Leader at Furness General Hospital*)

Supernumeraries:

Anita K Shaw (D)
Martin C Williams

Stations

1/36 Southport

Patrick M Evans (S)
Ernest Grimshaw RN
Rachel E Bray (AP)
Alexander P J Galbraith (AP)
Marie-Anne Kent (WA)
P Martin Abrams (*Hospital Chaplain*)
Janette Fraser (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Sally Binymin
Derek W Bowker
E Anne Cox
Ann C Hall
David M King
Alison M McCauley (D)
Rosalind Watson

1/37 Trafford

Jacqueline Bellfield (S)
Glayne Worgan

Supernumeraries:

Ian Golding
Margaret A Valle

1/38 United Stockport

Catherine H Bird (S)
Janet A Amey (D)
† Judith G Laycock (D)
Rajbharat Patta (RR)
Katharine J Smith

Supernumeraries:

Stephen M Barlow
Ian L Coverdale
Philip R Dew
Ian P Hamilton
Katherine J Le Sueur
W Andrew J Palmer
G Michael Sparrow
Kenneth E Street

1/39 West Pennine Moors

Philip J Gough (S)
Elizabeth A Catford
Matthew B Smith

Supernumeraries:

Alec B Bailey
Keith W Borwick
Lesley Dinham
James O Henderson
Christine Leech
Geoffrey Peddie
Andrew P Turner
Terence J Young

1/40 Western Fells

Nicholas B Baker (S)
Paul K A Harold

† Samantha J Morris (D)

Supernumeraries:

Joyce K Ellis
David E Hasson
Wendy Kilworth-Mason
Ian W L Parker
Nan Pryde
Nicola Reynolds
Keith C Rushton
Donald V Sapsford
Laurie E Sapsford
C Anne Taylor (D)

1/41 Wigan

Peter E Powers (S)
Kathryn Lamb (D)
Clare Purfit (D)
Richard C Towle

Supernumeraries:

Roger C Driver
John C Hilton
Derek Kendrick

1/42 Wirral

Noel H C Sharp (S)
† Ruth E Dowson
Ellie Griffin (D)

Stations

Daniel Woodhouse
Lorraine Aizlewood-Threlfall (AP)
Mark A Bates (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Malcolm J W Atherton
Barbara A F Banton
John P Barnett
Robert Cooper
Malcolm Daley
Phillip N Fanning

A Alan Fisher
Vivienne M Gasteen
Helen M Jobling
Christine Jones
Jennifer M Knight (D)
Carole Natton
Charles T F New
George E Palmer
Derek Softley
Lily P Twist

2 THE WALES SYNOD CYMRU (67)
Andrew Charlesworth (Chair of the Synod) Jennifer A Hurd (Chair of the Synod) James I Eaton-Challinor, Secretary of the Synod

2/1 Cymru

Ian D Morris (S)
Jonathan Miller (D)
Eirlys M Gruffydd Evans (AP)
Euron Hughes (AP)
Brian H Jones (AP)
D Marc Morgan (AP)
T Evan Morgan (AP)
J Gwyndaf Richards (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Andrew J Evans
R Martin Evans-Jones
Patricia Grudgings
J Roger Roberts

2/3 Bangor and Holyhead

Nicholas C Sissons (S)

Supernumeraries:

Susan M Altree
Sheila C Cairns
John E Fenner
David B Jones (A)
Rosemary E Nunn
Alison Richards
W Garth Rogers
Joan M Warner

2/6 Bridgend

Andrew Charlesworth (S)
Richard B Gillion

Supernumeraries:

Valerie S Davies
Alwyn Evans
John C Hanson
Brian C Hodges
Jean M Humphreys
John F W Payne
Colin R Phillips
Colin E Richards
Malcolm C Stinton

2/7 Buckley and Deeside

Phillip T Poole (S)
Andrew J Bradley
Lisa D Rathbone (D)

Supernumeraries:

Patricia Christopher
Anton H Dowell
Bernard C Nixon

2/9 Cardiff

Catherine Gale (S)
Evelyn R Bhajan
Laura J Evans (D)
Judith A Holliman

Stations

Alexis J Mahoney
Stephen D Wigley
Irfan M John (*Synod Enabler, Culturally Diverse Congregations*)
Delyth A Liddell (*Cardiff University*)
who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

Supernumeraries:

Roger S Bidnell
Rosemary H Davies
Paul J Donnison
Andrew J Lunn
David M Walker
Robin B Wood

2/10 Ceredigion

Malcolm Peacock (S)

Supernumeraries:

Peter E Barber
David B Jones (B)
Phillip A Poynor
David J Whitehouse

2/12 Conwy and Prestatyn

James S Garnett (S)
Linda Brown (D)
David A Lamb (AP)
Robert L Beamish (AP) (*Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Philip J Berry
Barbara Bircumshaw
George A Courtenay
Denise A Creed (D)
Christopher R Gray
Vivienne Gray (D)
J Kenneth Morgan
David A Ray
Eleanor M E Reddington
Derek Rigby
John D Ritson
Andrew A Scutt
Janet K Smith (D)
Malcolm D Weatherby
David Woodward

2/13 Gwent Hills and Vales

Catherine Brobbey (S)
Stephen J Boxall
Lorette J Hinson
Andrea Sims
Susan A Jevons (WA)
Gareth J Powell (*Other Appointment*)

Supernumeraries:

Stanley J Barker
Anthony C Gregory
Gareth L Hill
Gwenllian R Knighton (D)
Susan M E Lawler
Roy M Watson

2/16 Mid-Glamorgan Mission

Malcolm Peacock (S)

Supernumerary:

Julie A Lunn

2/18 Neath Port Talbot

Gareth J Edwards (S)
Gail Edwards (WA)
Rachel Wheeler (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Gordon W Sollis
Alfred H Williams

2/19 Newport and Lower Wye

Bethany Willers (S)
John Brobbey (D)
Ian T Griffiths
Leslie Jones
Rachel L Frank (WA)
Andrew Webster (*Other Appointment*)

Supernumeraries:

Paul S R Chesworth
Anne E Ellis
Linda S Healey
Kim W Kerchal
Dorothy F Lloyd Williams
John A Lloyd Williams
Pamela G Simmonds
Keith E Town

Stations

2/20 South West Wales

Geoffrey S Hays (S)
Katharine E C Hays (D)
Jonathan Miller (D)
John Hayton (AP)
Stella C Hayton (AP)
Felicity Jepson Randall (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Elaine E Halls
Graeme J Halls
David G Hawkes
David Murfin
David J Perkins
Margaret Stringer
Hugh-John Wilson

2/24 Swansea and Gower

Howard D Long (S)
Louise Gough
Andrew D Walker

Supernumeraries:

Margaret J Adams
John P Atkinson
Pamela M Cram
John Jones
Linda M Woollacott

2/25 Welshpool and Bro Hafren

Keith Edwards (S)

Supernumeraries:

Penelope A Burkill
Roger K Hides
William H Jones
John W Newbury
J Michael Taylor
Sara M Windsor-Hides (D)

2/26 Wrexham

James I Eaton-Challinor (S)

Supernumeraries:

Robert Gee
Ruth M Gee
Marian J Jones
Stephen L Kingsnorth
Grace M Parry (D)
Neville Pugh
O Patrick Rudden
John W Wiggall

2/27 Vale of Glamorgan

Catherine L Lewis (S)
R Paul Martin

Supernumeraries:

Derek O Dowdeswell
R David Hutton
Susan J O'Hare
Marty Presdee
John A Stacy-Marks

5 THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT (58)

Novette S Headley (Chair of the District)
There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

5/1 Birmingham

Farai Mapamula (S)
Cleopas Sibanda (S)
Angela P Allport (D)
Quophie Anochie Ababio
Helen D Cameron
Ping Ting Chen

Molly Chitokwinda
† Julie Clark
Caroline J Hague
Karen Webber
Michael J Claridge (AP)
Kenneth M Hawkings (AP)
Andrew J Smith (WA)
Irene N Tafirenyika (D) (WA)

Stations

Eunice Attwood (D) (*Connexional Team*)
Melinda T Bell (*University Chaplain*)
Christine M Dutton (*Connexional Team*)
Neil W Johnson (*Street Ecclesial Community - NPNP*)
Lemia Nkwelah (D) (*Permission to Study*)
Elaine C Russell (*Bracknell Forest Council*)

Supernumeraries:

John N Attwood
Peter K Bates
J Roy Boffey
Brian J Brown
Stuart J Burgess
Barbara A Calvert
Nigel T Collinson
Jennifer Edmondson
Martin K Freeman
Alison M Geary
Christine I Giles
R Geoffrey Harris
Philip C Hoar
Caroline Homan
Ian Howarth
Donald P Ker (RR)
Lawrence Law
Anthony F McClelland
David B Reddish
Donald J Sampson
G Mark Stobert
Stanley Webb

The Queen's Foundation

Melanie Beaven (D) (*Tutor*)
Jane V Craske (*Tutor & Oversight Responsibility*)
Gary P Hall (*Tutor*)
Catrin L Harland-Davies (*Tutor*)
Julie A Hudson (D) (*Tutor*)
Paul Nzacahayo (*Tutor*)
Judith A Rossall (*Tutor*)

5/4 Birmingham (Sutton Park)

Nicholas W Jones (S)
Jimmy Dube (RR)
Jennifer Parnell (D)
Marilyn O S Slowe (D)
Alan Smithson
Emily R A Young
Stephen W Fletcher (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Jean C Fletcher
David S H Hulme
Freddy Y Z Takavarasha

5/6 Birmingham (West) and Oldbury

Mucharutya Chisvo (S)
Ilidio Christino de Oliveira (RR)
Nutan Sandhya J Suray

Supernumeraries:

Peter F Featherstone
Phillip A Rees
Brian D Taylor

5/9 Tamworth and Lichfield

Joanna L Thornton (S)
Wendy Walker
Kerry R Scarlett (D) (*Connexional Team*)

Supernumeraries:

Linda M Atkin
Warren R Bardsley
Robert G Bates
Elizabeth M Cresswell
Roger Cresswell
Kenneth G Howcroft
Susan M Smith
Joan M Thornton

5/10 Coventry and Nuneaton

Jill Marsh (S)
Christine Crabtree
Doreen E A Koffie-Williams
A Stephen Willey
Kathryn R Darby (*Hospital Chaplain, University Hospitals Birmingham*)

Stations

Christopher J Shannahan (*Coventry University*)
Pauline Warner (*Coventry University Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Neil A Bishop
Ian S Coates
Clive R Fowle
Susan Fry (D)
Graham S Gee
Stuart B Jennings
Christine E Kennell
Keith G Salter
Mary V B Shannahan

5/12 South Warwickshire

Iain M Ballard (S)
Tina Brooker
Sally A Jones
Jane E Mills (D)
Mark Rowland (*Connexional Team and Chaplain at University of Warwick*)
David M Butterworth (WA)
Samuel E McBratney (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Alun Burke
James Dobson
Gordon J Gatward
Stephen J Grieves-Smith
John K Harris
Rachel A Hextall
Margaret P Locke-Wheaton
John R Lusty
E Brian Mason
Rosamy Murphy
Eric T Potts
Audrey E Simpson
Richard W Wilde

5/16 South Worcestershire

Elizabeth M Harris (S)
Corinne A Brown (D)
Nigel J Coke-Woods
Katherine J Pickering

Diane M Cooksey (AP)
Sarah Bruce (D) (*Hospice Chaplain*)
Stephen D T Froggatt (*Teacher*)
Ian P Mead (*Residing in a religious community*)
Beverley Ramsden (*Hospice Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

C Mary Austin
Richard H Barley
Malcolm L Braddy
Gerald J Forster
Peter M Grimwood
David A Haslam
Henry J Lewis
Anthony B Martin (D)
David T Meachem
Donald I Pritchard (D)
Pauline M Salter
Brian W G Skutt

5/18 Bromsgrove and Redditch

Stephen Levett (S)
Latika Singh
Ruth Wilson
James F Hamilton (AP)
Glenn T Reading (AP)
Helen Lawson (*Greenhouse Retreat Centre*)

Supernumeraries:

Gwynneth J Bamford (D)
Alan R Bidnell
Barrie G Cooke
Nasief Kawar
Trevor Lockwood
Siperire Mugadzaweta
Anne Smith
Janet H Thomas (D)

5/21 Blackheath and Halesowen

Joseph Basappa Suray (S)

5/24 Herefordshire (South and East)

Phillip J Warrey (S)

Supernumeraries:

Kathleen C Baldwin

Stations

Malcolm Brookes
Roy P Crew
Ruth J Eldridge
Mary E Jolly
Susan Keegan Von Allmen
Andrew D Pantland

7 THE BRISTOL DISTRICT (71)

Marcus Torchon (Chair of the District)
There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

7/2 Bristol and South Gloucestershire

Teddy Kalongo (S)
Simon C Edwards
P. J. Jackson
Sharon Lovelock
Leigh A Maydew
Aboseh Ngwana (RR)
Martin Slocombe
S Sally Spencer
Patrick D Stonehewer
Samuel Uwimana
Emma L Langley (AP)
C Michelle Hamilton (D) (WA)
Michael Belfield (*Part-time Hospital
Chaplain*)
Amanda G Briggs (*Education Officer,
New Room*)
David A Hull (*Permission to Serve Free
Methodist Church*)
Mark G Read (*Hospital Chaplain North
Bristol Trust*)

Supernumeraries:

David Bolton
Caroline A Carter
Harold S Clarke
K Hilary Cooke
David G Deeks
R Dilwyn Edwards
John C A Emmett
David A Hardy
Peter T H Hatton
Colin F Hayes
Anthony M Hick
Emmanuel M Jacob
Gordon James

Pearl A Luxon
Deborah C Mallett
M Joy Newbold (D)
David G Weeks
Sandra D Williams

7/7 Gloucestershire

Michelle J Ireland (S)
Jayne E Webb (S)
† James J Cullingford
Rachel L Hope
Rachel H Leather
John McNeill
Suzanne Peat (D)
Wendy J Tucker
Peter Clarkson (AP)
Esther J Mason (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Norman J Baker
John A Beardsley
Barry Bishop
Stan Brown
Keith J Burton
Diane S Clutterbuck
Richard N Clutterbuck
Christopher C Cory
Diane Daymond
Vernon J Godden
Timothy J Harrison
Jean Hogben
Kath Hutton (D)
John A G Kime
David King
Ian D McKenzie

Stations

Philip J Morse
Peter Muff
David G Nash
Stuart G Radford
Robert G Riddell
T John W Sampson
Carolyn Seaton
Martyn P Smith
Frank Topping
Martin H Turner
Heather M Upton
David H Vonberg
Stephen H Ward
G Ian Yates

7/13 North East Somerset and Bath

Simon Topping (S)
Christine W Coram
Elizabeth Harfleet (D)
John Hayes
Janet L Tate
David B Winstanley
Philip S Turner (*Hospital
Chaplain*)
Jill A Flowers (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Julian Albrow
F John Carne
Ian G Cramb
Josette A Crane
Gregory S Haynes
Phillip Hewett
Dawn L Hudson
Raymond A H Lansley
Jong Sin Lee
David Musgrave
Rolison C Sims
Ian Souter

Kingswood School

Kathryn Thomas (*Chaplain*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

7/15 Gordano Valley

Russell G Herbert (S)
Nicholas O Moxon
Sally A Ratcliffe
Clive J Jennings (AP)
Roxanne Simpson (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Preben W Andersen
Ian D Bowley
Carole Challis
Phillip A E Challis
David J Harris
Brian J Hunt
Christine J Legge
Peter B Mortlock
Ann E Owen
Michael J Pullan
David G Sharp

7/16 Somerset Mendip

Tina F Swire (S)
Andrew J Bell
Collin L Moore (RR)
Andrew Prout
David J Coppard (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Alastair V C Bolt
Kenneth Chalmers
Robert O Channon
Paul E Clifton
Margaret Crawshaw
John H Morrell
Audrey L Standhaft
Edward C P Standhaft
Jill P Warren

7/17 Weston-Super-Mare and Burnham on Sea

Steven A Bennett (S)
Judith C Lincoln
Karen E Murphy (*Chaplain, Weston Hospice*)

Supernumeraries:

Peter W Davis
David J Easton

Stations

Andrew J Hardwick
Rodney P Ingrouille
John O James
Stephen J Marr
James W McKnight
A Pamela Pembro
Stanley W Pipet
Joyce F Plumb
K John A Stedman
Lois J Tait (D)
Margaret G Trapp
Timothy Widdess

7/20 Wiltshire United Area

H Craig Manley (S)
Peggy M Kabonde
Gary J Gotham (AP)
Tracey Lewis (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Peter J Bennett
L E Maree Farrimond
Josie Flute (D)
Susan A Holden
Shirley E Mackintosh (D)
Mary R Teed
Peter E Whatton
Ruth E Whittard

7/22 North Wiltshire

David P Gray (S)
Andrew J Bird
Rachel I Collins
Stephen F Roe (D)
Stephen M Skinner

Supernumeraries:

Anthony Barnes
Mark Barrett
Janet L Evans
Geoffrey D Floyd
Roy E Howard
Susan D M Howe
A Ward Jones
Jonathan R Musselwhite
Pamela F Stranks

7/23 Upper Thames

Shirlyn Toppin (S)
Joseph S Ribeiro
Sarah C Simpson (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Margaret W Livingstone
Janette Partridge
Donald F Symonds

10 Channel Islands District (12)
Dawn J Saunders (Chair of the District) There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

10/1 Bailiwick of Guernsey

Howard J Stringer (S)
Jacqueline A Cottrell
Stephen M Dallin
David Stolton
David Stretton
Timothy R Barker (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Peter G Lane
Thomas N M Vidamour

10/2 Jersey

Dawn J Saunders (S)
Peter N Goodhall
T Keith Sandow

Supernumeraries:

Karen A V Le Mouton
Henry F Le Ruez
Deborah G Poole
Derek G Poole

Stations

11 THE CHESTER AND STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT (53)

Helen R Kirk (Chair of the District)
There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

11/1 North Cheshire

Gordon J Gresswell (S)
Alison L Crookes
Michaela J Doherty (D)
Suzanne M Sale (D)
J Neil Stacey

Supernumeraries:

Helen M Caine
John Carr
John F Clarke (D)
David H Copley
D Graham Evans
Ralph E Fennell
David J Gallimore (D)
Lynda J Gallimore (D)
Anne E Gibson
Claire M Heald
Roger C G Hutchings
Christine M Jones
J Peter F Levitt
Susan Levitt
Timothy S Macquiban
Ian Rigby
Colin A Smith
Paul Taylor
Martin J Wood

11/4 Mid-Cheshire

Janet C Aspey (S)
Timothy A Coleman (D)
Shirley D Hassall (D)
Allen Moyo

Supernumeraries:

Patricia A Billsborrow
Andrew E Pratt
Annie Trembling (D)

11/5 Dane and Trent

Andrew J Webb (S)
† Anna M Carrington

Yanyan Case
Nicola J Langton-Miller

Supernumeraries:

Keith Davies
Margaret E Eaton
K Andrew Lindley
Philip J Lockett
Patricia A Percival

11/8 Cheshire South

Robert O Hilton (S)
Donna-Marie Broadbent-Kelly
Sarah Butcher
J Robin E Fox
Carolyn Lawrance
Simon C Sutcliffe (*Connexional Team*)

Supernumeraries:

Jennifer Arthurs
Christopher I Denney
Ian Duffy
Andrew L Gunstone
Jennifer K Henshall
L Eric Kirkman (AP)
Margaret E Lockwood
Charlotte A Lorimer
Malcolm G Lorimer
William R Morrey
Michael J Parrott
Graham A Patrick
E Edna Perry
J Stuart Rhodes
Gordon Ryder
Neal H Street
Helen J Stubbs
David R Westhead

District Mission Enabler

David J L Willis who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

Stations

11/14 Market Drayton

Mark J Lawrence (S)

Supernumeraries:

Roger A Baker
Paul J Clapham

11/15 Potteries Mission

Jennifer M Dyer (S)
Joseph N Adams
J Paul Parker
Pamela A Roberts
Rachel M Thomas-Prasad (D)
Susan E Edwards (*Royal Stoke & Stafford Hospitals NHS Trust*)

Beacon Project

William R Porter who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

11/18 Stoke-on-Trent Mission

Kathryn Stephens (S)
Ruth Jeffries

Supernumeraries:

A Peter Hancock
Stephen G Hatcher

John M Hibberts
Stuart Hickerman
W Arthur Wakelin

11/22 North Staffordshire

Elizabeth J Singleton (S)
Joy R Ventom
James Pritchard

Supernumeraries:

Derick Chambers
Richard J Parkes
John Taylor

11/24 Staffordshire Moorlands

Julie Hassall (S)
Denise E Williamson
Ashley R Cooper
(*Principal Cliff College*)

Supernumeraries:

John A Bates
Colin S Cooper
John M Edwards
G Peter Ogle (D)
Joyce E Smith
Anthony R Tagg
David W Watson

13 THE DARLINGTON DISTRICT (48)
Richard M Andrew (Chair of the District) There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

13/1 Darlington and Teesdale

Richard M Andrew (S)
Graham A Cutler
Gavin R Hume
Catherine L Minor (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Timothy C Boocock
John H Bower
Philip A Clarke
Alan R Coustick
M Kenneth George
John D Howard

Richard H Hunter
Oluyemisi Jaiyesimi
Harold E Moore
Colin J Roberts
Jeffrey L Sharp
Edward Watson

13/2 Middlesbrough and Eston

David A Godfrey (S)
Charity K M Hamilton
John C Howard-Norman

Stations

Supernumeraries:

Anne R Coates
R Michael Harland

13/3 Stockton

Vincent M Jambawo (S)
Martin F Ramsden
Rachel L Williams
Sarah Ramsden (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Roy D Burley
Margaret Fleming
Eric Mason

13/4 Castle Eden

Beverly Hollings (S)
Sally A Coleman
Esther Longe (D) (*Prison Chaplain*)

Supernumerary:

John H Pugh

13/5 Stokesley

Andrew N Robinson (S)
Robert J Weir
Graham P Peacock (*Mental Health Chaplain*)

13/7 Cleveland and Danby

Richard V Sharples (S)
Kevin R Highfield

Supernumeraries:

Betty Bell
Trevor Haigh
Keith W Martin
William C Middlemiss
Isabel A Stuart

13/10 Bishop Auckland and Shildon

David M Payne (S)
† Rachel E Pinkney

Supernumerary:

Sheelah M Stevens

13/11 Durham and Deerness Valley

John A Squares (S)
Ruth M Lackenby (D)
Fiona Weir
Caroline A Dick (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Paul A Beetham
Brian J Gameson
Raymond Hay
Jean Hudson
Colin J Jackson
Janet P Jackson
C Nigel Johnson
Jane S Middleton (D)
Leslie Nevin
Graham J Peaden
Susan J Wigham

13/12 West Durham

Christopher C Humble (S)
Bruce J Sawyer
Liesl C Warren (D)

Supernumeraries:

David R Hall (B)
Francis R Neil
Joyce Wilson (D)

13/19 North Yorkshire Dales

Joanna M Brown (S)
Julia I Reid

Supernumeraries:

Kathleen M Bowe
Elizabeth J Timmins (D)
David R Wood
Kathleen S Wood

Stations

14 THE EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT (70)

Helen R Hollands (Chair of the District)
There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

14/1 Norwich

Andrew Burrows (S)
Stephen Cullis
Matthew A Olanrewaju
Mary Sachikonye
Sharon L Willimott
Mark S J Elvin (AP)
Wendy J Saunders (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Mary P Cousins
David East
Nigel D Fox
Linda R Kinchenton (D)
Helen M Nice
Bernard Reynolds
Ann Shephard (D)
W Briant Smith
Pauline A Wrenn

14/2 Ipswich

Stephen T Mann (S)
Saul Tadzaushe
Paulson Devasahayam Leela (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Michael J Allen
Beverley A Barclay
Mark R Booth
Jane K Cassidy
Michael G Cassidy
Malcolm Clark
Ian G Gardner
Yvonne M Hays
Paul R Howes
Joanna Jacobs
David B Kemble
Margaret R Millar
Stephen G Yelland

14/3 Bury St. Edmunds

Jason C Vinyard (S)
Ruth K Ridge

Supernumeraries:

Rita Carr
Julie Minns
Valerie J Spencer
W L Vaughan Tong

14/4 Haverhill

Moses John (S)

Supernumerary:

Kenneth M Nicholls

14/5 Ely and Newmarket

Catherine Dixon (S)
† Laura S Martin

Supernumeraries:

Bernard D C Arnold
Christopher J Bishop
Robert E Ely
Frazer J Hawkes
Andrew P Maguire
June E Mallabon
Colin W Watkins

14/7 Lowestoft and East Suffolk

Martin L Keenan (S)
Alan G Palmer
(*Chaplain, James Paget Hospital*)

Supernumeraries:

Pamela M Bayliss
Valerie M Burgess
Leslie E P Richards
Robin V Searles
John H Sigsworth
Robert Soanes

Stations

14/9 Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership

David S Ely (S)
Bruno Boldrini (AP)

Supernumerary:

Kathryn M Jackson

14/10 Norfolk Broads

Andrew King (S)
† Judith H E Bell
Sheralee A Devitt (D)
Katy R Adams (WA)

Supernumerary:

Leslie E Wallace

14/13 North Norfolk

Colin C Telfer (S)
Diane E Grice
Deborah Humphries
Zephney Kennedy (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Pauline Barnett
Mike Bossingham
R Ann Bossingham
Arnold Clough
John P Fenn
Brenda M Hayes (D)
Christopher J Sharp
Marian Sharp (D)
Judith V Stevens
Graham Thompson
Elizabeth D Trinder
Ralph S Webb
Arthur C Windridge

14/15 Central Norfolk

Derek V Grimshaw (S)
Jonathan Bell
Anne M Richardson

Supernumeraries:

Elizabeth J Bellamy
Andrew Fielding
Rosemary E Wakelin

14/18 Thetford, Diss and Mildenhall

David S Ely (S)
David McAloon
Paul Mellor

Supernumeraries:

Donna Ely (D)
Colin Hough
Stephen J Oliver
David C Shawcross
Heather A Sorrell
Christopher M White
Harold E Wilkinson

14/20 West Norfolk

Paul D Critchley (S)
Jacqueline S Goddard
Richman Ncube
Michaela Sorenson (AP)

Supernumeraries:

David Blacklock
Gail R Kerry
Kim Nally
Lynne R Sylvester-Tonge (D)
J Gordon Tonge

14/22 The Fens

Lorna E Valentine (S)

Supernumeraries:

Peter S Dewdney
Charles R Gibbs
R Blair Kirkby
Leslie Stoker

14/25 St Neots and Huntingdon

J James Bamber (S)
Susan J Baker-Maher
Nicholas H W Witham
Matthew R Finch (*Connexional Team*)

Supernumeraries:

R Raymond Brown
Barbara E Garwood
Kathryn E Pawlett
Susan M Roberts (D)
Pam H Siddall

Stations

Alan M Taylor
Heather M Walker

14/26 Cambridge

Rose A S Westwood (S)
Ian H Murray (D)
Charity Nzegwu
Jennifer R Pathmarajah
William J Miller (AP)
Colm P Nevard (AP)
Jane Leach (*Principal, Wesley House*)
Daniel J Pratt Morris-Chapman
(*Tutor, Wesley House*)
Nicola Vidamour (*Director of
Reflective Supervision, Wesley House*)
Carole Irwin (WA)

Supernumeraries

John C A Barrett
Stephen J Burgess
Robert E Dolman
Peter C Graves
Stuart Jordan
Donghwan Kim
Joyce F Levine
Clifford J Meharry
Jacqueline Smith
Mark H Wakelin
Michael P Wilson

The Leys School

Simon W Coleman (*Chaplain*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District.

15 THE ISLE OF MAN DISTRICT (8)
Janet E Corlett (Chair of the District) Bryan A Yardy (Secretary of the Synod)

15/1 Isle of Man

Janet E Corlett (S)
Rebecca J Ingrouille
Stephen P Ingrouille
Johanna C Smart
Sean C Turner (RR)
Bryan A Yardy
Andrew G Fishburne (*Connexional
Team*)
David Shirtliff (*Retreat House Warden*)

Supernumeraries:

Christopher E Belfield
Richard L Hooton
Kina Saunders (D)
Paul Saunders

Stations

17 THE LINCOLNSHIRE DISTRICT (43)

Angela J Long (Chair of the District)
There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

17/1 Epworth, Scunthorpe and Gainsborough

Victoria A Atkinson (S)
Paul W Braisdell
Deborah L Caulk

Supernumeraries:

Janet I Atkins Snow
Brian Bailey
Stuart Gunson
Renee Howling
Cedric R P May (D)

17/2 Lincoln

Richard P Mottershead (S)
† Helen Gardner (D)
Jennifer A Matthews
Alan J Robson
Juliet E Wriglesworth
Peter G Reast (D) (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Martin J Amery
Alan M Barker
Alan W Barker
Norman W Bray
Stephen J Brown
Margaret F Doughty
Christine S Farley (D)
Margaret S Harrison
Christine J Jewitt
Terence M Nowell
Sandra E Osgerby
F Margaret Roe
Lynne E A Ward

17/4 Mid-Lincolnshire

Graham P Miles (S)

Supernumeraries:

Geoffrey C Boxer

Ian P Kemp
Lindsay D Kemp
David R Lawton
Cecil Mundy

17/5 Grimsby and Cleethorpes

Neil Vickers (S)
Susan Chambers
Kathleen R Deakins
Nigel Rodgers

Supernumeraries:

Barry R Armson
J A Jade Bath
John M L Boardman
Alexander Conn
Kenneth Davy
Hazel Humphries
Patrick J Mickleburgh
John D Robinson
Ian H Wales

17/6 East Lincolnshire

Graham P Miles (S)
Margaret J Asiedu

Supernumeraries:

Norman E Carr
Ivor Haythorne

17/11 Barton, Brigg and Wolds

Robert L Roberts (S)

Supernumeraries:

Nigel J Clements
Enid M Knowles
David J E Woodward

17/12 Sleaford

Gabriele E Britton-Voss (S)

Supernumeraries:

Denise Bulloss

Stations

Henry Dubois
Colin J Martin
T Manville Wiles
William Wilson

17/15 South Holland

Luke G S Smith (S)
Vivienne G Smith (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Margaret Barnes
David J Curran

John Furniss
Margaret E Lee
Robert G Pritchard
Geoffrey Tamblin (D)

17/22 Boston

Valerie J Ogden (S)

Supernumeraries:

Julie Doddrell
I Marie Greenwood
Maurice L Perry

20 THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT (65)
Jonathan A Sewell (Chair of the District) There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

20/1 Newcastle upon Tyne (Central and East)

Alison M Wilkinson (S)
Paul D Cleever-Thorpe
Jill Henderson (D)
Gail I Morgan (D)
Helen White
Alexander D Mabbs (AP)
Julie Mooney (AP)
H Barrie Morris (WA)
Tracey J Hume (D) (*District
Community Engagement Enabler*)
Kathryn M Reader (*MHA Chaplain*)
David A Wilkinson (*University of
Durham*)

Supernumeraries:

Derek A Aldridge
Marie Attwood
Malcolm A Newman
Susan Richardson
Ann Shepherdson
Frank E Sykes
John H Wall
Ian T White

20/2 Newcastle upon Tyne (West)

Timothy R Woolley (S)
Lynda Coulthard

Supernumeraries:

Keith R Albans
Colin Barrick
Patricia A Brooks
Robin R Brooks
Maureen Lloyd
James C Poore
J Gordon Wynne

20/5 North Shields and Whitley Bay

Etlewa Walker (S)
David G Wynd
Stephen J Lindridge (WA)

Supernumeraries:

J W Wesley Blakey
W Paul Brook
Linda M Eccles
J Anthony Farrar
Richard Firth
Enid M Gordon
Malcolm D Hickox
Robert J Hufton
Gary S Ridley
David M Shaw
J Donald Wass
Sharon Whittaker

Stations

20/6 South East Northumberland

Antony N Oakley (S)
Denise Harding
† Richard J Porter
Christopher J Wood-Archer
Alan D McGougan (AP)
Louise Sanders (AP)
Julian R Sanders (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Ian T Farnsworth
Paul A Golightly
Keith D Harbour
Peter Holwell
Stephen P Jakeman
John F Macadam
Una McLean
Adele F Moorhouse
Ronald Morris
J Thomas Quenet

20/8 Tynedale

Marie L Beard (S)
Fiona Calverey
Michael P Holland
Gareth Sherwood
Roberta Ritson (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Anthony E Buglass
F Russell Hilborne
Marion Proud
Steven Talbot
Michael L Wilkinson

20/12 Lindisfarne

Timothy J Moore (S)

Supernumeraries:

Barrie J Cash
Jennifer M Heath (D)
Stephen R Heath
Dorothy A Hewitson
James Magee
K Stephen Pratt
Jonathan H Pye
Edward J Sykes
Ranald C M Wylie

20/13 Bede

Jane H Carter (S)
Andrew Carter (D)
Ian M Kent
Matthew T Sheard
Huw J Sperring
Deborah Wainwright

Supernumeraries:

Cynthia R Hardiman
Judith W Oldroyd
Paul J Worsnop

20/15 South West Tyneside

Ann M Varker (S)
Janet Capstick
David Charter
Brigitta Steele
I Neil Cockling (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Trevor Capstick
Jennifer M Gill
Martin P James
Maira A Peters

20/16 Sunderland

Jane L Cook (S)
Paula Hunt
John W Purdy (RR)

Supernumeraries:

J Christopher Daniels (D)
John G Hill (D)
Janice M Trimble

20/19 East Durham

Jennifer M Porterpryde (S)
Dawn F Brown

Supernumeraries:

Christine E Kettleby
Alfred Waite

Stations

20/20 Chester-le-Street

Jennifer M Porterpryde (S)
Anne R Kilvington
Linda Watkin (D)
Elizabeth A Kent (*University of Durham*)
Elaine M Lindridge (*Minister for the Mother House*)
Andrew M Longe (Prison Chaplain)

Supernumeraries:

Richard A Bainbridge
P John Caudle
Alan Coates
Ivor M Haywood

20/22 North West Durham

Stuart Earl (S)
David M Lees

Supernumerary:

Terence Hurst

22 THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT (69)
Andrew W Fyall (Chair of the District) Nicola A Briggs, Secretary of the Synod

22/1 Nottingham (North East)

Richard J Byass (S)
† Jason L McMahon-Riley
Julie Morton (D)
Helen Snowball (D)
John Wiseman

Supernumeraries:

Alan R Boyd
Robert W Gollins
David Monkton
F M Ruth Orton
Lawrence E Sharp
David R Speed

22/2 Nottingham (South)

Mark D Roberts (S)
Tony Simpson
† Naomi F Sparey
Helen J Fyall (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Jeffrey Bramley
Hilary M Cheng
Marian Crawford
Michael W Lees

22/4 Nottingham (Trent Valley)

Anthony G Malcolm (S)
Andrew G Checkley
Arnold M O Dixon
Sian M Street (D)
Lewis J Greaves (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Stuart A Bell
Susan P Holmes
Elizabeth A Rowe (D)
John Rowe
Judith A Smart
Melanie A Stoodley
Arlington W Trotman

22/6 Derby

Tracey J Harris (S)
Calvin Cheung
Neil Draper
Colin J Emerson
Jacqueline D Quarmby
Paul Desborough (AP)
Jason G Kennedy (AP)
Robert Foster (*Belper Baptist Church*)

Supernumeraries:

Edward J Ager
Douglas R Allen
Paul H Ashby

Stations

Rosemary Bell (D)
Moiria J Biggins
Christopher P Briggs
Peter Dawson
David G Greenaway
Ivan R Homer
Raymond Lunt
Patricia A Moore (D)
David R Owen
Jane Rice (D)

22/11 Ashbourne

Nicola A Briggs (S)

Supernumeraries:

Mark Broadhurst
E Rosalind Franklin
John Hellyer
David G H Leese

22/12 National Forest East

Louise E Morrissey (S)
Philip K Snelson (S)

† Nicola J Geeson

Supernumeraries:

Robert L Hawkins
David A Haywood
John D Hudson
R J John Lear
Dennis H J Smith

22/13 Borders Mission

Robert Hurley (S)
Simon A Rose
Peter D Taylor
Samantha M Taylor (D)
(Hospital Chaplain)

Supernumeraries:

Michael P Dille
Lynnette Houghton
Derek C Kellington
Judith M Shewen
Barry Shipley
Susan Wilkins

22/14 Mid Derbyshire

Ann M Anderson (S)
Helen R Penfold
Timothy P Simms
Kevin A Price (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Sheila J Baldock
Timothy J Bradshaw
Kenneth Cupit
Elisabeth A Davies-Johns
P Ann Gilson (D)
Barbara C Glasson
David H Glasson
Colin P Mark
Christopher R Scotchbrook
Eleanor J Smith
H Adrian J Smith
J Colin Smith
Anthony P Wells
Peter Willis

22/15 Grantham and Vale of Belvoir

Timothy Morris (S)
Neil A Maynard
Peter F Stevenson (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Lois Bell (D)
Graham O Coleman
Christine A M Fox
Raymond W Hinch
Ruth M Hinch (D)
Gillian N Skinner (D)
Richard M Skinner
Peter G Sulston

22/16 East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire

Rachel J Wood (S)
Rachel Moss
Manoa Ratubalavu (RR)
Michael J Redshaw
Helen J Harrell (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Ann M Bolas

Stations

Lynda M Coates
Stella F Mills
Derek Morton
David G Palmer
Susan L Rolls
Robert Russell

Alan W Swann
Rodney E Warden
John Williams
Linda Williams

22/23 Sherwood Forest

Stuart W Ellis (S)
David Keegan (D)
Debbie Keegan

Supernumeraries:

Robert H Jones
Margaret R Matta (D)
Barry T Smith
Martin T Smithson
W Arthur Spencer

22/26 Newark and Southwell

David H Bonny (S)
Peter W Hibberts

Supernumeraries:

Peter T Bates
David C Gibson
Gaynor L Hall
Kevin M Hart
Derek G Holtom
John N Hucknall
Colin M Membery
Barrie Morley

23 THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT (84)
Sonia M Hicks (Chair of the District) There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

23/1 Oxford

Miriam S Moul (S)
Paul G Carter
Stephen J Spain
Brian D Brown (*Writer and Producer*)
Ralph Waller (*Director of the Farmington Institute and University of Oxford*)

Supernumeraries:

David R Bull
Geoffrey W Hunter
Jean M King
Leslie J Marsh
Heather Noel-Smith
John Rowland
Michael J Sawyer

23/2 Wantage and Abingdon

Keith R Underhill (S)
Georgina F T Bondzi-Simpson
Selina J Nisbett (D)
Bruce D Thompson

Supernumeraries:

John D Anderson
Eileen J Appleyard
Michael R Appleyard
Kenneth Blake
Margaret A Blake (D)
Frances N Blood
Irena M Byron
Alan Grist
Carol M Hamilton-Foy
Nigel Ogley
John E Stanfield

Stations

23/3 West Oxfordshire

Andrew P Biggs (S)
Jason Cooke
† Susan N Jacobs
Ian M Worrall

Supernumeraries:

Nicola C Blois
David Buckley
Stephen M Bywater
Elgin P Crewe
Roger E J Faulkner
Charles Harris (RR)
James R Skinner
Andrew M D Wigley
Brenda E Woods
Alan L Wright

23/5 Banbury

David R Alderman (S)
Philip Robinson

Supernumeraries:

Christopher T Eddy
Mark G Goodhand
Margaret Hale (D)
Robert L Jones
A Mary Pheasey
Jeffrey I Smith
John F Warren

23/6 Buckingham, Bicester and Brackley

Sara P Cliff (S)
Jocelyn F Bennett
Timothy Edworthy (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Michael Langley
Roger Lee

23/7 Leicester (Trinity)

Andrew S Farrington (S)
Kim Alexander
Christopher Andam (RR)
Liam B Dacre-Davis
Sharon Dilley (D)
Derek J McLean

Ivan N Bennett (AP)

Supernumeraries:

David Bosworth
Kathryn Cook
Albert W Mosley
Anthony Pick
Vincent J Price
Israel Selvanayagam
E Gordon Webb

23/9 Leicester (West)

Sydney Samuel E Lake (S)
Jimione Kaci
Joy M Langford (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Douglas A Brewer
Peter Sowler

23/10 Loughborough

Karen A Beecham (S)
Calvin Cheung
Sandra K Marshall

Supernumeraries:

David Blatherwick
Hugh R Cade
P Hedley Cousin
Patricia S Olivent-Hayes

23/11 Hinckley

M Andrew Lomax (S)
Patricia Mukorombindo

Supernumeraries:

Vivienne R D Atter
Stephen A Hoggart
Graham J Miles

23/12 Melton Mowbray

Karen A Beecham (S)
Nina J Johnson

Supernumeraries:

Douglas A Dennis
Eric J Lott
Jeffrey H Ward

Stations

23/13 Northampton

David J Speirs (S)
† Samantha J Gillard
Ian J Forsyth (AP)
Rachael D Warnock (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Richard Beckett (D)
Wendy M Evans-Wood
Malcolm J Oliver
Anthony J Perry
Alan Sharp
John W Smith
Ian Suttie
Martin R Swan

23/14 East Mercia

Nathan S Falla (S)
Georgina M Brooks (D)
Brian Hutton
Andrew T Murphy
Noel Nhariswa
Kim Shorley (*District Mission Team*)

Supernumeraries:

Robert H Anning
Neville Ashton
David P Collinson
Anthony W de Boltz
Fiona J de Boltz (D)
Christine A Dybdahl
Jane E Gaffney
Margaret Hadfield
S Jean Holyhead
Phillip J Horner
Martin P Hounsfield
Brian J Kennard
Peter M Molcher
Mary M Neal (D)
W Iain A Rennie
Trevor J R Thomas
Alison F Tomlin
David R Tomlin
Judith Wray (D)

23/15 Stamford

Andrew J L Hollins (S)
Rebecca H Wright

Supernumeraries:

Richard T Baggott
J Christopher Bamber
William P H Booker
Paul Cockburn
Frederick R Day
Julia T Dowding
E Barry Gent
Maureen E Jones
C Peter Lemmon
Brian Lewis
Christine M Pocock

23/21 Peterborough

Langley A J Mackrell-Hey (S)
Janet Titterton
Sarah C Gower (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Raymond F Garfoot
David R Parkes
Dale S Sherriff
Graham W Tooth

23/23 Nene Valley

Ruth Charlesworth (S)

Supernumeraries:

Gordon Chisnall
Martin C Dawes
Sylvia J Kempson (D)
Michael P R Langstaff

23/26 Milton Keynes

Edson Dube (S)
David C P Haseldine
Barry D Lotz
George Mwaura (AP)
Alison M Facey (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Christopher R Batten
Peter R Dudeney
Margaret A Goodall

Stations

Stephanie J Hibberd
David Marshall
David J Moore
Elizabeth Morris
Stephen J Peck (D)
Beatrice O Quaye
Peter Sharrocks
Barbara M Winner

23/27 High Wycombe

Kate Strange (S)
† Rachael H Prince
Supernumeraries:
Alan J Bolton
Michael S Hill
Angela J Singleton

23/28 Amersham

E Adam Wells (S)
James A Patterson

23/29 Vale of Aylesbury

Richard J Atkinson (S)
S Noreen Daley-Lee
Hee Gon Moon
Anthony W Howells (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Charlotte C P Collins
Arthur E Cowburn
S Janice Cowburn
Fredrick R Ireland
Hayford Ofori-Attah

25 THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT (59)
Gillian M Newton (Chair of the District) Sean C C Adair, Secretary of the Synod

25/1 Sheffield

Romeo R Pedro (S)
Naomi Cooke
Michelle Deans
Jonathan Haigh
Judith Jessop
M Claude Kimpinde
Ian G Lucraft
Debora K Marschner
James B Morley
Philip N Peacock
Annabel L Terry (D)
Carla S H Quenet (*Connexional Team*)
Helen A Reah (*Mental Health
Chaplain*)
Timothy R Woolley (*Church Army
College*)
Jacqueline L Wright (D)
Kate Barclay (AP)
Kimberley S Mason (AP)
Paul D Mellars (AP)
Tracey Morris (AP)
Sean C C Adair (WA)(*Studying*)
Jill M Pullan (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Joy E Adams
Ian C Bell
Inderjit S Bhogal
Phillip G Borkett
Michael G Brown
Robert C Cotton
Timothy J Crome
Peter Edwards
Christopher H Gardner
Gillian Girt
Rodney Hill
David J Hunter
Adrienne M Nixon (D)
Joy M Rulton
Jane Sharpe
Philip A Sharpe
John L Simms
Carole I Smith (D)
Janet Stafford (D)
Maurice E Stafford
Christopher C Tomlinson
Gillian M Tutt
John J Vincent

Stations

J Graham Wassell
Michael J Wildgust
David F Willie
Elizabeth R Wills
Frances M Young

25/2 Derbyshire North East

Gillian M Newton (S)
Mark Carrick
Richard W Harris
K M Jane Harris (*Chaplain -
Rotherham NHS Trust*)

Supernumeraries:

Ann B Baldock
Clifford W Bellamy
Michael J Bowman
B Anthony Dent
Geoffrey M Fisher
Kim Teck Goh
Deborah A Hodgson
John B Job
Paul R King
M Alan Morton
Daniel M Mwilu
R Margaret K Mwilu
Mavis Plater (D)
Pamela J Webster
John W Young

25/13 The Peak

Julie A Letts (S)
Gillian M Sharp (*MHA Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Martyn D Atkins
May McK Gladwin
Frances E Johnson

Cliff College

Ashley R Cooper (*Principal*)
Jeffrey A Conklin-Miller (RR)
(*Learning Lead and Tutor in
Evangelism and Missiology*)
George P Bailey
Andrew J Stobart

25/14 Doncaster

John P Henry (S)
Thomas D Read

Supernumeraries:

Jonathan K Gichaara
Keith S Lackenby

25/15 Barnsley

Louise Carr (S)
Lyn P Gregg
Claire E Rawlinson

Supernumeraries:

Harold R Bowes
Louise M Dawson
Michael A Neal
Geoffrey C Reid
Eileen A Sanderson
Alan Saxby

25/17 Rotherham and Dearne Valley

Andrew M Fox (S)
A Louise Makin
Lynn Broadhead (AP)
Jonathon D Bellfield (*Hospital
Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Joyce Barrass
Jennifer E Park
Richard M Styles

25/19 Trinity

Julie I Coates (S)
S Emily Hoe-Crook (D)
Angela Pothechary
Mark J Cantrill (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Margaret B Burton
Felicity E M Ferriter
Alan M Hindmarch
Ann Le Mare
Philip J Macdonald
Brian F Peters
Ronald Taylor

Stations

26 THE SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT (69)

Rachel A Bending (Chair of the District)
Martin P Beukes, Secretary of the Synod

26/1 Southampton

John G Hughes (S)
Stephen E Robinson
† Penelope J Thorne

Supernumeraries:

Rosemary A Baker
Valerie Chapman
Andre P Collette
G Leslie Judd
Graham J Matthews
Anthony J Parkinson

26/2 Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey

Peter G Rayson (S)
Kate E Cambridge
Andrew P de Ville
Ruth G S Fry
Sarah P McClelland (AP)
Timothy A Searle (AP)

Supernumeraries:

John J A Archer
Gregory T Black
Bryan F Coates
John H S Crossley
Robert J Kitching
Suzette A Manning
G Howard Mellor
Robert J Powell
Eric J Renouf

26/4 Berkshire and Hampshire Borders

Martin P Beukes (S)
John P Banks
Rachel J Borgars
Jeongsook Kim
Claire Simpson
Helen Watson
Jonathan Clark (AP)
Andrew D Fitchet (AP)
Jonathan Salmon (AP)

Christopher J Evans (*Head of School*)
Ruth K Midcalf (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Trevor D Allen
David G Bagwell
Jacqueline A Case
Jennifer S Dowding
Roger F Ducker
Jennifer M Ellis
Valerie A Fisher
Susan Gowling
T Raymond Guy
Alan Haine
David G Jenkins
Rachel Larkinson
Roger C Larkinson
Lesley S Martin
Barbara E McIntivey
J Clive Pugh
Elaine P Rawlings
John V Sumitra
Angela L Webb

26/5 Yeovil and Blackmore Vale

Linda Francis (S)
Kate E Konrad

Supernumeraries:

Catherine Campbell Hyde
Soon Cheol Choi
C G Ruth Farrant
Christina Le Moignan
Margaret A Oxenham
Judy M Turner-Smith

26/6 Meon Valley

Philip J Griffin (S)

26/7 East Solent and Downs

Elizabeth CC Von Aart Goddess (S)
David J Muskett (S)

Stations

Pauline A Crispin
David D Faulkner
Ray H Goddess
Janice C Hacon (D)
Stephen J Richardson (D)
Peter Lee (*University of Portsmouth*)

Supernumeraries:

Richard E Atkins-Greig
E Gordon Charlesworth
David F Coote
Malcolm Groom
John A Illsley
David J Rice
Malcolm A Rothwell
Arthur Rowe
Geoffrey R Senior
Martin J Stillwell
Christine Walters (D)
Beryl Wright

26/8 Dorset South and West

John D Yarrien (S)
Ruth Lownsborough
Jane M Wilson

Supernumeraries:

Gordon A Close
Charles J Crane
Stephanie J Jenner
Gwyneth M Owen
Jean A Quick
David J Reep
John D Walker

26/9 Poole Bay

Antony J Cavanagh (S)
Karen E James
Gillian Judge (D)
Sarah J Knebel
Suzie G B Viana (D)
Roberto A Viana (WA)
Brian Purchase (D) (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Jane M Ashplant
Christopher Blake
Mark J Davenport

Cedric J Fellows
Sylvia M Garrett
David J Gynes
John Hainsworth
Sylvia Hawes (D)
Christopher J Moreton
Maurice Weatherup

26/10 Christchurch and Wimborne

Andrew R Pottage (S)
Deborah A Cornish
Nicholas P Wood
Michael Shrubsole (AP)
Mark J Kimber (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Keith C Beckingham
Linda M Chester
David R Ellis
Roger E Gisborne
Barbara I Jeffries
R David Laidler
Robert G McBain
Peter K McNeill
Janice A Morgan
Elizabeth Rundle
Glenda Sidding (D)
Thomas J Stuckey
Paul R Wayne (D)

26/11 Isle of Wight

John R Izzard (S)
Gina A Hoff

Supernumeraries:

Frances E Balham
David P Plumb

26/12 Salisbury

Mark Cheetham (S)
Denise Binks
Stephen M Hawkes
Anna Bishop (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Derek R Chapman
Richard J Clarke
Judy M Davies

Stations

Peter W Ensor
Rosemary J Fletcher
Peter J Howson
Christopher G T Jones
Margaret P Jones
Cecil J King
Philip Luscombe

Stephen J Maunder
Joyce Norman
Valerie J Reid
Philip J Richter
Rosemary J Richter
Jane E Taylor

27 THE YORKSHIRE WEST DISTRICT (104)

Kerry W Tankard (Chair of the District)
There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

27/1 Leeds (South and West)

Joanne Lightowler (S)
Guy Austin-Bride (D)
Peter J Brazier
Michelle Onyett
Rachel A Ward
David M Goodall (*District Mission Enabler*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

Supernumeraries:

Madeleine E Andrews
Albert Gayle
Keith W Hunt
Albert J Jewell
Melvyn J Kelly
Peter A Reasbeck
Marlene H Wilkinson
Roy Yates

Higher Education Chaplaincy

Timothy C Nicholls who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

27/2 Leeds (North and East)

George P Bailey (S)
Tanya M Short (S)
† Adelta Da Silva Kaka (D)
Edward Sakwe
Mark C Stennett
Rebekah J Stennett

Steven G Jones (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Trevor S Bates
Philip A Chilvers
Norma Davey
Harry A Jones
Joyce Nicholson
Fraser D Smith

27/9 Denby Dale and Clayton West

Philip Bee (S)
Nicholas Biggar
Kevin A N Greaves (AP)
David J Hopkin (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Stephen Barnett
Paul Bettison
Sandra I Exley-Watts
Christopher S Free
Denise F Free
Brian R Jenner
Gordon Unsworth

27/15 Wharfedale and Aireborough

Timothy M Perkins (S)
Shannon C DeLaureal (RR)
Roger M Smith
M Cameron Stirk
Roberta R Topham

Supernumeraries:

Rita Armitage
Raymond Bassindale

Stations

Elizabeth J Day (D)
C Michael Faulkner
Peter R Gray
David Halstead
Leslie Holmes
John W Lambert
H Gordon Lemmon
Alistair Newton
Michael D C Poole
Keith A Reed
Ann White

27/17 Aire and Calder

Barry Owen (S)
Andrew J Atkins
† Christopher J Holmes
Jacob Kaiga
Naomi N Kaiga
Julian M Pursehouse
Kim Williams

Supernumeraries:

Ronald J Aitchison (D)
Trevor Grewcock
James A Heap
Sandra Heap
Anne Howard (D)
Peter J Howard
Michael D John
Jacqueline J Owen
Rex Owen

27/18 Skipton and Grassington

Timothy M Perkins (S)
Susan A McIvor

Supernumeraries:

Peter Bedford
Pamela J Bolas
Margaret M Christopher
Stephen B Dawes
Roger A Fox
Gwynneth A Gostling (D)
Mollie Greenwood

27/21 Settle

Timothy C Broughton (S)

27/31 Airedale

Clare E Stainsby (S)
† Tracy A Birks
Stephen G Normanton (*Peer Talk*)
Helen J Shallow

Supernumeraries:

Susan Greenhart
Lee A Harrison
Jennifer B Lunn
Paul Martin (B)
Alan G Raine
Peter D Sheasby
Barbara M Walls

27/32 Bradford North

Philip N Drake (S)
Nicholas C Blundell
Lisa Quarmby
Joy Sykes (D)

Supernumeraries:

Derek Hoe
Sarah A Jemison
Keith Knight
Patricia A Malham

Woodhouse Grove School

Robert J Drost (*School Chaplain*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

27/33 Bradford South

Graeme M Dutton (S)
Andrew Stead
Joy Sykes (D)

27/34 Calderdale

Victoria J Atkins (S)
A Kathryn Heathcoat
Anthony J D Morling
Colin Sherwood
Michelle D Petch (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Jill B Bowden

Stations

David V Briggs
Meredith J Evans (D)
Edward A Holmes
David J Kennard
Graham R Kent
John B Saville
J Harry Scott
Graham S Smith
J Keith Watson

Helen Johnson
Jennet E McLeod
Richard W Oldroyd
Teresa Pearson
Annette Sharp (D)
Ann Sherratt
Brian J Snellgrove
Richard W Thompson
Colin Vere

27/35 Huddersfield

Peter E Catford (S)
Timothy J Francis
Andrew C G Marchington
Rosamunde Page
G Susan Pegg
Susan B Taylor
Jonathan A Sharp (*Hospice Chaplain/
Spiritual Care Coordinator*)

Supernumeraries:

Philip Barnett
E Ann Buckroyd
Susan M Burton

27/36 North Kirklees and Morley

Marian Olsen (S)
David J Barker
Nicholas Cutts
Alex Yesudas

Supernumeraries:

Raymond K Coates
Christine A Hawke
A Godfrey Nicholson
Jane R Parker
Keith M Pratt
John A Santry

28 THE WOLVERHAMPTON AND SHREWSBURY DISTRICT (64)
Rachel E Parkinson (Chair of the District) George V Heinz, Secretary of the Synod

28/1 Wolverhampton

Joanne H Cox-Darling (S)
Linda Gilson (D)
Stephen Jackson
Rosemary A E Nash
Paul Nzacahayo
Teddy Siwila

Supernumeraries:

M Glennys Bamford
Kenneth H Collins
Margaret E Heim
Christopher P Parkes
Trevor J Pratt
Robert A Readshaw
Donald H Ryan
Stephen G Singleton

Ivor K Sperring
Betty Vaughan (D)
David J Wheeler

28/2 Hidden River

Jeremy R Hawkins (S)
Nancy N Ndoho
Helen Webster (D)
L Denise Yeadon

Supernumeraries:

Beverley D Boden
Colin S Gardner
Raymond J Goode
Patricia M Horton

Stations

28/3 Shropshire and Marches

H Richard Hall (S)
Paul R Arnold
Denise K A Hargreaves
George V Heinz
Shalome S MacNeill Cooper
Julia Skitt
Philip M Summers
G Carys Woodley (D)

Supernumeraries:

Frances C Biseker
Alastair D Bissell
Donald H Burgess
Jonathan R Chesworth
Andrew Cordy
Robert G Crompton
Margaret Davis (D)
Antony M Hearle
Graham Horsley
William Huband
Eric J Locke
Sheila H MacInally
William Passman
Thomas P Patton
Donald A Pickard
Neil G Richardson
Pamela E Rush
Ruth I Shoreman
Brian Spencer
Kim J Stilwell

28/5 Vale of Stour

Alan J Combes (S)
Michael Payne
Christine Watson (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Peter M Bradley
Peter S Clarke
Margaret H Eales
Ian Gibson
Andrew M Roberts
Andrew P Sankey

28/8 Cannock Chase

Samantha Hagerman (S)
Chris J Ambler
Susan W Culver (D)
Elizabeth Dunning

Supernumeraries:

John N Bates
Helen Hoe
Alan D Jenkins
Janet S Jenkins (D)
Christopher P Parkes
Janet Sutton (D)
Sheila Walker

28/9 Stafford

David J Bintliff (S)
David J Middleton (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Richard L Ashmore
Alison J Brookes
David R Hill
Anthony G Jeffries

28/12 The Black Country

Denise M Williams (S)
Ruth H Childs
Juliet A Kisob

Supernumeraries:

Patricia A Davies
Carole J Holden
Philip J Thomas

28/13 Dudley and Netherton

David J Alford (S)

28/14 Gornal and Sedgley

C John Hartley (S)

28/20 Kidderminster and Stourport

Nicholas Collison (S)
Rebecca L Lovatt (D)

Stations

Supernumeraries:

Suzanne Newton
Hazel Ratcliffe

28/21 Telford

Adrian Burdon (S)
E Roger Dunlop

Nicola Wooller

Supernumeraries:

Fiona L Brown
Dora Dixon (D)
Philip M Harrison
Derrick R Lander
David F Lavender

29 THE YORKSHIRE NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT (77)
Leslie M Newton (Chair of the District) There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

29/1 Kairos

Andrew J Lindley (S)

Supernumeraries:

David C Hunt (D)
Gail J Hunt

29/2 The Bridge

Nicholas C Bentley (S)
Leslie M Newton (S)
Ann L Lett (S)
Francesca Rhys (S)
Neville Simpson (S)

Supernumeraries:

Robert M Amos
Stephen Caddy
Peter Cross
Geoffrey Dougill
Marie G Dove
Janet E Durbin (D)
A Diane Finch
John A Fisher
Rosemary J Nicholls
Jane Paine (D)
Christopher Stark
David E Wilkes
Rowland H Wilkinson (D)

Church Development Worker

Ruth E Gilson-Webb who shall act
in respect of ministerial duties under
the direction of the Chair of District

29/16 Tadcaster

Ann Fox (S)
† Abi Alex

Supernumeraries:

Kenneth W Marshall
Don Tuttell

29/23 Thirsk and Northallerton

Kim Hurst (S)

Supernumeraries:

Richard J Bradshaw
Geoffrey T Bruce
Kenneth C Carveley
Ruth M Crompton
Ian D Johnson
John Sadler
J Malcolm Sellers
Gordon E Webster
Michael Webster

29/24 Ripon and Lower Dales

Gareth P Baron (S)
Sarah L Caddell
Ian D Pruden

Stations

Supernumeraries:

David R Emison
J Barry Lumley
Keith M Phipps
David W Smith (D)

29/26 Nidd Valley

Benjamin P Clowes (S)
† Ian D Bryon
Gordon W Hay
N Gary Hoare (D)
Lesley A Taylor

Supernumeraries:

Isobel E Akers
Anne E Brown
David B Bucktrout
J Arnold Clay
Rosemary Coggrave (D)
Ian E Cooper (D)
Ronald W Dale
J Trevor Dixon
Mark R Godfrey
Diane Hicks
Ronald M Hicks
Angela R Hoare
Brian R Hoare
Gillian M Houghton
W Colin W Lake
Keith W E Page
M Ruth Parry
Linda M Phillips
Gillian R Robertson
Shaun Swithenbank
Leonora J Wassell
G Michael Wearing
Peter Whittaker
T Mervyn Willshaw

29/31 North Yorkshire Coast

Graham R Morgan (S)
Emma R Morgan
Gareth P Phillips
Janet E Rossall

Supernumeraries:

Martin W Calver

Raymond E Curtis
Brian Fitzpatrick
Susan A Greenwood
Christine J Hey
Mary E Jackman
Andrew Letby
Belinda S Letby (D)
David W Perry
Virginia Ramsey
Kevin N Ridd
Bruce Russell
Edwin Salt
Nigel M Spencer
Ann Staton
John E Staton
Terry Street (D)
Harold Stuteley
Maureen Thorpe (D)
Pamela R Ward

29/32 South Holderness

Deborah M Lucas (S)
Ian C Greenfield

Supernumeraries:

Randall J Barlow
Susan Langdale (D)
Mary Lloyd
Andrew Orton
Susan Sowden

29/33 York

David R Bidnell (S)
Elizabeth Cushion
Rory J Dalglish
John T S Hayward
John C Schofield
Judith E Stoddart (D)
Graham R Jones (*Connexional Team*)

Supernumeraries:

David B Archer
R Graham Carter
Michael A Chester
Ruth C Duck
Graham A Evans
Andrew Foster

Stations

Helen M Freeston
Louise E Grosberg
Ann M Haith
Hazel G M Hanson
David L Jones
F Leonard Karn
Roy Kilner
Joan Patton (D)
Brian G Powley
David A Priestnall
Geoffrey W Revett
Maurice W Staton
Susan M Swires
John C Trevenna
Ann M Vaughan
Ian P Waterfield
Gerald E Wilson

29/34 Ryedale

Andrew J Lindley (S)
Graham P Ransom
Melanie Burnside (AP)
Mark P Haynes (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Peter Clark
Rosemary E Coles
R John Dimmock
Richard Hall
H Jane Pickering
Brian N Shackleton
Michael Williams
Penelope J Worth

29/35 Drifffield-Hornsea

Peter A Barnett (S)
Jacqueline Fowler (D)

Supernumeraries:

William H Anderson
Colin W Barrett
John G Brown
Heather D Cooper
H Keith Gough (D)
Doreen C Hare
Ian C Hill
Keith Himsworth
David M Johnson
Jack Lucas
R Geoffrey Senior
Richard J Teal

29/36 Goole and Selby

Leslie M Newton (S)
Christine Gillespie
† Joseph N Kwallah

Supernumeraries:

Harry W Gillespie
C Helena Harbottle
W Arthur Harbottle
Derek C Lund
Maurice W Staton
Michael S Wilson

29/37 Hull (Centre and West)

Louisa J Haynes (S)
Helen E Hickson
† Alison Hyde (D)
Christine Sutherby
Anthony Brookes (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

C Robin Ellis
Gwendoline A Newton
Mark R Sherman
Janet Whelan

Stations

31 THE SCOTLAND DISTRICT (22)

S Mark Slaney (Chair of the District)
Helen E Jenkins, Secretary of the Synod

31/2 Strathclyde

Andrew M Baker (S)
Brain Magadzire
Laurent R Vernet
Helen Garton (AP)
S Robin Paisley (AP)
Helen E Jenkins (WA)

Supernumeraries:

A Derek M Bibb
James A Booth
David J Collinson
Christopher R D Foxon
J Richard Jackson
Allan Y Loudon
Andrew G Mackenzie
Malcolm J McCall
Elizabeth A Oliver
Joan Pretorius-Lougheed
Robert A Stoner (D)
E Raymond Watker
Joyce M Yendole

31/3 Forth Valley

Adam J Stevenson (S)
† Natalie M Clark (D)
A James Patron Bell
Diana M Hall (AP)
Marc Kenton (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Ian G Anderson
Walter Attwood
Linda Bandelier
Robert Barker
Nigel F Barton
Robert Henderson
Michael J Hill
Nicola K Hilmy-Jones
Christine Jones
Gareth P Jones

James W Jones
Linda K McMurray
Robert G Morton
Keith R Pearce
Christopher J Shreeve
Geoffrey Shutt
Alan Whitson
Robert O Whorton

31/5 Ayrshire and Renfrewshire

Imran Malik (S)
Christopher Blackshaw (*Agricultural
Chaplain for Church of Scotland*)

Supernumeraries:

Margaret C Anderson
Clare E M Burl
Marian Dixon
David P Easton
Colin J Groom
Clive J Larrett
Elizabeth A McDowell
John B Potter
Ann Rigby-Jones
Alan M Thompson

31/10 North of Scotland Mission

Andrew J Bryer (S)
Jonathan Garde
Douw Grobler (D)

Supernumeraries:

Elizabeth J B Adam
Raymond Cummins
John S Dolling
Jennifer M McKenzie
Lorna H Murray
Mary M Patterson
Mark Wynn (D)

Stations

31/11 Angus, Dundee and Perthshire

Andrew M Baker (S)
Marian A Taylor (WA)
Hilda M Warwick (WA)

Supernumeraries:

T Alan Anderson
D Gerald Bostock
Gillian M Evans
David M Firth
Susan Jansen
David Key

Grahame Lockhart
Philip J Taylor
Timothy J Thorpe

31/13 Inverness

Andrew J Bryer (S)
Elizabeth M Allison (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

John T Beadle
Roger F Brown
George W S Knowles

32 THE SHETLAND DISTRICT (3)
S Mark Slaney (Chair of the District) There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod

32/1 Lerwick and Walls

Stephen J Charman (S) (*who shall also be deputy to the Chair under the terms of SO 427(3)(ii)*)
John C Best

Supernumeraries:

Elizabeth A Colley (D)
David Cooper
Jeremy C Dare

34 THE BEDFORDSHIRE, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT (65)
David M Chapman (Chair of the District) Zena F Smith, Secretary of the Synod.

34/1 North Bedfordshire

Michael G Giles (S)
Leslie J Noon
Christopher L A Sandy
† Paulette R Tedd
Silas J Wood
Christine M Howe (WA)
Terry C W Wright (*Other appointment*)

Supernumeraries:

Richard E G Barrett
G David C Bown
Julie A Bradshaw
William J Davies
Douglas J Ford
C James Goringe
Sandra M Howes

Alan Kirk
Vera Pearson (D)
David J Winwood

34/4 South Bedfordshire

Patrick G Kandeh (S)
Nigel S Bibbings
Seung-Wook Jung
Claudia Lupi Ricco
Margaret A Newman
Joanne Sherwood
Michael Anokye (AP)
Jennifer A Spouge (WA)

Supernumerary:

G Wallace Edwards

Stations

34/6 Colchester

Christine P Preece (S)
† Hannah M Chun

Supernumeraries:

David J Moody
Ron Smith

34/7 Tendring

Thomas J Osborne (S)
Angela Shereni (D)
Steven Sutton
Trevor M Hahn (AP)

Supernumeraries:

John L H Allison
Marion A Cole
Derek Lang
Glanville J Martin
Roger J Parsons
Alec J H Potter
John W R Robinson

34/9 Chelmsford

Mark F Pengelly (S)
Barry J Allen
Asif Karam
David Sebley (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Olufemi R W Cole-Njie
Anne M Davies
David Dickens
Guy R Goodall
Rowland G Joiner
Susan M King
Anthony Shrimpton

34/10 Southend and Leigh

Peter J Moorhouse (S)
† Stephen Mayo
Sarah E M McDowall (D)
† Agnes E Sam
† Heather E Simmons
Zena F Smith

Supernumeraries:

Patrick L Brain
Velma Campbell

Margaret L Deans
Brenda E A Gutberlet
Nicholas R Holt
Norman S Hooks
Clifford Newman
Peter J Perowne
Teresa M Rutterford
Maureen A Spinks (D)

34/11 South Essex

Felicity Al-Hassan (S)
Moses K Agyam
† Fiona M Smith

Supernumeraries:

Kathleen W Allen
Celia E McDonald
John L Mitchell

34/12 Herts and Essex Border

Frank Okai-Sam (S)
Gillian H Hulme
Marcia Y Tull

Supernumeraries:

John D Buxton
Timothy A Swindell
Stuart G Veitch

34/13 St Albans and Welwyn

David Jebb (S)
Rosemary Mutopo
Nigel G Perrott (D)
Jervis Daniel Yovan
Paul E Seymour (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Marion L Bright
E John Churcher
Peter Hudson
David H Mullins

Queenswood School

Caroline E A Douglas (AP)
(Chaplain at Queenswood School)
who shall act in respect of ministerial
duties under the direction of the Chair
of the District

Stations

34/14 West Hertfordshire and Borders

Rachael L Hawkins (S)
Andrew J Brazier
Donna L Fowler-Marchant (RR)
Mark P Hammond
Joyce Mayisiri
Helen L Roberts
Sarah L Wickett (D)
Andrew D Wood (*Connexional Team*)

Supernumeraries:

Sheryl M Anderson
C Jill Bryant
John E Fellows
Sally J Long
Stephen M Sankey
Brian N Tebbutt

Caroline A Weaver

34/15 North Hertfordshire

Zdzislaw G Hendzel (S)
Jacob H Donkoh
Emmanuel Onabanjo (RR)
Stanslous Chatikobo (AP)
Peter J Orton (AP)
Chandrika K Perera (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Julian E Blakemore
Robert G Forrest
Malcolm Knowles (D)
John Whittle
Nicholas S Young

35 THE LONDON DISTRICT (138)
Jonathan Dean (Chair of the District) Jongikaya Zihle (Chair of the District) There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

35/1 City Road

Jennifer H Smith (S)
Steven R M Cooper (*Connexional Team*)

Supernumeraries:

John A Cooke
John S Lampard
R Stephen J Penrose
Myrtle A Poxon (D)
Stephen J Poxon
Ian Yates

Methodist Church House

The following shall act under the direction of the Secretary of the Conference:

Verity J Phillips
Gareth J Higgs (*Moorlands College*)
Debra Chidakewarue (WA)

35/2 West London Mission

Peter J Cornick (S)
Tessa J Bennett (D)
Kong Ching Hii
Ruth B J S Yorke (D)
James A Cruddas (*Civil Service*)

Supernumerary:

M John Swarbrick

35/3 Westminster

Anthony D Miles (S)
Alison McMillan (D)
Lansford H Penn-Timity
† Joyce Popoola

Supernumerary:

Gordon D Newton

35/4 Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham

Faith M Nyota (S)
Lesinga Vunipola

Stations

35/5 Battersea and Wandle Valley

Rosamund V Hollingsworth (S)
Japhet K Kabilu
Saidu Kanu

Supernumerary:

David Hollingsworth

35/6 Lambeth

Andrew H Lyons (S)
Rita D J King
Kristin C Markay (RR)
Suzanne L Shortman
Lena Ali (WA)
Andrew F Goodhead (*Chaplain,
St Christopher's Hospice*)

Supernumeraries:

Gordon Ashworth
Graham T Thomas
Dani M Wright

35/7 Southwark and Deptford

Rachael M Wilson (S)
Ling Yu Ji
David A Markay (RR)

35/9 Tower Hamlets

Jennifer A Impey (S)
Theresa E Simons-Sam (D)

Supernumerary:

David Hollingsworth

35/10 Hackney and Stoke Newington

Paulo B Da Silva (S)
Yangsun Yi
John P Sakutombo
(*Hospital Chaplaincy*)

35/11 Islington and Camden Mission

Alana Lawrence (S)
Sally A Wheadon (D)

35/12 London Mission (North West)

Paul Hill (S)
Esther Akam
Opeyemi Awe
Karen McBride (D) (*Warden of the
Diaconal Order*)

35/13 Notting Hill and Harlesden

D Paul Wood (S)
SangWoo Seo
Ian J Worsfold (*City, University of
London Chaplain*) who shall act in
respect of ministerial duties under the
direction of the Chair of the District

Supernumerary:

Shamela M Chowdhury

35/20 Newham

Michael J A Long (S)
Charity D Madenyika
Elizabeth O Osei

Supernumeraries:

Sara E Coggin
Paul E Regan

35/22 New River

Thurairajah Samuel (S)
Christopher M Haines
Matthew Lunn
Francis M'Itiiri
Rupert L A Weekes
Michelle Legumi (D) (*Deputy Warden
of the Diaconal Order*)

Supernumeraries:

John Y T Amankwatia
Nicholas R Holt
Paul Hulme
John D Kennedy

35/23 Wembley

Kido Baek (S)
Nigel S Wright
Michaela A Youngson (*Connexional
Team*)

Stations

Supernumerary:

Vinaya K Moses

35/24 Ealing Trinity

Stephen J Day (S)

Susan D Male

Ajay Singh

Supernumeraries:

Christopher F Bennett

Margaret E Dudley

35/25 Richmond and Hounslow

Geoffrey F J Farrar (S)

Richard D Goldstraw (D)

Katherine J Johnson (D)

Adam Nyawo

Nicola J Morrison (*Chaplain at Southlands College*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

Supernumerary:

Allison Waterhouse

35/26 Wimbledon

Paul D Timmis (S)

Dawn N Canham (D)

Emma Cusack

Supernumeraries:

David W Hookins

Christopher J D Morley

35/28 Blackheath and Crystal Palace

Richard A J Grocott (S)

William E Davis

Craig Gaffney

Charles M Ilunga

35/30 Lesnes Abbey

Greg Obong-Oshotse (S)

Anselmo Francisco do Amaral

Chellaian Lawrence (RR)

H Patrick Eggleston (AP)

Jonathan Macy (AP)

Andrew Willett (AP)

Sally Willett (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Patrick D Huntley

Patricia A Soule (D)

35/31 Barking, Dagenham and Ilford

Mmasape T Thathane-Tyolweni (S)

Jacqueline Jones (RR)

Andrew C Packer (D)

Supernumeraries:

Gill College

Vera Nicholls (D)

35/32 Romford

Eleanor G Jackson (S)

Rohama Asif

Robert J Maginley

† Rachel Read

Sarah J Rigby (D)

Supernumeraries:

John B Chambers

Roy McP Jackson

Judith I Maizel-Long

Diane Smith

35/33 Forest

Michael J A Long (S)

Oseias Barbosa Da Silva

Susan J Creighton

Stephanie Njeru

Supernumeraries:

R Claudius Bailey

Armstrong K Fummeey

Norman A Grigg

Tony Holden

Dorothy M Poingdestre (D)

35/34 Enfield

Paul J Weary (S)

Valentin Dedji

Jacqueline A P O Esama-John (D)

Papa K B Owusu

Nigel Cowgill (*Connexional Team*)

Stations

35/35 Barnet and Queensbury

Martin Wellings (S)
Alberta Konadu-Yiadom
David C Newton
Ben Twumasi
Alec S Corio (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Judith M Chapman
Philip I Chapman

35/36 Harrow and Hillingdon

Lynita Conradie (S)
Audrey D Browne
Claire E Gill (D)
Julie A King
Kenneth P Kingston
David Varcoe (AP)
Jonathan R Hustler (*Connexional Team*)
Reynaldo F Leao-Neto (*World Methodist Council*)
Claire R Potter (*Connexional Team*)

Supernumerary:

Ronald Hunter

35/37 Teddington

David A Innes (S)

Supernumeraries:

Vida D Foday
Nicholas J Skelding

35/38 Kingston upon Thames

Vindra L Maraj-Ogden (S)
Karl A Rutledge
Sang Don Han (AP)
Kan Wing-Chit Yu (WA)

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Eric W Murray
Andrew Pakes
Denis L Vernon

35/39 Sutton

Catherine Hutton (S)
Ung Soon Nguang (RR)

Hendry Ponniah
Marie Poole (D)
Bethany L Lewis (AP)
Desmond C Williamson (AP)

Supernumeraries:

David S James
Gillian P Long
Anne Rusbridge

35/40 Purley

Graham K Claydon-Knights (S)
Sang Wook Han

Supernumeraries:

Ermal B Kirby
Jennifer-Ann Kirby
Stephen R Mares

35/41 Croydon

Karen M George (S)
Gyula F Fiak
Allyson Henry (D)
Richard M Lowson

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Andrew J Dart
Leslie J Griffiths
A Cameron Kirkwood
Jennifer M Potter
Juliet C Ushewokunze

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Hannah C Faal-Heim
Karen M George
Laura MacBean (D)
Robert S Nambinarayanan

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David Morris
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Gillian Walsh
Anthony Windsor

Farringtons School

Janet E Verrier (*Chaplain*)

Stations

36 THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT (77)

David Hinchliffe (Chair of the District)
Nicholas A Oborski, Secretary of the Synod.

36/1 Hants-Surrey Border

Nicholas A Oborski (S)
Kyung Mi Banks
Anne M Day
Joy M Everingham (D)
Philip M Simpkins
Patrick Butler (AP)
Neil J Lambert (AP)

Supernumeraries:

David F Ashby
Graham W Hindle
Gisela A Lawson

36/2 Berkshire Surrey Borders

Catherine M Bowstead (S)
Sharon M Gardner
Sobanathasar Sinnathamby

36/4 Thames Valley

Victoria E Davidson (S)
Margaret Chipandambira (D)
Peter M Phillips
Cliff Shanganya

Supernumerary:

Malcolm W White

36/5 Staines and Feltham

Andrew Reed (S)
Kofi D Tekyi-Ansah
Judith M Allford (AP)
Andrew G D Watkins (AP)

Supernumerary:

Julie A Underwood

36/6 Wey Valley

Paul S Glass (S)
Samantha E Funnell
George K Quarm
Shaun L Sanders

Gillaine Holland (AP)
Adam Payne (AP)
Michael Deacon (*Mental Health Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

David Dickinson
David Kim-Kooi Foo
Claire Hargreaves
Peter L Hills
Barrie W Tabraham
J Allan Taylor

36/8 West Sussex (Coast and Downs)

Rosemarie E G Clarke (S)
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Graham R Locking
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Norman H Peck
Kathleen L Rhodes
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John D Searle
Billy Slatter
Robert Sneddon
Nigel J Stapley

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Richard J Tanner
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John D H Wren

36/10 Dorking and Horsham

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36/11 Redhill and East Grinstead

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Asif Das
Hazel M Forecast
Russell Parker
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Frank W Smith
Kok Kong Yap

36/12 Brighton and Hove

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John R Pritchard
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36/15 Gibraltar

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36/16 Malta

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36/17 Hastings, Bexhill and Rye

Philip P Wagstaff (S)
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36/18 Weald of Kent

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† Kirsty S McGhee
Dermot J Thornberry
Bryan T Knapp (AP)
Katie Lynn Osweiler (AP)

Stations

Gillian H Le Boutillier-Scott (WA)

Supernumeraries:

John M Butt
John S Curnow
Gerald C Gardiner
Gary J Homewood

36/21 North Kent

Bonni-Belle F Pickard (S)
Naomi M Oates
Robin J Selmes
Alexandra J Terrett
Robert Zachar
David A Kichenside (AP)
William M Grady Jnr (WA)
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Supernumeraries:

Peter F Daone
Victor N Downs (D)
William Prince
David W Read
Alan Thorpe
Bryan J Tolhurst
R Gareth West

36/25 South Kent

Adrian T Roux (S)
Gillian Songer
Geoffrey Abasolo-Munnery (AP)

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Alan B Hewitt
John A Makey
Malcolm Peach
Stephen J Poole
Kevin C Taylor

36/27 Canterbury and East Kent

Danny Wheadon (S)
Wesley Hampton
Rosemary Pritchard
Catherine M Wagstaff
Ruth L Armstrong (AP)
Martin P Belgrove (AP)

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Deborah J Borda
John E C Bown
Raymond J Bradshaw
Joseph F Collinson
Malcolm S Cooper
Christopher J Esgate
Christine Jones (C)
Richard D C Jones
Jeanette M Lambrick
John L Lines
Roger North
Harvey S Richardson
Brenda Rogers
Lynda C Russell
Hugh-Nigel Sheehan
Michael J Walling

Kent College, Canterbury

Alison E Walker (*Chaplain*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District

Stations

37 THE SOUTH WEST PENINSULA (112)

Daniel R Haylett (Chair of the District)
There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod.

37/1 Camborne, Redruth and Hayle

Christopher A Jackson (S)
Raymond F P Borrett
Kathryn J Brooke (Hospital Chaplain)
D Mark Richards (Hospital Chaplain)

Supernumeraries:

Keith A Osborn
Andrew D Sowden
Lynda C Wills

37/2 Plymouth Methodist Mission

Daniel R Haylett (S)
Martin I Earl (*Managing Chaplain, HMP Dartmoor*)

Supernumeraries:

Valerie Facey (D)
David P Martin

37/3 Exeter, Coast and Country

Simon H Leigh (S)
Paul A Collings
Leon A Dundas (*Managing Chaplain, HMP Exeter*)
Wayne Grewcock
Ben R Haslam
Donna A Leigh
Stephen P Santry
Sungil Han (AP)
Derek M Boswell (WA)
Mark J Gilborson (WA)

Supernumeraries:

David J Bryon
W Graeme Butler
Malcolm Carter
Susan Fytche (D)
Barbara Greenwood
David J Greenwood
Brian J Hadfield
David J Harding

Jean M Hughes
Peter G Jarvis
David J Keep
Jennifer A MacGregor
Harold Mason
Brenda M Mosedale
Stephen E Mosedale
Jeanette Richardson
Andrew W Sails
Hilary J Smith (D)
Terence Spencer
C Norman R Wallwork
Stephen Wright

37/4 Plymouth and Devonport

Alistair Lowe (S)
Brenton R Prigge
† Rebecca J Marshall
Amanda S Roper
Darren Middleton (*District NPNP Coordinator*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District
John D Mills (*Hospital Chaplain*)
J Alistair Sharp (*Charity Worker*)
Nicola Slateford (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Nicola Slateford (WA)
Edgar D Daniel
Gordon H Davis
Terence M Higgins
Mark M Roper
David E Youngs

37/5 Falmouth and Gwennap

Jonathan H Froggatt (S)

Supernumeraries:

Andrew J Mumford
Celia M Phillips

Stations

37/6 Tavistock

Christopher P Brown (S)

Supernumeraries:

Jeffrey C Moles

Malcolm E Richards

D Paul C Smith

37/7 St. Austell

Paul M Benney (S)

Iris R Bray

Supernumeraries:

Leslie J Barnes

Colin C Short

Peter A Smith

R Margery Stanlake

Nigel J Young

37/8 Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge

Nichola G Jones (S)

Morwenna L Lawson-Wills

Supernumeraries:

John A Harrod

Gwendoline Wills

37/9 West Cornwall

Ralph H Ward(S)

Supernumeraries:

Stephen D Bales

Christopher Burgoyne

Sylvia Burgoyne

John H Grice

Marion C Lumbers

Steven J Wild

37/10 South Devon

Kevin P Hooke (S)

Supernumerary:

Jonathan H Doble

37/11 Bude and Holsworthy

Margaret C M Slingo (S)

Deborah Marsh (D)

Supernumeraries:

Graham J Slingo

Joy C Wilson

37/12 St. Ives (Fore Street)

Mark Dunn-Wilson (S)

37/13 Isles of Scilly

Carole M Holmes (S)

37/14 The Lizard and Mounts Bay

Daniel P Reed (S)

Matthew L Fugill

Rebecca E Fugill

Supernumeraries:

Andrew J Hill

Mary Jones

Nicola Martyn-Beck

Anthony W Pudner

Amanda Stevens

Geoffrey R Thorpe

N Beverly Turner

37/15 Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor

Deborah Kirk (S)

Annie Deche (RR)

Richard P Kelley (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Anthony C Cox

M Peter Crew

Robin E Hutt

Anthony G Huxtable

Stuart A Innalls

Lynne Mayers

Robert Ormesher

Michael R Parsons

37/16 Tiverton and Wellington

Nicholas P Lakin (S)

Supernumeraries:

Anthony J Smith

E Gerald Stoddern

Stations

Margaret Wallwork
W John Young

37/17 Launceston Area

David C Miller (S)
Ruth M Richey (D) (*District Mission Area Lead*) who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of the District.

Supernumeraries:

Catherine E Arscott
C Anne Curnow
Howard Curnow
John M Haley
John J Richey
W Keith Roberts
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37/18 South Petherton and Crewkerne

Andrew P Longshaw (S)

Supernumerary:

Ruth A Goodland

37/19 Ilfracombe and Barnstaple

Tracey A Darling (S)
Stephen Caddick

Supernumeraries:

Joan D Cole (D)
A John Kendall
Stella R Long
Robert C Manning
Marilyn J Tricker

37/20 Camelford and Week St Mary

Steven J Swann (S)

Supernumerary:

A Bryan Ede

37/21 Torrridge

Robert J Blackhall (S)
Andrew T Vidamour

Supernumeraries:

Paul H Booth
Stephen Hill

37/22 South Molton and Ringsash

Anna Flindell (S)

37/23 Torbay

Jeffrey M Short (S)
Andrew J Chislett-McDonald

Supernumeraries:

Jeremy W Arthern
R Anthony Broad
Gordon Chambers
R Jeremy H Cook
Nigel C A Deller
Geoffrey L Dunbar
C David J Moss
Valerie Price
Douglas S Rix (AP)
Philip Seaton
Graham F Shaw
William H Tardy
Jane Verrall (D)
Peter B Williamson

37/24 Mid Cornwall

Simon J Clarke (S)
Clare Anderson
Aubin De Gruchy
Mark Dunn-Wilson
Helen R Byrne (*Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Derek J Collins
Rona E Eastman (D)
Ian Haile
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Janet M Knowles-Berry
Lorraine N Mellor
Jane M Willcock

37/25 West Somerset

Andrew R Day (S)
Chloe E M Jones (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Linda J Barriball
Carol E Gill
Malcolm D Hope
Jane M Sperring

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37/26 West Devon

Christopher A Jackson (S)

Supernumeraries:

Melvyn N E Cooke

C Irving Penberthy

37/27 Ringsash

Peter A Brown (S)

37/28 Teignbridge

Kevin P Hooke (S)

Helen Bell

Gillian M Daniel

Malcolm C Jones (WA)

Supernumeraries:

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Malcolm J Benton

Vincent G Canning

John C Newton

Paul S Weir

John W H Wiltshire

37/29 South East Cornwall

Jonathan P Budd (S)

Janet E Park

Stuart J Reed

Timothy L Wilkinson

Supernumeraries:

Steven R Emery-Wright

Anita M Hart

David J Hart

Alison Richardson

Robert O Saunders

R G Gregory Stevenson

SERVICE IN OTHER CONFERENCES AND CHURCHES

Appointed to Serve Abroad

Rachel D Deigh (Sierra Leone)

Sylvester O Deigh (Sierra Leone)

David I H Hardman (Israel-Palestine)

Matthew A Laferty (RR) (Italy)

Sarah E A Lowe (Sri Lanka)

Permission to Serve Abroad

Ramona Dinard (D) (Antigua)

A Kaleem John (Pakistan)

Christopher J Kirk (United States)

Eden J Fletcher (Hong Kong)

Keva L Green (United States)

Jonathan E Mead (United States)

M Peter Taylor (New Zealand)

Marlene A Skuce (D) (Ireland)

Neil J Whitehouse (Canada)

Trevor Hoggard (New Zealand)

Wesley Daniel (United States)

Permission to Reside Abroad

Harriet P Bacon (D) (Barbados)

Luis Baldeon (Peru)

Roger O Bayliss (Spain)

W Gerald Beattie (Ireland)

Laurence H Churms (Ireland)

Helen Croft (United States)

Michael P Dye (New Zealand)

Martin H F Forward (United States)

Keith V Garner (Australia)

Augusto E Giron (Guatemala)

Henk Greenway (Germany)

Richard O Griffiths (Australia)

Knut M Heim (United States)

Ronald W C Hoar (New Zealand)

Caroline M Homer (Spain)

Ian Howlett (New Zealand)

Stations

M Jill Jones (United States)
H Elaine Joseph (Trinidad)
Margaret L MacAskie (United States)
Bernardino M Mandlate
(Mozambique)
John R Marriott (Germany)
Devadas Matcha (India)
Robert Mpanduki (Zimbabwe)
Harold K Nel (United States)
Simon M Oliver (Ireland)
Ivor W Pearce (Australia)
Manivasagan N Pillay (Australia)
Linda M Rettenmayer (United States)

E Alan Roberts (Canada)
Stephen J Robinson (Ireland)
Alwin J Samuel (Pakistan)
Calvin T Samuel (Malaysia)
Fraser A Smith (Germany)
Graham Sturdy (Australia)
Robert E Thomas (Ireland)
Palo V Y Tshume (South Africa)
F Lawrence Wallace (D) (Ireland)
Gordon H Wallace (D) (Ireland)
Seija M Wallace (Ireland)
W John A White (Canada)
Heather A Wilson (Canada)

Permission to Serve Another Church

Nigel Bishop (Independent
Pentecostal Church)
Robert Foster (Belper Baptist Church)
David A Hull (Free Methodist Church)

David Stolton (Church of England)
Wendy A Thornton (Church of
England)

THE CONNEXIONAL TEAM

The following are appointed as members of the Connexional Team and reside in (or, if part time, are also appointed to) the Circuit or District specified.

Eunice Attwood (D)(5/1)
Steven R M Cooper (35/1)
Nigel Cowgill (35/34)
Christine M Dutton (5/1)
Andrew D Wood (34/14)
Matthew R Finch (14/25)
Andrew G Fishburne (15/1)
David I H Hardman (ASA)

Jonathan R Hustler (35/36)
Graham R Jones (29/33)
Claire R Potter (35/36)
Nicola V Price-Tebbutt (1/10)
Carla S H Quenet (25/1)
Mark Rowland (5/12)
Kerry R Scarlett (D) (5/9)
Simon C Sutcliffe (11/8)
Michaela A Youngson (35/23)

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Karen McBride (D) (35/12) (Warden)
Michelle L Legumi (D) (35/22)
(Deputy Warden)

Stations

FORCES CHAPLAINS

(a) Royal Navy

William C Gates
Janice C Honey Morgan
Mark R Mander (RR)
Mark J Noakes
O Mark Street

Richard M Smith
John M Swanson
Amy Walters
Gary D Watt
Stewart B K Young

(b) Army

David J Barrett
Robert J Birnie
Hannah M Bucke
Timothy A Flowers
Paul J Gallucci (RR)
Josefa R Mairara (RR)
Michael D Parker
Nimilote Rokotoro (RR)

(c) Royal Air Force

Ian Brown
Dawn Colley
Philip Corrigan (RR)
Josephine F A Critchley (D)
Michael R Hall
John Mbayo (RR)
Paul Mellor
Colin M Weir (RR)

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Jon Bisschoff (34/12)
Christine Brown (1/33)
Wendy M Carey (23/26)
Clifford D Chonka (2/19)
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Donna L Dodson (14/10)
Adam James Earle (14/2)
Gwynfor B Evans (1/42)
Barbara S Exley (1/42)
Michael Ellor (2/24)
David G Fidler (17/2)
Colin E Foreman (2/7)
Lindsay D Gray (1/33) (1/40)
Kenneth Hague (17/1)
Alec J Harding (13/1)
Marcus P Hargis (13/12)
Eileen Harrop (13/1)
Roger Hoath (22/2)
Elaine M Hodge (2/7)
Samuel Kennedy (29/16)
Betty McNiven (2/24)
Alan Middleton (13/11)
Joy E Osborne (17/5)
Andrew J Pearce (2/24)

Trevor Pitt (13/10)
David Rees (14/2)
Nicola A Robinson (27/2)
Iain H Robertson (26/7)
Lesley A Riley (1/17)
John G Riley (1/17)
Lissa M Scott (13/10)
Michael R Sheard (17/11)
Thandeka Q Sibanda (14/1)
Alistair G Smeaton (1/40)
Deborah J Smith (26/8)
K Ruth Stables (13/1)
Joanne Thorns (13/11)
Eleanor L Trimble (1/22)
Caroline H Vodden (13/7)
Alan T Wakeman (14/1)
Kevin Watson (13/10)
David Whitehall (1/26)
Catherine Wilson (34/1)
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PART IV GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Presbyters' and Deacons' Stipends and Allowances

- 1.1 Basic Stipend £31,020
- 1.2 Superintendent's Allowance £3,102
- 1.3 Separated Chair's Allowance £7,755
- 1.4 Travel Allowances

The recommended rates are:

Presbyters, deacons, supernumeraries, lay employees in churches, Circuits and Districts, and lay volunteers

First 10,000 miles 45p per mile

Over 10,000 miles 25p per mile

Motorcycles 24p per mile

Bicycles 20p per mile

Additional Passenger Rate 5p per mile

Travel Allowance during sickness

Grant payable (taxable) £350

- 1.5 The Conference directs that essential expenses incurred by presbyters, deacons and probationers in the work of a Circuit shall be defrayed in full.

- 1.6 Fees and Expenses: supernumerary presbyters

Preaching Fee £30

Travel allowance as above

2. Charitable Status

In England and Wales, Methodist charities with a gross annual income over £100,000 must register with the Charity Commission and should always quote their charity registration number when asked. Methodist charities with a gross annual income below £100,000 are 'excepted' from registration under the Charities (Exception from Registration) Regulations 1996, which means they cannot be registered. Consequently, they do not have a charity registration number, although a charity tax reference might be obtainable from HMRC to prove evidence of charitable status if required. If this is not sufficient, or no tax reference is available, trustees may contact lcp@methodistchurch.org.uk for a letter confirming the charity's excepted status.

Previously, if a Methodist Charity's gross income exceeded £100,000 for one year only due to a one-off event, such as a receipt of a large legacy or grant, you were able to

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request a 'dispensation' from registration from the Charity Commission. However, the Charity Commission has recently confirmed that this is no longer the case and that as soon as the charity's gross income exceeds £100,000, you will now need to register your charity with the Charity Commission.

The current registration 'exception' regulations are due to last until 31 March 2031, after which all Methodist charities in England and Wales whose gross annual income exceeds £5,000 will be required to register with the Charity Commission.

Methodist charities in Scotland and Shetland are all registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Charity law and regulations are different in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man. In Jersey, registration as a charity is stated to be voluntary, but since May 2018 any Jersey entity styling itself as a 'charity' must be registered, therefore Methodist charities in Jersey should register with the Jersey Charity Commissioner in order to claim entitlement to certain charitable tax reliefs.

In Guernsey, following a recent change in legislation, Methodist charities now come under the umbrella of one single registered charity, The Methodist Church - Bailiwick of Guernsey Circuit, meaning that local churches no longer need to be registered as individual charities and may apply to the Guernsey Registry to de-register if they wish.

In the Isle of Man, Methodist charities are exempt from registration, under the Religious Charities Regulations 1999.

The Methodist Church in Great Britain is a registered charity, with the registration number 1132208.

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3. Calendar of Connexional Committees and Other Events

2024

SEPTEMBER

- 16-18 Chairs and Warden of the Diaconal Order Meeting
- 17 Resourcing Committee
- 25-26 Connexional Council

OCTOBER

- 1 Stationing Committee
- 3 Ministries Committee
- 4-6 3Generate
- 8 Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
- 10 Law and Polity Committee
- 19 Connexional Council
- 24 Mission Committee

NOVEMBER

- 4-7 Stationing Matching Group 1
- 11-15 Committee for the Discernment of Ordained Vocation (acting as Transfer Committee)
- 21-22 Committee for the Discernment of Ordained Vocation (committee training)
- 28 Resourcing Committee
- 30-1 Dec Faith and Order Committee

DECEMBER

- 6 Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
- 9 Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee
- 10 Connexional Council
- 12 Law and Polity Committee

2025

JANUARY

- 6-7 Chairs and Warden of the Diaconal Order Meeting
- 7-8 Stationing Matching Group 2
- 14 Mission Committee
- 22 Stationing Committee
- 31-5 Feb Committee for the Discernment of Ordained Vocation (discernment panels)

FEBRUARY

- 14-15 Mission Committee
- 15-16 Ministries Committee
- 26 Connexional Council

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MARCH

3-4	Chairs and Warden of the Diaconal Order with the Connexional Council
13	Law and Polity Committee
15	Faith and Order Committee
18	Stationing Committee
28-30	Connexional Council

APRIL

5	Faith and Order Committee
16	Law and Polity Committee
23-24	Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee

MAY

6	Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
6-9	Convocation of the Methodist Diaconal Order
12	Mission Committee
19	Memorials Committee
20	Ministries Committee

JUNE

5-8	Irish Conference
9	Connexional Council
17	Stationing Committee
26-27	The Conference, Presbyteral Session
28-2 July	The Conference, Representative Session
30	Stationing Committee at the Conference

JULY

16	Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee
28	Connexional Council

4. Place and date of next Conference

The Conference of 2025 will meet in Telford beginning with the Presbyteral Session from Thursday 26 to Friday 27 June. The Representative Session will meet from Saturday 28 June to Wednesday 2 July.



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5. Allocation of District Representatives to the Conference of 2025

The allocation of District Representatives to the Conference of 2025 will be as follows:

District	Presbyters or Deacons	Deacons	Lay Persons
1 North West England	7 *	3 *	11 *
2 Wales Synod Cymru	2	1 *	4
5 Birmingham	2	1	4
7 Bristol	3 *	*	4
10 Channel Islands	1		1
11 Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	1		3
13 Darlington	1		3
14 East Anglia	2	*	3
15 Isle of Man	1		1
17 Lincolnshire	2		2
20 Newcastle upon Tyne	2 *	1	2 *
22 Nottingham and Derby	2	*	4
23 Northampton	3		4
25 Sheffield	2		3
26 Southampton	3	1	4
27 Yorkshire West	3		6 *
28 Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury	2 *	1	2 *
29 Yorkshire North and East	3		4
31 Scotland	2		4
32 Shetland (include with Scotland)			
34 Bedfordshire, Essex & Herts	2	1	4
35 London	5	1	9 *
36 South East	3	1	5
37 South West Peninsula	3 *	1 *	6 *
Totals	57	12	93

Asterisks denote changes from the 2024 allocation.

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6. Connexional Central Services Budget 2024/2025

The Conference adopted the Connexional Central Services Budget for 2024/2025 as shown below:

Table 1 Connexional Central Services Budget: overall income and expenditure

Activity	2023/24 Forecast £000	2024/25 Budget £'000	2025/26 Budget £'000	2026/27 Budget £'000
Central Income	29,800	30,157	30,273	30,240
Income Generating Centre	2,253	2,661	2,951	2,951
Global relations	1,941	1,762	1,647	1,541
Evangelism & Growth	1,113	1,350	1,279	1,220
Others - Pensions	261	1,181	1,063	956
Ministries	979	833	812	797
Central Functions	1,163	795	779	728
Property	513	529	524	519
Children & Youth	150	164	170	170
Governance & oversight	143	146	147	148
Learning Network	3	5	4	4
Total	38,319	39,583	39,649	39,274
Expenditure				
Central Functions	14,634	8,825	9,441	9,474
Evangelism & Growth	10,855	11,174	16,331	13,007
Ministries	6,112	6,029	6,129	6,243
Governance & oversight	4,440	4,773	4,804	4,874
Others - Pensions	2,555	2,626	2,626	2,626
Learning Network	2,499	2,515	2,586	2,622
Global relations	4,976	2,426	2,320	2,126
Children & Youth	1,522	2,158	2,301	2,309
Building communities	1,356	1,590	1,586	1,539
Property	850	985	996	1,009
Total	49,799	43,101	49,120	45,829
Net deficit	(11,480)	(3,518)	(9,471)	(6,555)

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Table 2 Methodist Church Fund Budget: income and expenditure

Activity	2023/24 Forecast £000	2024/25 Budget £'000	2025/26 Budget £'000	2026/27 Budget £'000
Central Income	19,000	18,941	18,863	18,817
Central Functions	966	682	667	618
Children & Youth	150	164	170	170
Property	168	185	182	180
Governance & oversight	143	146	147	148
Ministries	2	2	2	2
Evangelism & Growth	1	6	1	1
Total	20,430	20,126	20,032	19,935
Central Functions	6,408	6,065	6,204	6,300
Governance & oversight	4,235	4,553	4,579	4,644
Learning Network	2,499	2,515	2,586	2,622
Children & Youth	1,473	1,993	2,135	2,143
Ministries	1,810	1,732	1,775	1,836
Evangelism & Growth	1,264	1,360	1,358	1,375
Building communities	1,014	1,239	1,199	1,213
Property	644	697	723	744
Global relations	409	492	450	457
Total	19,756	20,646	21,009	21,334
Net surplus/(deficit)	674	(520)	(977)	(1,399)

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7. Past Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Secretaries of the Conference

Year	Place	President	Vice-President
1932	London	John Scott Lidgett	Sir Robert William Perks
1933	London	Frederick Luke Wiseman	Moses Bourne
1934	Leicester	William Younger	George Pearse Dymond
1935	Bristol	William Christopher Jackson	Edmund Sykes Lamplough
1936	Newcastle upon Tyne	Charles Ensor Walters	James Gray
1937	Bradford	Robert Bond	Isaac Foot
1938	Hull	William Lansdell Wardle	Robert Parkinson Tomlinson
1939	Liverpool	Richard Pyke	Sir Isaac Holden Holden
1940	Sheffield	Henry Bett	William Ernest Clegg
1941	Leeds	Walter Henry Armstrong	The Lord Rochester
1942	Manchester	Walter James Noble	Herbert Ibberson
1943	Birmingham	Leslie Frederick Church	Charles Thomas Nightingale
1944	Leeds	Wilbert Francis Howard	Wilfred Turner
1945	Nottingham	Archibald Walter Harrison	Sir George Knight
1946	London	Robert Newton Flew	Richard John Soper
1947	Newcastle upon Tyne	William Edward Farndale	Albert Victor Murray
1948	Bristol	Ernest Benson Perkins	Mildred Clarissa Lewis
1949	Liverpool	Harold Burgoyne Rattenbury	John Arthur Stead
1950	Bradford	William Edwin Sangster	Clifford William Towlson
1951	Sheffield	Howard Watkin-Jones	Henry Cecil Pawson
1952	Preston	Colin Augustus Roberts	Dorothy Hincksman Farrar
1953	Birmingham	Donald Oliver Soper	Leslie Ward Kay
1954	London	William Russell Shearer	Harold Guylee Chester
1955	Manchester	Leslie Dixon Weatherhead	Thomas Edmund Jessop
1956	Leeds	Harold Crawford Walters	Douglas Pursey Blatherwick
1957	Nottingham	Harold Roberts	Philip Hurley Race
1958	Newcastle upon Tyne	Norman Henry Snaith	John Morel Gibbs
1959	Bristol	Eric Wilfred Baker	Charles Alfred Coulson

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1960	Liverpool	Edward Rogers	Thomas George Thomas
1961	Bradford	Maldwyn Lloyd Edwards	Marjorie Walton Lonsdale
1962	Stoke-on-Trent	Leslie Davison	Albert Lowry Creed
1963	Preston	Frederic Greeves	David Foot Nash
1964	Sheffield	Albert Kingsley Lloyd	Douglas Vernon Brown
1965	Plymouth	William Walker Lee	Pauline Mary Webb
1966	Wolverhampton	Douglas Weddell Thompson	Albert Bailey
1967	Middlesbrough	Irvonwy Morgan	Percy Lavern Backus
1968	London	Ernest Gordon Rupp	John Clifford Blake
1969	Birmingham	Brian Stapleton O’Gorman	Thomas Kenneth James Leese
1970	Manchester	Rupert Eric Davies	William Russell Hindmarsh
1971	Harrogate	Kenneth Laws Waights	John Walton Kellaway
1972	Nottingham	Harry Osborne Morton	Howard Souster
1973	Newcastle upon Tyne	Donald Rathbone Lee	John Ireland Miller
1974	Bristol	John Russell Pope	Ernest Armstrong
1975	Liverpool	Alfred Raymond George	William Albert Cockell
1976	Preston	Colin Manley Morris	Cyril John Bennett
1977	Hull	Bernard Arthur Shaw	Esther Margaret Waterhouse
1978	Bradford	Donald English	Mary Iris Lenton
1979	London	William Gowland	Patrick William Welch
1980	Sheffield	Kenneth Gerald Greet	Elsie Moult
1981	Norwich	John Anthony Newton	David Ensor
1982	Plymouth	Norwyn Ephraim Denny	Pamela Luke
1983	Middlesbrough	Amos Samuel Cresswell	Paul Gordon Bartlett Lang
1984	Wolverhampton	Gordon Emerson Barritt	June Elizabeth Lunn
1985	Birmingham	Christopher Hughes Smith	Leon Murray
1986	Stoke-on-Trent	Nigel Langley Gilson	Anne Mary Knighton
1987	Portsmouth	William Rhys Davies	Derek William Burrell
1988	London	Richard Granville Jones	Jennifer Mary Carpenter
1989	Leicester	John James Vincent	John Bryan Hindmarsh
1990	Cardiff	Donald English	Rosemary Wass
1991	Bolton	Ronald William Cecil Hoar	Ivan Weekes

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1992	Newcastle upon Tyne	Kathleen Margaret Richardson	Edmund Ian Marshall
1993	Derby	Brian Edgar Beck	Susan Ruth Howdle
1994	Leeds	Leslie John Griffiths	Christine Walters
1995	Bristol	Brian Richard Hoare	Stella Georgina Bristow
1996	Blackpool	Nigel Thomas Collinson	Janice Mary Sutch Pickard
1997	London	John Brian Taylor	Michael Checkland
1998	Scarborough	William Peter Stephens	Margaret Parker
1999	Southport	Stuart John Burgess	Brian Thornton
2000	Huddersfield	Inderjit Singh Bhogal	Eluned Williams
2001	Ipswich	Christina Le Moignan	Ann Patricia Leck
2002	Wolverhampton	Ian Thomas White	Peter David Howdle
2003	Llandudno	Neil Graham Richardson	Judith Mary Jarvis
2004	Loughborough	William Reginald Morrey	Myrtle Poxon
2005	Torquay	Thomas James Stuckey	John Anthony Bell
2006	Edinburgh	Ralph Graham Carter	Dudley James Coates
2007	Blackpool	Martyn David Atkins	Ruby Beech
2008	Scarborough	Stephen James Poxon	David Storry Walton
2009	Wolverhampton	David Gamble	Richard Mark Vautrey
2010	Portsmouth	Alison Tomlin	Eunice Attwood
2011	Southport	Lionel Edwin Osborn	Ruth Elizabeth Pickles
2012	Plymouth	Mark Henry Wakelin	Michael Philip King
2013	London	Ruth Mary Gee	Daleep Satyanand Mukarji
2014	Birmingham	Kenneth Graham Howcroft	Gillian Margaret Dascombe
2015	Southport	Steven James Wild	Barbara Jill Barber
2016	London	Roger Leonard Walton	Rachel Judith Lampard
2017	Birmingham	Loraine Nancy Mellor	Elisabeth Jill Baker
2018	Nottingham	Michaela Anne Youngson	Balachandren Muthuvaloe Gnanapragasam
2019	Birmingham	Barbara Carolyn Glasson	Clive Marsh
2020	-----*	Richard Jeremy Teal	Carolyn Jayne Lawrence
2021	Birmingham**	Sonia Marcia Hicks	Barbara Mary Easton
2022	Telford	Graham Thompson	Anthony Boateng
2023	Birmingham	Gillian Mary Newton	Kerry Ruth Scarlett
2024	Leeds	Helen Dixon Cameron	Carolyn Jayne Godfrey

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Secretaries

1932-36	Robert Bond
1937-50	Edwin Finch
1951-70	Eric Wilfred Baker
1971-83	Kenneth Gerald Greet
1984-98	Brian Edgar Beck
1999-2003	Nigel Thomas Collinson
2004-08	David Gerald Deeks
2009-15	Martyn David Atkins
2016-18	Gareth John Powell
2019-	Jonathan Richard Hustler

- * The 2020 Conference met online due to government restrictions in place at the time.
- ** The 2021 Conference met in hybrid mode, with some representatives joining online, and some being present in Birmingham.

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