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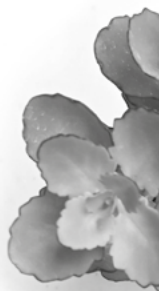
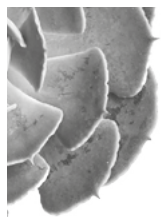
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PART I

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 2025. 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 2025 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 Telford International Centre.

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PRESBYTERAL SESSION, 26-27 June 2025

The Revd Helen Dixon Cameron, *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 was led in a session entitled *Fractured World, Fractured Church* by Bishop Christian Alsted, who until recently was the resident bishop of the seven conferences in the Nordic and Baltic Episcopal Area of the Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference of the United Methodist Church. He encouraged the Conference to reflect on how the Church can offer reconciliation and hope in the context of conflict and war. Members of the Conference spent time discussing his input and offering reflections from their own perspectives.

The Conference discussed the report, *Healing Ministry and Neurodiversity*.

The Conference discussed the report brought by the Stationing Review Group.

The Conference discussed the report brought by the Connexional Council concerning discernment for senior leadership.

The Conference considered the discussion paper, *Reviewing the Presbyteral Session*, and agreed that it wished to instigate a review of the Session. It reported this to the Representative Session.

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.

The Conference conducted the Annual Inquiry, pursuant to SO 154, into the character and discipline of presbyters and presbyteral probationers. District Chairs answered on behalf of their Districts, and the Secretary of the Conference gave an assurance on behalf of those presbyters who are appointed to serve abroad, or who have permission to reside or serve abroad.

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REPRESENTATIVE SESSION, 28 June – 2 July 2025

The Revd Richard Mark Andrew, *President*
Mr Matthew Alexander Forsyth, *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 'Our Story, Our Song'.

The Conference received into Full Connexion 28 presbyters, including five by transfer from other Conferences and Churches and two by reinstatement, and three deacons. On the afternoon of 29 June, those presbyters and deacons not already ordained were ordained at four Ordination Services held in churches in the region.

The Conference accepted eleven candidates for presbyteral ministry (ten unconditionally and one on completion of a stated condition) and three candidates for diaconal ministry (two unconditionally and one on completion of a stated condition).

The President and Vice-President resourced three Bible studies during the Conference, taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. These took the form of a conversation among selected members of the Conference, facilitated by the Revd Dr Heather Morris, reflecting on the text in response to the following three questions:

- What did you notice?
- What surprises or challenges you in the text?
- What do we need to hear from this text today and what might it mean as we seek to live out our story?

1. MAJOR REPORTS AND RELATED BUSINESS

1.1 Revising the *Methodist Worship Book*

The Conference agreed to begin a process of revisiting the Church's authorised liturgies. This decision sets in motion a major project to equip the Church with new and revised liturgical resources, available in a wide variety of formats, including digital and printed versions. The first stage of the process is to consider the style and language to be used in the resources, in order to enable the Church's worship to be as inclusive as possible, in line with the Conference's commitments in its strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity. Should the 2026 Conference adopt the report, the expectation is that the first new liturgies to be commended for experimental use will be brought to the Conference of 2028 and formally authorised in 2030.

1.2 Healing Ministry and Neurodiversity

In response to a particular request made through a notice of motion in 2022, the report from the Faith and Order Committee highlights the importance of being reflective and sometimes self-critical in relation to healing prayer, both for the person praying and the

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person being prayed for. The Conference adopted pastoral guidance for responding to such requests for prayer, and asked for further work to consider how the church might express appropriate repentance for the past exclusion of neurodivergent people in the life of the church and to explore how the church might be more inclusive of neurodivergent people, as well as ways to address ableism in the Church. The Conference also directed consideration of more resources relating to healing ministry in general.

1.3 Stationing Review

The report of the Stationing Review Group asserted the need for significant changes in the processes governing the stationing of ministers within the Methodist Church. The recommendations arose from a comprehensive review of existing practices. The report was received by the Conference, which adopted the proposal for a new committee structure to oversee stationing processes but referred the proposals for changes to those processes to the Ministries Committee, directing that a further report be brought to the 2026 Conference.

1.4 3Generate and the Voices of Children and Young People

The Youth President's report considered how the voices of the young people are calling for the Church to be more accessible for those who are neurodiverse or unfamiliar with Church culture. The Conference encouraged churches and worshipping communities to find ways to make their services more accessible and relevant by updating resources in order better to welcome those who are not familiar with church practice. It further encouraged churches and worshipping communities to make full use of available resources so that worship might be more inclusive of all abilities, and particularly those with neurodivergent conditions.

The Conference urged Circuit Local Preachers' Meetings to consider how they can involve children and young people in the planning and execution of acts of worship and recommended that Circuits and Districts bring together dispersed youth populations, especially in rural communities for activity-based sessions.

1.5 A justice-seeking Church: conferring on justice priorities

The Conference spent time conferring on justice for people seeking asylum and refuge. This involved listening to the realities and experiences of people who have experienced seeking asylum and those who have been alongside them. The Conference was invited to listen, pray and confer, to discern together the call of God in this area of work.

1.6 Review of Part 11 of Standing Orders

Following the Conference's decisions in 2024 to adopt new complaints and discipline procedures, the Conference adopted the Standing Orders to give effect to those processes. The report set out some points of clarification which had arisen in the drafting of the Standing Orders.

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1.7 Methodist Forces Board

The Conference received a report from the Methodist Forces Board highlighting the work of those who minister to the members of His Majesty's armed forces throughout the UK and around the world. The Conference directed the Faith and Order Committee, in consultation with the Forces Board, the Joint Public Issues Team and others to create theological and pastoral resources to support the Methodist people at this time of conflict and insecurity, in the light of the reports and public statements of the Church on matters of war and peace.

1.8 Assisted Dying

The Conference noted the current public debate regarding assisted dying, arising from the introduction of a Private Members' Bill on the subject. The Conference last adopted a formal statement on euthanasia in 1974, and a debate in the 2015 Conference led to a decision by the Council to make resources available to enable churches to respond to those facing decisions about end-of life. Mindful of this, the Conference directed that a task group be established to review the Conference's position with regard to assisted dying and to report not later than 2028.

1.9 Hope in God's Future

The Conference received an update on *Hope in God's Future* and noted that the 2011 Statement has served its purpose well but was in need of re-visiting and developing to acknowledge the changes in scientific and theological understanding. The Conference agreed that a steering group be appointed to review and update the text by 2027. The Conference heard that more resources will be created to encourage churches to carry on the work to aspire to achieve net zero by 2030.

1.10 Summary Accounts

The Methodist Church is registered with the Charity Commission and the accounts of the registered charity are those of the Connexional Council. The full consolidated accounts for 2023/2024 were presented to the Council and adopted by the Council under SO 203(8) in February 2025. They are available on the Methodist Church website. Under SO 204(1)(i) and 362(2)(ii), the Council presented to the Conference summary accounts for information.

The Conference noted that:

- the accounts consolidate figures for a wide variety of Methodist activities and entities; together they had income of £58 million and expenditure of £67.2 million;
- at the end of the year, there was a net surplus of £5.8 million (2023: £4.5m deficit).

The Conference received the report as the summary accounts required by SOs 204(1)(i) and 362(2)(ii).

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1.11 Connexional Council

The Conference received the Connexional 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 assisting in making its work and witness more effective. 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 brought the reports of the Mission Committee, the Ministries Committee, the Resourcing Committee, and also listed the governance responsibilities fulfilled by the Council during the year, and other business it had undertaken.

Upon the recommendation of the Council the Conference:

- adopted the connexional Central Services Budget for 2025/2026;
- adopted the district allocations of the assessment to the Methodist Church Fund;
- received the annual report from the Methodist Schools Committee;
- adopted a number of recommendations concerning stipends, allowances and other financial provisions, and agreed that the level of increase in the standard stipend should be 3.06%.

1.12 Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity

The Conference received from the Council a summary report of the work done in relation to the strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity adopted by the Conference in 2021. It also received the report from the JDS scrutiny group and encouraged Synods to take time in the next year to consider the progress their District has made in implementing the JDS strategy since its adoption five years ago, particularly in relation to systemic, structural and cultural change and what more is to be done.

1.13 Appointments

The Conference designated for appointment:

the Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler as Secretary of the Conference for a further five years from 1 September 2026;
the Revd Conrad Hicks as Chair for the South East District from 1 September 2025;
the Revd Dr Rachel Deigh as Chair for the West Midlands District from 1 September 2025;
the Revd Faith Nyota as Chair for the London District from 1 September 2025;
the Revd Rachel Bending as Chair for the Channel Islands District (in addition to the Southampton District) from 1 September 2026.

1.14 Other Business

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

- Central Finance Board;
- The Safeguarding Committee;

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- The Ethics of Investment;
- Committee on Methodist Law and Polity;
- 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;
- 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.

1.15 Memorials

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

- cuts to the UK aid budget;
- the housing crisis;
- Israel/Palestine and the Tent of Nations;
- Christian Zionism;
- TMCP processes;
- Safeguarding;
- training requirements;
- local preacher and worship leader training;
- ministerial development review;
- resourcing administration;
- the *Don't Buy Into Occupation* report.

The Conference also considered a District Resolution, brought by three Districts, which was concerned with ministerial wellbeing. The Conference affirmed its commitment to the wellbeing of all its ministers, and directed the Ministries Committee to work with others to bring forward proposals to assess and address high stress levels among ministers.

The Conference designated the Revd S Mark Slaney to be President of the Conference for 2026/2027, and Caroline Stead to be Vice-President of the Conference of 2026/2027.

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The Conference, by a Standing Vote, resolved to adjourn to the Conference of 2026, which would meet in Telford on Thursday 25 June in its Presbyteral Session, and on Saturday 27 June in its Representative Session.

2. SPECIAL AND PROVISIONAL RESOLUTIONS

2.1 Special Resolutions submitted by the Conference of 2025 to the Connexional Council under Standing Order 126(1)(c)

None

2.2 Special Resolutions submitted by the Conference of 2025 to the Law and Polity Committee under Standing Order 126(1)(c)

None

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

None

2.4 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)

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[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;~~

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;**

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APPENDIX: The Pastoral Address and the Presidential Addresses

THE PASTORAL ADDRESS

Giving an account of the hope that is in us

Introduction

There is no other place for me to begin this pastoral address than one of acknowledging deep gratitude to God and to the Methodist Church. To serve as President of the Conference has been a great privilege and a great joy.

I have been immensely grateful for the support of my husband and family in this year of travel, from their constant chauffeuring to train stations and airports to looking after the greenhouse they have been, as ever, the solid rock beneath my feet. As one suitcase arrived home, and another was packed my clothes were washed and food placed on the table for me to eat. Thank you for all that and your constant support and love.

I want to express my gratitude to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for their care and support during this year. At one stage I asked the Secretary of the Conference if the Conference budget might stretch to Barbara Dickson coming to this presbyteral session of the Conference to sing the song, "Another suitcase, another hall" from the musical *Evita*. I am not entirely sure he got the cultural reference, or that he knew who Barbara Dickson was – but he was, as ever, courteous as he declined the request.

The Connexional Team have been their brilliant, able and generous selves throughout the year and I thank them for that. The support of Rachel Tufnell, the executive assistant to the Presidency, the Assistant Secretary of the Conference and others, this year has been magnificent and I am so glad and grateful for her.

Madam Vice-President, Carolyn has been the best of companions on this Presidential journey, always kind and compassionate, thoughtful and wise. There has been much laughter and joy. This leads me to the subject of lost property. I shared the story of leaving my Ordination Bible in Kenya with the Conference of 2024 and how it was returned to me via Uganda and Nigeria by the resourceful Andrew Ashdown, Partnership Co-ordinator for Africa. A pattern emerged. I wish to thank the Chairs of District and above all the Vice-President who sought to prevent me leaving possessions behind during the numerous District visits we made together. I still however managed to leave all my preaching bands in Malta, my coat in Scotland and to arrive in the Channel Islands without a clerical collar. I wish to declare now that the connexional Lost Property Office can now be closed down.

I have always understood the Presidency to be principally a ministry of representation and visitation, a focused paying attention to local Methodists throughout the connexion, involving careful listening and being encouraging of continued faithfulness. To be able to do that in every District bar two, to visit Wales, Scotland, the Isle of Man, Malta and Gibraltar, the Channel Islands as well as much of England has given me a picture of

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Methodism that has surprised me, encouraged me, and made me reconsider our future. Our diversity as a connexion is a rich, glorious gift from God. During the year I have worshipped in many languages but was particularly glad to participate in worship where on different occasions Manx Gaelic and Welsh were used and very glad to see the Ten Commandments written in French on the wall of a chapel in the Channel Islands. I want to thank the Chairs of District for their generous care and hospitality during my visits.

I began my visit to the East Anglia District in Norwich at the shrine of Julian, the writer of the earliest surviving text written in English by a woman. Julian was a mystic, a poet, who expressed a profound spirituality after experiencing a revelation of divine love in a period of ill health. She entered a small cell attached to a church in Norwich and there she prayed and wrote. In the week of Prayer for Christian Unity the Warden of the Shrine, Father Richard, invited me to lead prayers in the shrine. Afterwards over a cup of tea he said, "Madam President, I have looked up your itinerary – it looks a bit like a royal progress!". He was referring to those tours of England a monarch would make visiting key people and places. I responded by saying that it was nothing so grand, because I was nothing so grand, and I didn't think I had slept in as many beds as Elizabeth I, but it was getting close. It has been clear to me since then that the year of the Presidency has not been an itinerary, a connexional tour, but rather a profound and life-changing pilgrimage.

Presidency as Pilgrimage

In this last year I have travelled across the connexion and the love of God has been shown to me – perhaps not as dramatically as to Julian of Norwich in her visions but without a doubt I can now bear witness to the love of God being shown, revealed, made real in so many ways, in so many places. The making known the love of God in bold, generous and costly ways is being done by local Methodists in some extraordinary ways, in so many places. It has made me proud to be a Methodist, and glad that in rejecting the ways of privilege, abuse of power, and paying attention to the needs of those on the economic margins local Methodist Churches are indeed, "learning to do what is right, seeking justice and challenging oppression" alongside the communities they serve.

There are too many stories to tell but I have chosen four. One from England, one from Wales and one from the Isle of Man, and one from the Channel Islands.

In Plymouth I sat in a community hairdressing salon as a homeless man was encouraged to enter the salon by another homeless man who earlier that morning had been given a free haircut. He had now brought his friend to the salon. The second man sat on the door step for 10 minutes until he felt brave enough to come in. Very, very gently he was invited into the hair salon warmly and treated as an honoured guest, had his hair washed, then cut. He had tea and cake served on a china plate. His bandaged foot was checked and a fresh coat (in fact two coats in the end) were offered to him. There was such gentleness, tenderness and love in that encounter. Many, many people would pass him by in the street and ignore him, but in this community hair salon under a Methodist logo he was seen and recognised as one of God's children, offered care, compassion and dignity and the love of God was made real in that moment, in that space, with the salon community.

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On the Isle of Man, Peel Methodist Church offers a drop-in café three days a week. Many churches do this but this one struck me as a good example of what we can do with big buildings that aren't full on a Sunday. A lot of space has been created at the back by the removal of church furniture. Good, soft sofas, tables and comfortable chairs have been put in. It is a warm, friendly and well-staffed group. It's meant to be a come-and-go kind of group but everyone comes and stays for the closing prayer time when after a reading of scripture everyone is prayed for by name. On the day we visited that included the Vice President and me. Referrals come to the group from GPs and other services. It is described as a place where, "it's OK not to be OK". It looked like a new kind of Christian community to me. It was a very loving community and everyone who came was welcomed, seen, valued and loved.

In Cardiff, Trinity Methodist Centre is a one-stop shop for asylum seekers and refugees. It offers friendship and welcome, help with applications, play space for children, a women-only creative arts collective, a group of women cooks are working towards establishing a catering company, English language classes and two church groups, one an Urdu/Hindi speaking congregation led by a Methodist presbyter and an Ethiopian Orthodox congregation who worship in Amharic. It's known in Cardiff as "the refugee place". There are worse names to be known by. Local Methodists with others have shown such persistence and faithfulness in working to transform the building into something welcoming, fit for purpose and something to be proud of. I was delighted when the first thing they wanted to show me in the refurbished building was the toilets. The Centre Manager, Ffleur, wanted to offer the best to those who came, and the toilets were now the best. At the recent service of Thanksgiving and Rededication the opening verse of the opening hymn written by Anna Briggs we sang said,

"You call us out to praise you,
The God who gave us birth,
To gather in communion
And treasure your whole earth."

The users of this centre who have arrived in Cardiff from the war-torn places of the globe feel treasured in this place. The arts collective made this scarf for the President, each square on it, a design created by a woman, it is like a map of the conflict regions of the world. It reflects these women's resilience, pride in their cultures and contexts and their gratitude that they had found in Trinity a refuge and a place of flourishing. When I wear it, I feel held in their love.

When we visited Jersey the Vice-President and I took part in an event designed to raise the issue of domestic violence. We were part of a panel which included the Chief of Police, a member of the Ministry for Justice, men and women working in charities providing refuges and an arts project working with survivors of violence against women and girls. It was an event designed to help a community talk more freely and honestly about a taboo subject.

I could go on. I won't. These four places made me feel as though they were a taste and foretaste of heaven. They reminded me of a moment in a novel by Graham Greene where

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a priest with many, many failings stands in the middle of the village he is meant to serve as soldiers approach seeking dissidents and threatening violence. The priest stands with broken bread and wine poured on a dirty table and says simply, "Here is heaven". He is referring to the power and presence of God's glory, in the people's midst, not in a building, in liturgy or vestments and the power and privilege of the church, but rather in loving presence with the people when fear and anxiety for the present and the future are real and imminent.

I have seen much in this last year which has convinced me of the value our justice seeking, inclusive, evangelistic and growing Church is adding. I worried that everything would smell of fresh paint but I am confident that I have seen what is. I have seen what ordinary Methodists are doing in extraordinary ways. I have seen – the sacrament of the ordinary, when God takes who we are, what we seek to be and to do and fills it with his love and grace and glory and nothing is ordinary any more. I have seen what is when God takes and blesses us, breaks us and shares us with the world and we co-operate with God, and join in in eucharistic living.

Extraordinary Ordinary

During the year I read Marcus Throup's book *Perfectly Ordinary: in search of healthy church leadership*. It led me to reflect on an understanding of the nature of ministry and service, and indeed leadership, which is not about the spectacular or showy but rather about quiet faithfulness and ministry which is perfectly ordinary, authentic, Christ-centred and therefore Christ shaped.

Whichever part of the Christian Church we look at, it is possible to see people described as being like Rolls-Royces and placed on pedestals by others. Sometimes people have climbed up on a pedestal above others all by themselves.

I have long been interested in reflecting on types or models of ministry, service and leadership in the light of what we read in the gospels about Jesus and the life in God he invites us into. The Gospels make it plain that Jesus valued the people that others reviled or rejected or simply did not see or attend to. Jesus also displays plenty of self-care. He seeks quiet times of solitude and prayer, he shares meals, he makes friends, he is a part of the household at Bethany and he makes community with the disciples, both male and female (see Luke 8), yet he is focused on the care of others. The balance of those two things is key to healthy ministry (the Samaritan ensures the injured man is left in an inn and cared for, then finishes his journey. Martin of Tours shares his cloak with a beggar and rather than giving it away completely, he keeps half for himself.

Jesus knew he was loved and held by God and did not seek either approval or love or admiration or gratification or recognition or validation from others. That should lead us to a clear understanding that we shouldn't seek those things either from pastoral ministry. They might come secondarily but seeking them as a primary motivation in pastoral ministry because they are absent in our human lives and relationship is dangerous. The consequences of doing so are significant and lead to pastoral ministry with very blurred boundaries about who the ministry is for, who is served and who benefits from it.

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I am interested to discover how might we cultivate a quiet faithfulness in the daily and persistently challenging call to live a life of holiness and authentic discipleship?

A good starting point is to know who we are in Christ, not compare our ministry to others, not to be jealous of the ministry of others but rather make space for others to flourish and grow. I would like to suggest that we turn our gaze to ordinariness and being attentive to the ordinary. You may well ask if such an approach can ever be enough in a broken world which is frightening, when conflict is rife and hatred of the other has been given permission to speak?

My response is that I wonder if now, more than ever, the sacrament of the ordinary is the way we might intentionally choose? Herbert McCabe, born in Middlesbrough, was a Dominican theologian who expressed it so well,

“We are not optimists, we do not present a lovely vision of the world which everyone is expected to fall in love with. We simply have, wherever we are, some small local task to do, on the side of justice, with the poor.”

To describe something as ordinary is now sometimes done derogatively, or at least negatively, as something common place without special or distinctive features. Someone or something is just ordinary, we say. To speak of ordinary time is to refer to the Latin ‘tempus ordinarium’ which means ordered or measured time. It refers to a period of counting the weeks (not just the weeks after Epiphany or Pentecost) but the measuring, noting, savouring and appreciating the time as it passes by. When we live this way we don’t live in a stream of unnoticed or unappreciated events but we live appreciatively, relishing and treasuring the presence and the eternity of God in the smallest of things. To live in this time is to pay attention to God, others, the world – and ourselves.

We are called to see clearly and deeply and discover heaven in ordinary. Sometimes we live on the surface because we fear depth. Depth comes from and with engagement and commitment. We must plunge into the mystery of God and not take flight from God unable to face the challenge of both the accountability and possibility such an encounter invites.

Full immersion in ordinary life

Finally, in reflecting on the passion account in John’s Gospel as I have often done often during the last year, I have been helped by David Ford’s reflections on the raising of Lazarus. Ford says Jesus fully affirms ordinary life and weeps over ordinary death – the death of Lazarus makes him angry and he knows grief. What Jesus offers us is full immersion in ordinary life and exposure to ordinary death (in his case a very painful death) together with confidence in resurrection and a quality of life, love and relationship with him that can begin now. It is, says Ford, a realism, expressed in his person, of both the ordinary and the extraordinary together; but the extraordinary is for him the divine ordinariness of life in union with his Father; as articulated in his prayer at the tomb of Lazarus, where he thanks God for “always having heard me”.

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This extraordinary ordinary is available to anyone who responds to him in trust, “to everyone who lives and believes in me”, says Jesus. The trust is essential because the life is in relationship with God and is inseparable from mutual love. We are loved by God; we can love God and one another.

So, perhaps after all, what we are called to is a perfectly ordinary extraordinary life and ministry rooted in Christ. the taking of ordinary things and them being blessed, broken, shared for the world God loves and in Jesus came to save. Because of this, we can, while living in a broken world, still be those who hope.

Hope is not about optimism about the future – rather it is a confidence that there is a future for us in relation with one another, in relation to God through Christ who knows, and sees, and holds who we are and have been. God is the divine witness. God knows us, sees us, holds us and loves us as we enter fully into God’s world.

My testimony is that I have seen love’s mystery poured out this year and discovered that “nothing is ordinary now.” The world is diffused with the glory of God, there is heaven in ordinary. We have a hope that is based not on how the world looks on any one day, nor on our assessment of the progress of humanity but rather a hope based on the word made flesh and come among us. We believe that God is with us, bearing our burdens and healing our wounds. God is with us, redeeming us and ultimately restoring us. We believe that on the cross God in Christ died and in raising Jesus from death God remakes us, makes a place for us in the eternal life of God, and at the last brings us safe home.

It is the resurrection of Jesus from death, which allows us, as a Church, to be more than the local branch of the Jesus of Nazareth Historical Society. Believing in the resurrection and the new creation ushered in by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead gives us hope.

The new age, the final phase of God’s activity in the world through us and in us, the Church, means that those of us who relate to Jesus, do so, not as a memory of someone who lived a long time ago but as a contemporary. Jesus is not just an idea, not just in our heads and our thoughts, rather he is present now, here and now, and we are drawn now to stand with Jesus in his present life, a life he now lives to God. God is with us, in all we do, in this moment, in this new beginning, in all we are becoming in response to his presence with us through the Holy Spirit, “allowing God to happen in us” as Rowan Williams would say. May we as presbyters and as a Church continue to give an account of the hope that is in us.

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THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Our Story, Our Song: Learning to Live Again

Come, Holy Spirit! Maranatha! Come, Lord, come (John Bell)

'...truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains but a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.' (John 12:24)

Introduction

The people who surround us with their love are a sign of God's graciousness because they help to call out from us a beauty we could not have realised without them. As I begin today, I want to celebrate those who have shared my life story with me and enabled me to sing my song. I give thanks for the faith sharers, way makers, star gazers, vision crafters and most especially friends and family and those who have been gifted to me. I give thanks for my late parents, Ralph and Pat, and late mother-in-law, Wendy, for whom this occasion would have been a proud moment, I give thanks for the unique, wonderful woman that is my wife, Debbie – you are my soul buddy and life companion – for my children, Tom and Becky, who fill me with hope, pride and great joy, for Tom's partner, the lovely Jo, my sister, Belinda, and brother-in-law, Jim, here with me today, for my brother Chris and his family, my father-in-law, Jim and his wife Eileen, unable to be with us today, and for special friends, some of whom are here today, who have been so precious to me and signs of God's grace. Thank you for being with me on this journey. Love you to the stars and back.

A Methodist Future?

What is the future of Methodism in Great Britain? The obvious answer is, 'I don't know', because in reality no one really knows what the future will hold. If discerning the future was that simple, then the Secretary of Conference and the Connexional Secretary would immediately appoint a Director of Futurology and the whole of connexional life would be shaped around it. But it is not so. Indeed, there are probably as many ideas of what our future will look like as the number of people sitting here today. But none of us knows and there is a humility in recognising that. What I do sense though is that we are not the first people of faith who have had to learn to live through 'interesting times.' Many generations before us have had to rebuild in the midst of ruins or forsaken power and status only to recognise that the vulnerability they discovered along the way placed them in the company of Jesus.

If that is so, then we can be confident that rumours of our death have been greatly exaggerated. I say that not because of some naïve belief that somehow years of decline will be easily reversed nor, more optimistically, because the Methodist family worldwide is growing in many places, including in our own context. Nor is it because of the transformation of the Methodist Church in Britain in recent decades that has seen the global become the local and our Church become much broader and diverse as a result even whilst there remains much to do to make a fully inclusive Church a

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reality. Nor is it because of the evidence emerging in recent reports such as *The Quiet Revival* which sees not only an increase in church attendance and spiritual engagement amongst those in their 20s and 30s but also related benefits in improved well-being, connection to local community and engagement in social justice: participating in church community, it turns out, is good for you. Nor is it because of an increased interest in intellectual circles in the Judeo-Christian tradition and what it might have to offer as a basis for underpinning political and cultural values for those who wish to express the right to love their neighbour as the basis of community in a world that seems ever more fragmented and destructive and where neighbours are cast as strangers rather than as friends. Nor do I say it because of the calls over many years from successive Presidents and Vice-Presidents reminding us that God has not finished with us yet, that we are a discipleship movement shaped for mission, that we are called to a way of life in which worship, learning and caring, service, justice and evangelism are all integrated, or that there is something planted deep within our DNA which means that we can never deny our calling if we are to be authentically ourselves. All of these things are true but they are only partly the reason for my conviction that the rumours of our death have been greatly exaggerated.

I believe that the rumours of our death have been greatly exaggerated because God is faithful, Christ is risen and the Spirit blows amongst us, wherever she wills, drawing and calling us into new life, new hope, new community, new creation. It has always been so and for those who wish to join in, it offers not only the most exciting of futures but also a glimpse into our true vocation in Christ. Our hope and convictions about the future are born not out of our present experience of history, important though that it is, but from an enduring sense of God's faithfulness and desire in Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit to make the new heaven and the new earth.

A Personal Testimony

My own faith journey gives testimony to this. I was brought up in a market town in North Yorkshire in an unchurched family, or perhaps more accurately a folk Christian family which saw the Church as the place where we celebrated rites of passage at significant points in life, but little else. At 15, a friend invited me to a Methodist youth club and over the next couple of years I found myself seeking and asking questions and observing the work of the Spirit in the lives of others, although I wouldn't have called it that at the time, until at the age of 17, I had an experience which for me was life transforming and for which I had no reference points. At an old priory in Swaledale which had been turned into an outdoor adventure retreat centre, my heart was strangely warmed and I received a call as simple as it was profound – it was two words, 'Follow me'. I have been working out the meaning of that calling ever since.

In some ways my understanding of that moment has changed. I now see it as something which was already at work within me even before I knew it. Christ was simply there, waiting to be recognised, drawing me towards him with the voice of his calling. His depth spoke to my depth and the depth I discovered lived inside me and beyond me. As the years went by, this sense of a living God and a living call continued to grow in me both in good and bad times.

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That sense of a living God and a living call was there as I moved from a rural market town to Brixton in the midst of the 1985 riots and began to sense a Church that was deeper and more diverse than anything I'd experienced before. A living God and a living call was there during ministerial training when my wife, Debbie, and I spent a summer working in the townships of South Africa during apartheid, a year after Mandela had been released from prison and two years before the first free elections. I met that living God in an elderly woman who told us she had been praying for 30 years, assured like Anna in Luke's Gospel, that the walls of apartheid would fall and a great liberation would begin. It was in those townships that I discovered the power of song to keep hope alive.

That sense of a living God and a living call was there in York where I found myself overwhelmed by anxiety, poor health and occasional darkness, known only to my wife, and where I found love and light in a deep dialogue with God in stillness, rhythm and the Psalms which has profoundly affected me ever since.

These moments amongst so many others, have been the soundtrack of my life, deeply embedded in memory and story. It was in Methodism that I discovered the story of God's free grace: grace which sought me before I even recognised it; grace which set me free even despite me; grace which called me to grow, to seek partnership with others and which sought to redeem all things.

I sometimes sit back and wonder whether we recognise just how wonderful the gift we have been given really is and how much that plotline influences our sense of identity – what others might call our golden thread or our 'why'. Of course, my story, just like the Methodist story, is just one small story in the context of God's unfolding story but it is enough to know that I am invited to play my part and sing my song while knowing that it does not all depend on me.

To be Church and to share in God's mission is to be part of an expansive story that reaches out to all people and all things because that is the nature of God's love and grace and the pattern for life set out for us in Jesus Christ. The Church will endure in the future not because of our efforts, our strategies or our programs, however important they may be, but because God's enduring love has kept us. What we experience now is simply a sign of God's future not the future itself. So we should never be afraid of signs of death, or to shed the skin of our present, because it is only in learning to die to ourselves that we shall truly begin to live in the power of the Spirit and begin to live. Faith precedes sweat; hope leads us into a future that is not our own; love binds us to God, our neighbour and to our eternal goal. This is our story. This is our song.

It's a story we celebrate every year when we gather together as Conference and sing, 'And are we yet alive?' A hymn written at a time when Methodism was scorned by the established Church and chased out of communities by stone throwing and pitch forked rioters. In this context, Charles Wesley writes a hymn which reminds us that God's protecting, preserving and providential grace has been with us as we have journeyed through whatever the year has brought until we meet together again. 'And are we yet alive...?' is a hymn of trust and confidence in God's enduring faithfulness especially

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through the darkest of times. As the poet Pádraig Ó Tuama puts it, 'Hope is a song sung when everything else says you shouldn't be singing.'¹

Every year when we sing that hymn together at Conference, we boldly proclaim our faith in what God is doing amongst us. Even though we may live through death, struggle and uncertainty, even though we may look on the world with perplexity, we and the world we live in is being drawn and reshaped into the life of God by God's Word and Spirit. What a message! What a cause for song!

A Grain of Wheat

Professor David Ford, in his magisterial commentary on John's Gospel, notes that in John 12, the parable about a grain of wheat falling into the ground and dying is followed immediately by an indication of how Jesus' disciples are to live, '...not fearing death; free to risk their lives for the sake of love; trusting in Jesus; living in service to him; and being where Jesus is.'² He goes on to explain that to be where Jesus is, is to share in the union of love between Jesus and his Father and with all those who trust and love him. It is a love which has as its horizon the whole of the world because love embraces all things and so to be committed to Jesus is to live a life of utter commitment to God and to God's life of love for the world, even sometimes at great cost. This way of living produces 'much fruit' because it is a participation in the life that salvation enables.

If we are serious about it then this is the kind of commitment that lies at the heart of what it means to live out *Our Calling*, responding to God's love for us in Jesus Christ in worship and mission. It is the narrative which helps us make sense of what it means to aspire to be a growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice seeking Church. In our presidential year, Matt and I seek to encourage the Methodist people to undertake a 'soul expedition' deep into the heart of our calling, encouraging us to ask questions about our fundamental orientation. What story do we wish to tell, what song do we want to sing about ourselves? Is it rooted, grounded, lived, and authenticated in Christ or in something else? Is it a Spirit-shaped story open to the future or a world-weary one? Is it a song of wonder and praise that marvels at the presence of God in all people? Does it help us to imagine the Church like a great community choir in which the great songs of liberation and salvation which permeate the scriptures can be re-learned, rehearsed and re-performed? Are we a Church waiting to die hanging on for the graveyard or a Church willing to die in order to live? If these sound like old questions that is because they are but maybe they are also questions we all need to ask today because they are fundamental to our calling and identity. Put in other terms, the Presidential theme, *Our Story, Our Song* is an invitation to the Methodist Church to ask itself, 'Who do you think you are?' 'And what song are you singing in God's world?'

1 Pádraig Ó Tuama, *In the Shelter: Finding a Home in the World* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 2015), p.178

2 David F Ford, *The Gospel of John: A Theological Commentary* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2021), p.243.

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Perhaps, by now, you find yourself saying, 'this is not how things look where I am'. Pádraig Ó Tuama, wisely notes that, 'We do not tell stories as they are; we tell stories as we are,'³ and in so doing, reminds us that we can hide behind the stories we tell or get lost in our own narratives. For many people their experience of church is one of decline over many decades, an ageing demographic, with not enough volunteers to fill roles and in some places people who feel tired, disillusioned and anxious about the future. As Mark Slaney once said to me, 'The things which used to carry us we now seem to be carrying'. To borrow an image from Elaine Heath, for many churches it can sometimes feel as if we have taken all the familiar religious furniture from an old house, packed it into a removal van, only to discover when we move into a new home, that it no longer fits:

'After a while we sit down, exhausted from all our efforts, and think about calling it quits. We keep asking ourselves why nothing works anymore. We lose the desire to try.'⁴

We must recognise both the pain and the truth in that story. We do no-one any favours by denying its reality. At the same time, however, we would do well to recognise what we are saying about God's purposes in simply accepting that story as it is, since to do so is to conceive mission as survival, as endurance, as hanging on in quiet desperation trying to keep the show on the road. It views our history either nostalgically – 'things were better then' - or as a burden. It settles for what we know in the present over the newness God offers for the future. Its fruits are exhaustion, cynicism and anxiety. No one can live healthily like that for long. It creates a subconscious plot line, a funnel of panic and anxiety about an 'inevitable' future which we try to subvert through our strategies, our work, our pathways, the next initiative landing on the desk. It is an approach which creates an over-stimulated, exhausted and overloaded Church. And it's an approach which leaves us continually disappointed with the fruit of our efforts, guilt ridden, confused and anxious at our failure. Worse still, it's an approach that forgets that the Church is Christ's body and that its future is secure in God's hands, not in ours. Hear me carefully. I am not suggesting that our participation and work does not have a place in God's purposes. It is rather about the fundamental point of orientation from which we choose to begin.

As Richard Rohr puts it,

'Whether human beings admit it or not, we are all in love with – even addicted to – the status quo and the past, even when it is killing us. Resurrection offers us a future – dare I say a permanent future – but one that is unknown and thus scary. Humans find it easier to gather their energy around death, pain, and problems than around joy.'⁵

If we read the Easter stories, we notice a combination of experiences which mirror our own: fear, anxiety, misunderstanding and doubt but also as the perceptions of

3 Ó Tuama (2015), p.232.

4 Elaine Heath, *The Mystic Way of Evangelism: A Contemplative Vision for Christian Outreach* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2017, 2nd ed.), p.25.

5 Richard Rohr, *Immortal Diamond: The Search for our True Self* (London: SPCK, 2013), p.xi.

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the disciples begin to change after their bleakest and darkest moments, running, joy, abundance, feasting and a freedom for the future which bursts across the known world. A future that we cannot plan. Out of the bruised, the disappointed, the disillusioned, God brings new life, new community, new creation if we are open to find it.

The Sycamore Tree

A few months ago, a small group in the Darlington District began meeting to explore discipleship in the district. In one of our first meetings, Stef, our Children's, Family and Young People Enabler, had a picture of the Sycamore Gap tree. Perhaps the tree held a clue to our calling.

The Sycamore Gap tree was one of the most photographed trees in the country. It lay in the wild borders of Northumberland, in a dip in Hadrian's Wall, in lands which historically have moved backwards and forwards between England and Scotland – the North-East is sometimes known as the land which Scotland wants but cannot have and which England does not really want but will not let Scotland have. The tree was the scene of marriage proposals, weddings and a place where people would spread the ashes of loved ones but more than anything else the tree was beloved in the North-East as a symbol of resilience, of endurance in an untamed landscape. In 2023 it was tragically felled and there was an outpouring of grief and sadness, even anger at what some saw to be symbolic of humanity's wider assault and degrading of nature.

The story of the felling of the tree seems to parallel some of our own experience of the Church. A wonderful institution that had meant so much to so many people now seemingly lost leaving us behind to grieve. But, of course, that is not the end of the story. The National Trust, who owned the land, discovered in August 2024 that the stump, although severely damaged, had begun to sprout new shoots at its base. Although it will take 150 to 200 years to grow back to something like what was lost, the tree will grow back. At the same time, seeds have been collected from the tree and used to propagate new saplings, the first one of which was planted by the King in Windsor Great Park.

Again there were parallels with what we were experiencing in the life of the Church in the district which echoes what is happening elsewhere with the growth of so many shoots of new life in New Places for New People and Church at the Margins, but also outside of that in quite unexpected ways, the work of the Spirit breathing new life into that which seemed to be dead, giving it new sinews, new flesh, new structure. It feels precarious but perhaps it's also a sign of what is to come: a Lazarus moment in which the Church is being unbound and released in order to live out its true vocation. The Church will be different but also somehow the same – this is our story, this is our song.

The image of the Sycamore Gap tree has become an important one for prayer in the district and fits alongside the Romero Prayer which is at the heart of the District Mission Plan:

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'This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.'

It is a story we are only just beginning to live into, a song we are only just learning to sing. But it is a vocational song, one that is permissive and liberating and because of that, life-giving.

A Story

Helen Kirk told a powerful story at a Chairs' Meeting a few months ago about her parents who had met over 70 years ago at a dance class. It was particularly poignant to me because my own parents were of the same generation and had travelled the North Yorkshire dance halls together dancing to the Syd Lawrence and Joe Loss orchestras. Helen described how her parents loved to dance and at every opportunity they would take to the floor. Just before Covid it became evident that her father's memory issues were caused by dementia and so, in order to cope in lockdown, her mother created a daily timetable of activities to help them get through; one of these was dancing. She would put on the music, push back the furniture and ask him to dance. He would take her in hold, beautifully straight. His balance seemed to recover, and he no longer shuffled as they danced around the room. One day on the phone, Helen's mum told her that they had remembered that they loved each other and that they were loved.

Conclusion

I was so moved by Helen's story that I wanted you to hear it. Perhaps the deepest truth we can speak to anyone is to say to them, 'Remember you are loved'. We are loved because of the love of many but most fundamentally because of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. I wonder if that is the first thing that every church community needs to hear – 'Remember that you are loved'. Perhaps the second is an encouragement to recover our vocational muscle memory. Maybe we need to learn to dance again, to tell our story in a different way, to sing our song as a great testimony of God's love for us and of our calling to respond to that in love of neighbour and in seeking a new heaven and a new earth. Somone once said that hope is hearing the melody of the future and faith is dancing to that melody now. In a similar way, as Bruce Springsteen once said: '...the future is not yet written. So lace up your dancing shoes and get to work.'

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THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Play Your Part

Mr President, members of the Conference, friends and family.

Allow me to introduce myself to you. My name is Matt Forsyth – although if you call me Matthew, Andrew, or David, I will probably answer! (Isn't that right, Dad?)

I currently serve as the Mission Team Leader in the Northampton District. When I registered the birth of my youngest daughter, I told the staff that I was a Mission Enabler, and they looked at me as if I were a character from a Buzz Lightyear movie, travelling to far-flung places.

My career has not always been in the church or within the Methodist community. I studied at Spurgeon's College and was one of his preachers, travelling around London. In addition to my work in ministry, I have experience as an estate agent and have worked in fundraising. More recently, I have been involved with "All We Can". All of this forms part of my story.

There are also a few other things you should probably know about me as we begin this journey today.

1. I am a firm believer that we should enjoy church life not endure it. Notice the difference there. I hope that whenever you leave this Conference, whether it be today, tomorrow, or sometime next week, you will have enjoyed being here. On a deeper level, my heart hopes that you leave here positively different because of what the Holy Spirit is doing here, so much so that you want to play your part.
2. The second thing which I have come to love about Methodism is that if you don't like me today or what I have to say, why not give it another chance next year, because I won't be speaking.

Our theme, *"Our Story, Our Song"*, reminds us that we are part of something far greater than ourselves. We are woven into the ongoing story of God's love in the world, and invited to sing that story with our lives. Within my own story I owe organisations like Crusaders, now Urban Saints, CROPS (Christian options in Peterborough schools) for their residentials. For Oundle Baptist Church, and the late Mike Jones for saying yes to an annoying 17-year-old who felt the urge to preach. More recently I owe a gratitude to the Peterborough Methodist Circuit and Whittlesey Methodist Church.

I am grateful for my friends in this room and online, and one who I wish were here, Nathan. Thank you for being the soulmates I needed. To my brothers David and Andrew, thank you for instilling in me a resilience I never knew I needed by smashing endless footballs at me as I stood in goal. My parents, Mum and Dad. Thank you for your unconditional support. To my immediate family, my wife and three kids.

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Yes I have three children, if you want to lay hands at the end please do.

Olivia – you have taught me more about faith than any singular theological book for we share not a blood line but a love line which is far greater than anything

Amelia – Thank you for enabling me see the creation and life in a way I never thought possible. Stay in Amelia's world, it's quite fun.

Penny – You continue to help me challenge myself to balance life better and go at Penny's pace, not the world's.

Amy – my soul companion that I am grateful for. You help make this possible. Thank you.

Some 18 months ago, I visited a church that I will not name, to support their ministry in my role as Mission Team Leader in the Northampton District. Upon my arrival through the front door, I was greeted with the British custom of a hello in the form of a handshake and the first words that came from the steward's lips...

"Why are you here?"

What a question!

I assured them I was there to worship and, to their surprise, I quickly reassured them, it was to play my part and lead worship that day.

This encounter has stayed with me. The question Why are you here is a question for the soul.

Why are you here?

I wonder Why are you here?

It was my privilege as VP-designate to visit Hong Kong, the International Church, and the Hong Kong Methodist Conference staff team.

One of the people who knows why they are there is someone named Jackie Pullinger. It might be a name that you know, but also one that means nothing. Like my older girls, she comes from the special place of Croydon, born in 1944.

- She had no theological qualifications, no official church backing, no organisational support.
- A simple call: At age 22, she felt God calling her to go somewhere – anywhere – to share the gospel. She boarded a ship with nothing but a few pounds and a prayer, eventually disembarking in Hong Kong.

"I had no idea what I was doing. I just went." – Jackie Pullinger

Upon arrival, she was asked, "Why are you here?"

Jackie would go on and minister in Kowloon Walled City, a lawless slum in Hong Kong known for triads, prostitution and opium dens. Few missionaries or social workers dared to enter.

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When I visited the Hong Kong Methodist Church, Jackie was still active by speaking to Church and business Leaders within the region, including our very own Revd Eden Fletcher.

Jackie Pullinger is an example of how God can use someone ordinary to do extraordinary things when that someone is willing to play their part.

So why are we here? What does our part to play look like?

As we consider this question, the good news is that **Meaning is not something we create; it is something we discover, because it is already there.** If you like, part of us finding our story, our song is about discovering the hidden treasures that are there for us to use in our life's work and ministry.

Today I want to offer three invitations from our passage that I believe help us to reflect on the question, 'Why are we here?' What does our part to play look like?

1. Invitation to receive living water (grace)

Our story begins not in a grand cathedral or a place of prestige. It starts at a well.

A well, unremarkable in its appearance, but resonant with memory and meaning. Jacob's Well, a place carved into the land and the lives of generations. A place of necessity, routine, and sometimes isolation. And it is here in the searing heat of midday that a woman comes to draw water. Alone.

She does not expect company. She certainly does not expect to encounter anything. She comes burdened with more than just a water jar.

And yet, there sits Jesus.

Not surrounded by crowds. Not standing in triumph. He is tired. He is thirsty. He is waiting.

He does not begin with a sermon. He begins with a question:

"Will you give me a drink?"

It is an ordinary question but in that moment, the ordinary becomes extraordinary. Here, grace begins not in power, but in vulnerability. Jesus does not enter this moment as the all-knowing teacher, but as one who shares in our need, who embraces human frailty. He opens a door, not by declaring truth, but by requesting kindness.

Olivia wrote this poem five years ago which has stuck with us as a family.

**Give Kindness a go,
Be kind to everyone**

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**I will say kind words only
Caring for other people
If you fall over, I will come
Sharing with you is my favourite thing to do.**

Beginning with kindness, Jesus honours her presence. He disrupts social expectations. He sees her.

Henri Nouwen, whose reflections so often touch the tender places of our humanity, once wrote: *"Our brokenness has no other beauty but the beauty that comes from the compassion that surrounds it."*

This encounter at the well is surrounded by compassion. The kind of compassion that transforms a lonely moment into a holy one. The kind of grace that does not wait for perfection but meets us in our brokenness in our midday thirst and our hidden shame.

I don't know about you I need that in my life.

This woman's story is not grand. It is ordinary, even troubled. Yet it becomes the stage for divine revelation. A conversation that begins with water ends in the unveiling of Living Water — a gift that satisfies far deeper thirsts.

T.S. Eliot, writing in *Four Quartets*, offers a line that echoes across this moment: *"The hint half guessed, the gift half understood, is Incarnation."*

Here, by the well, the Incarnate One gives a gift not in thunder or spectacle, but in conversation. In presence. In kindness. In invitation.

And later, Eliot writes:
"You are the music while the music lasts."

Friends, this is our story. And it is our song. A melody composed in the everyday in the drawing of water, in the asking of a question, in the grace of an unexpected encounter. Our song does not begin in our greatness, but in God's grace meeting us in our humanness.

So I ask you:
Where is your well?
Where are you drawing water, thinking it's just another day, unaware that Christ may be waiting there?

This is the first invitation of the Living Water:

To receive God's grace in the midst of our ordinary stories and to let that grace turn them into extraordinary moments.

The Olivia story?

We can only discover why we are here, what our part to play is, when we allow the

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grace of God to flow through us, to be our living water, to change the ordinary into the extraordinary.

2. Tell Your Story: From Hiddenness to Bold Witness

This story is remarkable because this woman's story is complex and marked by pain. Jesus, with prophetic insight, lays that pain tenderly open. And here is the key: he does so *without condemning her*. He reveals the truth about her life not to shame her, but to let her know that she is truly seen, known, and loved by God.

At last, Jesus makes a revelation *He had not yet made openly to anyone else*. He says to her, *"I, the one speaking to you – I am he"* (John 4:26). The Messiah she has awaited is here, *with her*, at the well. In this moment, we see a powerful unveiling of identity: Jesus discloses his true identity as Messiah, and in doing so, he also discloses *her* true identity – as someone known, loved, and called into God's purpose.

John 3 teaches us that, there is no one beyond the need of grace and John 4 teaches us that there is no one beyond the reach of grace.

Because of this, encountering Jesus, she runs back to her village:

"Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" (John 4:29)

- She moves from hiding to heralding
- Fear to Freedom
- Doubt to Declaration
- Silence to Singing

She become the first evangelist

Friends... Your Story Matters.

Story

The Methodist Church is committed to living a story of grace a story that shapes us as inclusive, evangelistic, growing and justice-seeking communities.

- Not a perfect story.
- Not a polished story.
- But a true story – a real story that acknowledges the ups and downs of life we all face and the need for God's grace in each one of us.

So may we be encouraged as a Church to continue to share our story.

Lastly, as we ask those questions, 'Why are we here?' 'What is my part to play?

3. The third invitation is to lay down what holds us back and move forward with boldness.

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Growth and change are on the far side of disruption and challenge.

The Samaritan women embraced this very reality.

In John 4:28, the Gospel tells us something quiet, almost incidental but deeply significant:

“Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town...”

The jar, the reason she came to the well, is left behind. It was practically essential for her survival, which speaks to her isolation. But now, she leaves it behind. Some would say it is because she has encountered Jesus, the Living Water. And the vessel she once carried becomes unnecessary. She is no longer defined by what she came to the well carrying.

What are we still carrying as a Church, friends?

- As Mr President hinted at earlier, are we burdened by nostalgia? For the Sunday schools that were overflowing? For a time we had too many stewards? Are we longing not for the future God is opening up, but for the safety of what we once knew?
- Are we limited by fear, a fear that change will unmake and change what we hold dear?
- Are we held back by shame, believing that our failures or our past disqualify us from being part of God's new work?

The call of Christ is gentle but clear.

Lay it down. Leave it behind. Move forward. Play your part.

This is not a rejection of the past far from it. We are not called to discard our story but to discern within it. And here we can learn from the wisdom of the Ghanaian proverb of Sankofa:

“It is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten.”

To look back is not weakness; it is faithfulness. But we look back not to relive the past, but to retrieve its treasure.

Because the treasures of our past are our testimonies, our prayers, our songs, and our resilience, they were never hidden from us.

They are hidden for us.

Hidden like manna in the wilderness.

Hidden like pearls in the depths.

Hidden like the seed in the soil, waiting for the right season to bloom.

The psalmist reminds us that even in exile, God's people learned to sing again:

“How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?” (Psalm 137:4)

We ask the same question today in the strange land of post-Christendom, in the dry

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lands of institutional decline, in the anxious lands of uncertainty. But even here, even now, there is a song to sing.

And we are not alone in this.

This year, we rejoice with the Hong Kong Methodist Church as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. Their theme speaks powerfully to us all:

"Following our roots and co-creating new chapters."

They remind us that our heritage is not a burden to carry, but a wellspring to draw from. It is from our roots that we grow. And it is with God and one another that we are called to co-create the chapters still unwritten.

So let us do the same:

- Let us live in/hold onto Living Water which is God's grace to us.
- Let us look back to claim the treasures God has hidden for us not from us.
- Let us carry forward the wisdom, the worship, the witness of those who came before us.
- And let us lay down every burden that no longer serves the journey ahead.

Our story is not stuck in the past. Our song is for us to sing now. It is being written, being sung anew, by the Spirit who makes all things new.

Conclusion

So why are you here?

Perhaps it was routine.

Perhaps it was curiosity.

Perhaps it was calling.

But the Spirit whispers, as Jesus once did by the well:

"Will you give me a drink?"

A simple question that opens sacred possibility.

You did not come here by accident.

You have a part to play.

You are not just a listener to this story

You are a line in it.

Not just a voice in the congregation

You are a note in the song.

Our song is still rising

Because grace is still singing.

So play your part:

Even if your voice trembles.

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Even if your chapter feels unwritten.
Even if you've been holding your jar too tightly.

Lay it down.

Let go of the burdens that have shaped you
But no longer serve you.
Pick up the treasures God has hidden *for* you
the prayers of past generations,
the courage of those who came before,
the wisdom of a Spirit who still speaks.

For this is the moment
To follow our roots,
and co-create new songs.

And as you go,
May the well you draw from never run dry.
May the story you tell always make room for grace.
And may the song you sing
Join the great chorus of saints
Who have played their part
And passed the pen to you.

The page is turning.
The Spirit is moving.
The story is yours.
The song is ours.
Play your part.
Amen.



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3. Presbyters received into Full Connexion in 2025

John Paul Banks
Judith Helen Elizabeth Bell
Tracy Ann Birks
Tina Brooker
Hannah Moon Chun
Ruth Elizabeth Dowson
Hayley Lisa Edmondson
Samantha Jane Gillard
Christopher John Holmes
Sarah Anne Hooks
Joseph Ndehi Kwallah

Sincere Makunde
Kirsty Seonad McGhee
Jason Lee McMahon-Riley
Rachel Elizabeth Pinkney
Richard John Porter
Rachael Helen Prince
Agnes Eyiaba Sam
Heather Elizabeth Simmons
Fiona Marie Smith
Penelope Thorne

4. Presbyters received into Full Connexion from other Churches

Michael John Claridge
Chellaian Lawrence
Paulson Devasahayam Leela

Eliska Jo Mulliner
Manoa Ratubalavu

5. Presbyters received by reinstatement and transfer

No case

6. Presbyters reinstated into Full Connexion

Stephen Andrew Jay
Nigel Andrew Williams

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

No case

8. Presbyters who have ceased to be in Full Connexion

Paul S R Chesworth
Jonathan H Doble
Nicola K Hilmy-Jones
Mark J Lawrence

Janice A Morgan
Keith A Osborn
Timothy R Woolley

9. Presbyters transferred to other Churches

No case

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10. Presbyters returning to the Active Work

Andrew Orton

11. Preachers recommended for continuance On Trial

In the following lists:

* = change from the lists approved by the 2024 Conference

+ = candidates accepted by the 2024 Conference

<i>Surname</i>	<i>First name(s)</i>	<i>Due to be received into Full Connexion</i>
Alex	Abi	2026
Banks	Kyung Mi	2026
Barker	Michaela Jayne	2026
Bediako	Eric Obenaye	2027
+Bohan	Kieran Matthew	2029
Bryon	Ian David	2026
Carney	Owen Gerallt	2027
Carrington	Anna Marie	2026
Chan	Chi Lok (Rocky)	2027
Chikaviro	Godfrey	2027
Clark	Julie	2026
+Clayton	Thomas Richard	2029
+Coleman	Paul Michael	2029
+Cree	Samantha Ashley	2029
Cullingford	James Jeremy	2026
Edbarg	Christvin Johnson Kirubakara Pandian	2027
+Ferguson	Thomas	2029
Frimpong-Manso	Collins	2027
Geeson	Nicola Jayne	2026
George	Daniel Richard	2027
+Groves	Susan Elinor	2028
+Halliday	Kerry Louise	2029
Haraszti	Ildiko Maria	2027
+Hood	Jonathan	2029
Jacobs	Susan Nerissa	2026
+James	Hayley Anne	2029
+Lau	Ka Fai Stephen	2029
+Magaisa	Mwadzipaura	2029
+Mak	Sue Ann	2028
Marshall	Rebecca Jane	2026
*Martin	Laura Sarah	2027
Mayo	Stephen Neil	2026
+McLeod	Luke Rhys	2028

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+Musey	Genevieve Mawufemor	2028
+Nott	Claire Louise	2028
+Odoom	Sophia Jemima	2028
+Peek	Joanne Rose	2028
Pipet	Dorothy Anne	2027
Popoola	Joyce	2026
Read	Rachel	2027
+Reed	Sarah Jane	2029
Sheridan	Liam James John	2028
*Sparey	Naomi-Rachel Frances	2027
Sutcliffe	Claire Lucy	2027
+Tanveer	Aqeela	2029
+Taylor	Louisa Joanne	2028
Tedd	Paulette Rosemarie	2026
Thevanesan	Obeth Ratnesan	2027
Watkin	Stuart John	2028
Wheeler	Lorraine Fay	2028
+Williamson	Marc Alexander	2029

12. Candidates for Presbyteral Ministry

12.1 To proceed immediately into pre-ordination training

John Frederick Annim	Philip James Mason
Laura Baker	Pauline Matondo
Grace Gava	Sarah Elizabeth McDonald-Howard
Amy Caroline Godfrey	Sally Margaret O'Hare
Samuela Yabakiva Halofaki	Tim On Wing Wong

12.2 For deferred entry into pre-ordination training

No case

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

Oscar Xiangyu Xiao

12.4 From the Methodist Diaconal Order

None

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13. Presbyters permitted to become Supernumeraries

*All applications are made under Standing Order 790(1), except those marked * who are applying on grounds of ill health under Standing Order 790(2) and those marked + who are applying under the terms of Standing Order 790(1C). 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).

+ Barry J Allen	(8)	Jeongsook Kim	(17)
Christopher J Ambler	(41)	Julie A Letts	(16)
Paul R Arnold	(40)	Barry D Lotz	(17)
Andrew M Baker	(32)	Ruth Lownsborough	(10)
Michael Belfield	(49)	Andrew H Lyons	(19)
Nigel S Bibbings	(37)	Sandra K Marshall	(32)
Robert J Blackhall	(36)	David Milner	(36)
David H Bonny	(30)	David C Newton	(19)
Catherine M Bowstead	(31)	Katherine J Pickering	(12)
+ Stephen J Boxall	(9)	Mark G Read	(17)
David J Burrow	(33)	Michael J Redshaw	(34)
Andrew P Burrows	(15)	Andrew Reed	(17)
Stephen Caddick	(41)	Kathryn A Selby	(22)
Helen D Cameron	(36)	Neville Simpson	(17)
Nigel J Coke-Woods	(32)	+ Tony Simpson	(8)
* Mark T Coles	(28)	Sobanathasar Sinnathamby	(27)
Paul A Collings	(23)	Roger M Smith	(34)
Nicholas P Collison	(19)	Alan Smithson	(32)
Alan J Combes	(12)	Kenneth Stokes	(41)
Timothy M Cooke	(10)	Neil A Stubbens	(41)
Deborah A Cornish	(21)	M Peter Taylor	(45)
Jennifer M Dyer	(30)	J Nicholas H Thompson	(33)
Colin J Emerson	(30)	Keith R Underhill	(36)
* Jill A Flowers	(34)	Catherine M Wagstaff	(11)
Linda Francis	(23)	Philip P Wagstaff	(41)
Michael G Giles	(34)	Deborah Wainwright	(23)
Christine Gillespie	(27)	Ralph Waller	(53)
Gavin P Hancocks	(23)	* Hilda M Warwick	(11)
C John Hartley	(27)	Rupert L A Weekes	(17)
David C P Haseldine	(27)	Rose A S Westwood	(28)
Rosamund V Hollingsworth	(17)	Neil J Whitehouse	(35)
Rachel L Hope	(12)	Stephen D Wigley	(36)
William J Hunter	(42)	Sharon L Willimott	(15)
John R Izzard	(48)	Ian M Worrall	(37)
Leslie Jones	(13)	Stewart B K Young	(24)

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13.2 Permission granted by the President during the year

No case

14. Deacons received into Full Connexion in 2025

Natalie Mary Clark
Adelha Da Silva Kaka
Judith Grace Laycock

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

18. Deacons recommended for continuance in Training or on Probation

** = change from the lists approved by the 2024 Conference*

+ = candidates accepted by the 2024 Conference

<i>Surname</i>	<i>First name(s)</i>	<i>Due to be received into Full Connexion</i>
Blackhall	James	2028
*Brazier	Deborah Jane	2028
+*Brough	Jane	2029
Chikaviro	Vivian	2028
Cook	Helen	2027
+Dalton	Jessica Anne	2028
*Dolman	Joanne	2028
*Gardner	Helen	2026
*Hyde	Alison	2026
Morris	Samantha Jane	2026
Paterson	Katrina (Kate)	2027
Topping	William (Bill)	2027
*Uwimana	Marcianne	2026
+Wheeler	Melissa Jane	2028
+Williams	Kathryn Ann	2028

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19. Candidates for Diaconal Ministry

19.1 To proceed immediately to pre-ordination training

Kathy Newland Bevan
Kai Bland

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

Dawn Louise Venn

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

No case

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

Gillian M Judge (13)
Gail I Morgan (10)
Brian J Purchase (19)

20.2 Permission granted by the President during the year

* C Michelle Hamilton

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21. Obituaries

A. Presbyters

Crispian Acher: Born on 27 May 1976 and grew up in Surrey. Through the generosity of an uncle Cris attended Epsom College. From an early age he had an interest in horse racing and cars, obtaining a series of 'bangers' as soon as he passed his driving test. He had an entrepreneurial mindset and was headed for a career in business. One teacher said he would end up either a millionaire or in prison. There was no church in Cris's upbringing, but at the invitation of a friend he attended a youth group at the local Methodist church. After an intense period of questioning, he experienced a life-changing spiritual encounter. Wholeheartedly committed to his newfound faith, he joined a Share Jesus Seed Team before going to Cliff College. Candidating for presbyteral ministry, he became the youngest student in his cohort at Hartley Victoria College. His probationer appointment was in the Alderley Edge and Knutsford Circuit where he studied for an MA in the theology and mission. Following the breakdown of his first marriage Cris moved to the Manchester Circuit in a pioneer role. He set up the Nexus café bar beneath Central Hall, a successful café, arts and worship centre. He then moved to the Conwy and Prestatyn Circuit, continuing his fresh expressions work and pioneer ministry. Feeling called away from circuit ministry, Cris became an RAF chaplain, including deployment in Afghanistan where he served with distinction and was decorated. This was one of the most fulfilling times in his ministry and he was hugely disappointed to leave on medical grounds. Cris became coordinating chaplain at MHA South and was a much-appreciated colleague with ambitions to go further in the organisation. Cris had a natural gift for friendship, flair for new ideas and original thinking, and rarely let the grass grow under his feet. His theology developed through his experience which, combined with a certain restlessness, meant he did not always sit easily within conventional ministry. Survived by one child, Aubrey, Crispian died on 6 August 2023 in the forty-eighth year of his age and the twenty-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

Frances Anne Ballantyne: Born on 11 April 1956 at Old Oxted, Surrey. Her earlier years centred around Beadles Lane Gospel Hall. Frances made a commitment to Christ at Wembley Stadium during the 1966 Billy Graham mission. She met David at the church youth club. They were married in 1975 and moved to Market Harborough where their children, James and Sarah were born. Frances worked as a laboratory technician at Lyons Tetley, then assisting a local school, Brooklands Gardens Care Home and being secretary of the busy Churches Together in Harborough. Frances was a survivor of child sex abuse by a friend of her parents. Volunteering at Victim Support led to disclosure of her own abuse. Via a public prosecution, justice and healing were achieved. She shared her experiences in published articles and appeared on two TV episodes of Kilroy sharing a message of hope from despair and the need to forgive. In 1998 she qualified as Pastor to Congregational Churches in Market Harborough, and joined the 'Walk to Emmaus' programme, eventually as a lead Spiritual Director. Ordained at Hutton Free Church, Essex in 2004, she served there before returning to Market Harborough as a hospital chaplain for the Leicestershire Partnership. In 2014 she visited southern India as part

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of the ecumenical initiative with the Diocese of Trichy. She also accepted an invitation to visit Israel and stay at Bethlehem University. Frances transferred her ministry to the Methodist Church and was stationed as a presbyter in the South Holland circuit in 2016. The town-centre manse in Spalding was opened for Bible studies and fellowships. She was a member of the Methodist Survivors' Advisory Group. She served the Mid-Cheshire Circuit for two years before moving to Leicester (Trinity) in 2023. Frances was 'a great all-rounder', drawn to spiritual places of pilgrimage whilst remaining earthly from her own life experiences. Always ready to speak out for justice and truth for others, she made many deep relationships and friendships. She wrote and published poetry and prayers. After a short, intense period of illness, Frances died on 5 June 2024, in the sixty-ninth year of her age and the twentieth year of her presbyteral ministry.

John Robert Barrett: Born in Bermondsey on 9 October 1932, John was one of two children to Robert and Beatrice Barrett. John was educated at George Green Grammar School, Poplar, followed by Sir John Cass College in London. John had little or no involvement in church life until the age of eighteen when he attended a Billy Graham rally. He surprised everyone by later becoming a church member, local preacher and offering for the Methodist ministry. He trained at Handsworth College in Birmingham. Ordained in Bradford in 1958 he went on to serve the Circuits of Bury St. Edmunds, Wellington (Shropshire), Birmingham (Wesley), Bilston, Trowbridge and Bradford, West Bromwich, and Tipton as a circuit superintendent. Whilst here John taught RE at Parkfield High School. John also served the local community for several years as a local councillor in Newport. His retirement was spent mainly in the Black Country where he continued to serve the Local Churches and Circuit. He travelled widely with his sister Sylvia, mainly throughout America and France. John remained a real people person with a gracious manner and an open pastoral heart for all. He married Margaret Una Mallett in 1969 and they had two sons, Michael and Mark. He was a keen cyclist in his younger days recording in his diary the many trips made and thousands of miles covered, mainly around the south west of England. John retained a lifetime interest and passion for world history. He was a keen amateur photographer and videographer, his family home boasting its own dark room. John passionately enthused about cricket throughout his life with Surrey, and later Kent becoming 'his' team. He died on 30 July 2024 in the ninety-second year of his age and the sixty-sixth year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Alan Beardsley: Born in Middlesbrough on 26 January 1943. After moving from Eston to Stockton and then settling in Danby near Whitby for a time, John went to the village school there. Further moves would see the family go to Pontefract and then Holmfirth where John completed his schooling. Following the sudden death of his father, the Reverend Alf Beardsley, when John was sixteen, he and his mother had to leave the manse, so John went to study history at Durham University at the age of seventeen. He then taught for a year in a Roman Catholic secondary modern school in Keighley. From there he completed a degree in theology at Wesley House, Cambridge where he began training for ministry in 1964. He married Eileen in 1967 with whom he had two daughters, Helen and Karen. John served in the following Circuits: Gateshead (East), Sunderland (North), Hull (West), Preston, and Tewkesbury and Cheltenham. John was an excellent preacher, a faithful pastor and had a heart for youth ministry. He was known

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for his unfailing kindness and encouragement of others and, in particular, he would be an advocate for preachers and ministers in formation. He was an avid walker and over the years raised thousands for charities such as Christian Aid and MHA. Such walks included the Three Peaks and Land's End to John O'Groats. Following his retirement in 1999 he took on two further walks, one being round all forty-eight churches of the newly formed Gloucestershire Circuit and finally the Severn Way from source to Avonmouth. John enjoyed many other interests such as railways, stamps, Methodist collections, gardening, particularly with the allotment community in Tewkesbury, and football, being an ardent Cheltenham supporter. He loved his family dearly and was very proud of his daughters. He died on 21 October 2024 in the eighty-second year of his life and the sixtieth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Peter Douglas Bishop: Born on 30 June 1934 in Seaford, Sussex, Peter spent much of his youth in Surrey, attending County Grammar School in Sutton. The tragic loss of his older brother in a flying accident in 1953, while both were RAF trainee pilots, deeply impacted Peter and led him to the Methodist Church, the ministry, and the study of religions. In 1958, he candidated for the ministry and studied for a BD at Richmond College. Peter married Anne, and they were posted to a challenging housing estate in the Middleton Circuit, near Manchester, where he also began an MA in comparative religion at the University of Manchester. In 1964, Peter, Anne and their son Mark moved to India, where Peter served in the Madras Diocese of the Church of South India. He was one of the few Methodist Ministers ordained as CSI Presbyters. In Vellore, he worked as Director of Correspondence Courses and presbyter-in-charge of St John's Church, also serving as chaplain to the Karigiri Leprosy Hospital. He learned Tamil and Sanskrit, ran interfaith dialogue groups, and deepened his study of Hinduism. During their time in India their daughter Helen was born. Enrolling as an external student, Peter earned a PhD from King's College, London, in 1973. The family returned to Britain in 1971, and Peter served in the Tunbridge Wells Circuit before moving to the Mid-Sussex Circuit, joining Brighton Polytechnic in 1975, where he became Principal Lecturer and later Head of the Humanities Department. He also served in the Bristol (Clifton and Redland) Circuit, lectured at the University of Bristol and Wesley College, and returned to the Mid-Sussex Circuit as a lecturer and writer. A prolific writer, Peter served on various Methodist and ecumenical committees, and was deeply involved in interfaith work. In retirement, he consulted on Hinduism for the Methodist Inter-Faith Committee and supported peace initiatives, including the Methodist/URC report "Peace-making a Christian Vocation." Following the death of his wife, Anne, in 2021 Peter moved into a care home in the Brighton and Hove Circuit where he died on 4 July 2024 in the ninety-first year of his age and the sixty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

Nicola Clare Blois: Born in Bournemouth on 9 October 1940. She served in Witney and Faringdon Circuit as a Minister in Local Appointment. Nicky was educated at the Wentworth school in Bournemouth and then studied French at Royal Holloway College, University of London. There, she developed a life-long enthusiasm for French. She taught at Les Sable d'Olonne secondary school from 1962-4 and taught French at the Wentworth School and then Bournemouth School for Girls during the 1960s. Nicky became a member of St George's Methodist Church in Bournemouth in 1960

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and there met Keith at the youth group. Nicky and Keith married in 1967 and moved to Loughborough where Keith was a lecturer at the University. During this time Nicky taught at Grace Dieu, a Catholic boys' school. In 1968 they spent a year in Boston, Massachusetts. They returned to Loughborough in 1970 to start a family: Mark (1970), Julian (1972) who died aged eight following a traffic accident, and Paul (1975). The family became members of the local Methodist church where Nicky served as church steward. She led an evening class in the village of Kegworth, twinned with Rouen, and became president of the Twinning Association. She was a part-time teacher at the local secondary school, teaching French to a group of disabled children. Learning that they were left behind on trips to France for the class, she raised funds and organised staffing to take them to France on two occasions. In 1968 the family moved to Witney. Nicky trained as a Blue Badge Oxford Guide and specialised in guiding French school groups. Nicky was accredited as a local preacher in 1995 and entered presbyteral ministry as a probationer in 1998. She was ordained in 2000, following which she was given pastoral charge of Sutton Chapel and Davenport Road Church in the Witney and Faringdon Circuit. Nicky sat down in 2005, but continued preaching in the Circuit for some years. She died on 30 April 2025, in the eighty-fifth year of her age and the twenty-seventh year of her presbyteral ministry.

John Emlyn Clark Bown: Born in Caergwrle, North Wales on 15 July 1941, the eldest of three children to Rupert and Mabel Bown, faithful members in the Chichester and Bognor Circuit, and latterly the Worthing Circuit, the family home being the local bakery at Wick, Littlehampton in the name of E J Bown & Son. Here John grew up and spent his early years. He was commissioned as a local preacher at a young age and studied at Cliff College. Following ministerial training at Richmond College he was stationed in Belize, and after ordination there in 1971 he returned to the UK to the Market Rasen and Caistor Circuit, followed by Leeds (South), Purley, and Bromley (Kent). He married Merle in 1964 and they had four children, Emma, Matthew, Andrew and Peter. He was delighted that his brother David joined him in the fellowship of Mr Wesley's Preachers. John had an enormous capacity for friendship and personal pastoral care for others; deeply committed to the responsibilities of leading worship, preaching, teaching and celebrating the sacraments. He had an infectious sense of humour and fun, no pretence, but rich in genuine kindness and full of practical faith. He was a keen footballer in his youth and a life-long Arsenal supporter. He was a member of the Iona Community which coincided with his interest in monasteries and the monastic way of life. He was a keen member of the Methodist Church Music Society. John was deeply committed to ecumenism, serving the London South-East District as Ecumenical Officer. He became supernumerary in 2006 and moved to Canterbury. With Merle he was a guide at Canterbury Cathedral and loved the spiritual opportunities offered there. He took a lively interest in the flourishing Canterbury Contemporary Theology Group which attracted many high-profile speakers. In later years, he struggled with the onset of memory loss and moved into Bradbury Grange Methodist Home in Whitstable. John died on 25 October 2024 in the eighty-fourth year of his age and the fifty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

Jeffrey Bramley: Born in the Nottinghamshire village of Gotham on 31 July 1937, Jeff was one of the four children of Fred and Hilda Bramley, with older brothers Bernard and

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Don and sister Christine. Jeff left school at fifteen and worked for Stafford and Moffat, a local garage, travelling there on a bicycle with an engine on the back wheel. Jeff did his National Service in the REME in Dusseldorf in Germany and there he made the decision to become a Methodist minister. Jeff trained at Wesley College, in Headingley, Leeds. He served in the following Circuits: Pontypool, Halifax, Barnsley, Derby (East), Cannock Chase, London (Harrow), and Watford. Jeff had a love of sport which he maintained throughout his life. He played cricket for Gotham Cricket Club and as a winger for Gotham United football club, where he became known as the Flying Rev. In the 1970s he did a year's exchange in Willows, California where he also learnt to love baseball and basketball. On retirement Jeff returned to the family home in Gotham, and enjoyed village life, becoming president of the cricket club, and spending many days at Trent Bridge with his friend Roy. He served the Nottingham (South) Circuit as a supernumerary minister, and after the closure of Gotham Methodist Church, worshipped at the local Anglican Church, St Lawrence's. He maintained his interest in the workings of the Methodist Church, keenly awaiting the Presbyteral Session of Synod and the arrival of the *Minutes of the Conference*. He enjoyed his collections of stamps and thimbles. Jeff was a man of great warmth. He was always ready with a joke, and some of them were funny. It was not unusual for a steward to be laughing at the start of a service, because of a joke Jeff had told in the vestry. He made many good friends throughout his ministry, and enjoyed the ongoing contact he had with them, travelling around the world with his good friend Grace. Jeff died on 14 December 2024 in the eighty-eighth year of his age and the fifty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Ivan Gilbert Brindley: Born in Hazel Slade, Staffordshire on 24 September 1932, the eldest of six children to Frederick and Ethel. The family attended their local Primitive Methodist Chapel. Following a scholarship to Rugeley Grammar School, Ivan worked briefly for the National Coal Board before carrying out his National Service at RAFs Padgate and Credenhill. The seed of Ivan's call to ministry was sown in the early 1950s by the Revd Fred Cottrell whom Ivan had met whilst attending a missionary conference in Canterbury along with his friends in Cannock Circuit Youth Fellowship. Following that conference Fred had asked if Ivan had considered becoming a Methodist minister. This seed flourished and Ivan, together with his childhood friend Reg Homer, attended Hartley Victoria College in Manchester to complete their ministerial training. Those circuit youth fellowship gatherings were also where Ivan met Brenda, with whom he was to share his life and ministry for well over sixty years until her death in 2019. They had three children, Jill, Lorna and Richard. Ivan's ministry spanned over forty years, serving in eight Circuits: Uttoxeter and Ramsor, Bilston, Cradley Heath, Monmouth and Ross, Hereford, Birmingham (Asbury), Rotherham, and finally Croydon. He presided over demolishing and rebuilding churches in two of those appointments. Ivan and Brenda maintained lifelong friendships with people from each of these Circuits, and many of these have expressed how he touched their lives through his loving service to the church of God, his extended family, living and preaching 'strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow'. In the cards received marking his death, one of his friends and colleagues wrote 'he ran the race and completed the course'. Ivan sat down in 1997, moving back to Hereford where he continued his ministry as a supernumerary. He also continued his love of gardening, fishing, golf and sport in general and of course his joy in spending time with his family.

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He died on 20 July 2024, in the ninety-second year of his age and the sixty-sixth year of his presbyteral ministry.

David Buckley: Born in Sheffield on 16 February 1943. Nurtured in the Methodist Church in Crooks and influenced by the Iona Community, David worked in a gentlemen's outfitters before candidating for the ministry. He regarded his time at Handsworth College as a precious gift and relished the opportunity to study. Committed to the corporate life of the college, he was elected College Chairman. After probation in the North of Scotland Mission Circuit, where he completed the London BD, he moved to the Withernsea Circuit in 1974, where he obtained an MPhil from Hull, and then in 1979 to the Welwyn Circuit. Following the breakdown of his marriage in 1985, he moved to the Stratford and Evesham Circuit, where he recovered his equilibrium, married Fran and was challenged by part-time chaplaincy at Long Larten Category A Prison. Moving to the Bedford (North) Circuit in 1991 he enjoyed a rich preaching and pastoral ministry at Priory where he particularly valued the Thomas Group where questions were encouraged. Having gained professional counselling qualifications he became Ecumenical Chaplain at Kingston University in 1998, and, on sitting down in 2003, moved to Chipping Norton to work full time in counselling and writing his book *Where the Waters Meet*. After becoming a supernumerary he continued with counselling whilst pursuing his interest in photography and enjoying time with grandchildren and step-grandchildren. Sadly his final years were marred by aphasia, a particularly cruel form of dementia for someone to whom words had always mattered. He died on 11 May 2025 in the eighty-third year of his age and the fifty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Elizabeth Ann Buckroyd: Born in Leeds on 14 July 1936, from an early age Ann was involved at her local parish church. She was educated at Roundhay High School and in her late teens considered training as an officer in the Church Army. She was advised to obtain some qualifications and experience so she trained as a secondary education teacher specialising in history and music, then worked in 'challenging' schools in the north-east. In 1958 she attended the Newcastle Conference where she was challenged by the presidential address 'God's Time is Now'. She trained as a local preacher and then considered offering for the Deaconess Order but decided it was not for her. Then came the news that presbyteral ministry would be opened to women. Ann was among the first group of women to enter training at Wesley College, Bristol in 1973. Following her ordination in 1976 she served in the following Circuits: Sale, Macclesfield, Dewsbury, Halifax, and Huddersfield East where she was Superintendent. Alongside circuit ministry she was Chaplain to the annual conference of "Youth Makes Music" which gave her a 're-charge and joy'. She served on the text committee for *Hymns & Psalms* and on various district committees. Visits to churches in Kenya, the Methodist Theological Seminary in the USA and the Presbyterian Seminary in Taiwan all enriched her ministry. In her final appointment she served on the chaplaincy team of her local hospice. After 'sitting down' she moved to Skelmanthorpe, where she was welcomed in the local Methodist church and became involved with Network and served as District President. In 2016 she had to go into residential care. She died on 13 December 2024, in the eighty-ninth year of her age and the fifty-third year of her presbyteral ministry.

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Valerie Margaret Burgess: Born in Birmingham on 22 February 1936. Val married Ted after completing her training for teaching at Southlands Training college, London. Ted was a Methodist minister when they married. From Aberystwyth, where he was stationed, they moved to Lowestoft where Ted went into teaching and Val took up a post at Dell Primary School. They adopted two children, Paul and Christine. There were then seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Val felt a call to preach and became a local preacher. After Ted's death she considered carefully a call to ordained ministry but then decided to wait a while. Eventually she offered and was accepted as a Minister in Local Appointment in 1995 in the Lowestoft and East Suffolk Circuit. Val did not attend any college to train as a minister; she simply had a local tutor for her probationary period. She was ordained and received into Full Connexion at the Conference 1997, being ordained at St Margaret's Chapel, Westminster Abbey in July 1997. Within the Circuit she served at Blundeston and Oulton churches, then transferred to Carlton Colville church for her remaining time in active ministry. She was also a competent organist and filled in at South Lowestoft Church on many occasions as well as other churches where there was a demand. Val also helped with youth work in the Circuit, helping at "Inters" weekends and other activities. She remained very active until dementia caused her to cease her ministry. Val died on 24 April 2025 in the ninetieth year of her age and the thirtieth year of her presbyteral ministry.

Alun Burke: Born in Salford on 11 September 1941. Alun was born at home in a small terraced house at 50 Cardiff Street. His family were financially poor but Alun, sister Gwyneth and brothers Denis and Mervyn were well cared for. Alun was a wonderful story-teller and whenever asked about his childhood he would always tell a story about growing up in a deeply loving and caring home. His introduction to Methodism came when someone from the local church called at their home and asked if they would like to send the children to Sunday school. Over time his simple faith developed and matured and having been accredited as a local preacher, Alun felt the call to ordained ministry. Having been married to Valerie for just a year Alun was sent to train at Handsworth College. After a short period he transferred to Hartley Victoria College where he completed his studies. He served for six years with the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. Alun, Valerie and their daughters, Karen and Rachel, loved being in Jamaica. He quickly took on the role of liaison for any new minister being sent to the island and enjoyed making sure they received a warm welcome. Returning to the Methodist Church of Great Britain, Alun served in the following Circuits: Bury and Heywood, Coventry, Manchester (Withington), Leicester (Trinity), Chesterfield, and Telford. He sat down in 2002 and he and Valerie moved to Warwick. He was remembered as a quiet man and to some was considered taciturn yet others loved his note-free laconic style of preaching and his quiet, reflective conversation. Following their move to Warwick he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and later Parkinson's dementia. He died on 20 September 2024, in the eighty-fourth year of his age and the fifty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

Louise Carr: Born in Corbridge on 14 October 1962. Louise was the eldest daughter of Leslie and Margaret Carr, and sister of Jonathan and Sarah. She attended Queen Elizabeth Grammar School at Hexham, where she gained three A-levels. Leaving school,

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Louise studied biochemistry at Cardiff University before undertaking post-graduate research at Glasgow. During her time in Glasgow, Louise became involved in community youth work and felt called, first to local preaching, and subsequently to ordained ministry. She candidated for the ministry from Woodlands Methodist Church, Glasgow, undertaking pre-ordination training at Hartley Victoria, Manchester. Passionate about social justice and youth work, Louise served as District Safeguarding Officer in two Districts. A creative thinker and skilled crafter, Louise was able to use both to enhance her ministry and worship. Her quilting exhibition entitled 'Stations of Lament' was exhibited in a number of different settings and will continue to be a legacy available to the church. Ordained in 1999 in Southport, Louise served in the following Circuits: Sheffield (Brunswick), Bradford (South), The Wolds and Trent, and Barnsley. Louise died on 23 December 2024 in the sixty-third year of her age, and the twenty-eighth year of her presbyteral ministry.

Elizabeth Alice Childs: Born in Northampton on 11 November 1950, younger of two sisters. She was educated at the Girls' High School in Rugby and Nottingham University, where she studied theology. After university she trained to be a secondary school teacher, teaching religious education. Liz remained passionate about enabling others to learn and grow throughout her life. During her ministry she was heavily involved in the training of local preachers and worship leaders, running Alpha courses and being part of the Emmaus Community, especially as East Midlands group leader. In 1972 Liz met Mike and they were married on 26 July 1975. They became proud parents to Matthew, Hannah and Rebecca. Liz responded to a call to local preaching whilst living in Fiskerton and attending Reepham Methodist Church. When the family moved to Keelby, Liz completed her local preacher training and candidated for ordained presbyteral ministry. She started as a Minister in Local Appointment at Keelby, a growing church that benefited greatly from Liz's gifts. She was ordained at Leeds in 1994. Liz served as a minister in Lincolnshire, in the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Circuit, and the Wolds and Trent Circuit, also bringing her enthusiasm to roles as district and circuit mission enabler. Liz was a catalyst for many mission projects from youth groups for teenagers to adult youth groups (AYC). She cared deeply for the younger members of her own family and was delighted to be Nanny to six grandchildren. She sat down in 2015 but continued to share her energy in churches and circuits. One of Mr Wesley's preachers, Liz believed that preaching God's word could change people and the world. Her final service was on 19 May 2024, a powerful message with blessings that will remain in the hearts of those who attended. In the last two years of Liz's life she fought cancer, made progress, but the cancer returned. However hard pressed, her faith did not waver, she knew the presence of God with her. She died on 18 June 2024 in the seventy-fourth year of her age and the thirty-second year of her presbyteral ministry.

Joseph Alan Clark: Born on 16 March 1940 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Alan grew up in a loving and caring home with his parents and younger sister Mary. The pastoral love that was so evident in his ministry was glimpsed on his sister Mary's first day at school when he was summoned to comfort her and he sat beside her until she felt safe and secure. It was at Bainbridge Memorial Methodist Church that Alan met Pat who was truly the love of his life. If Pat was happy, Alan was happy. They married in 1962 and

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had two daughters for whom Alan would do anything. Pat and Alan adored each other. They truly were a team and, having looked after her so lovingly for six years, Alan was devastated when she died in 2022. In his teens Alan accepted Christ after listening to William Sangster preaching. He was excited about Jesus and was compelled to share this feeling with anyone who would listen, a passion that was never to leave him. He and his friend Dick Charlton started a group after church on Sunday evenings which grew and grew. One evening Pat returned home from evening service and told Alan that, if ever he felt that God was calling him to the ministry, he should not let her and the girls stand in his way. To which he replied that it had been in his heart for some time to do just that, and so, after having worked in the bank and police force, he entered training at Hartley Victoria College in Manchester. Alan was stationed as a probationer at Great Ayton in the Stokesley Circuit. This was followed by appointments in the Croydon, Lytham St Annes, and Tonbridge Circuits. He sat down in 2007 in Lytham St Annes where his gentle good humour, kindness and care as well as his challenging preaching ensured he was respected and loved throughout the Circuit. Alan died on 9 July 2024 in the eighty-fifth year of his age and the fifty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

Joseph Frederick Collinson (Fred): Born in Edlington near Doncaster on 26 April 1928. He was educated at Maltby Grammar School. After National Service in the Royal Navy, he responded to an earlier (1944) direct call and offered for the ordained ministry. He served in the Kirkoswald Circuit as a pre-collegiate probationer in 1948-49 and then spent three years training at Wesley College, Headingley. He served in the following Circuits: Northallerton, Withernsea, Whitby, Hull (West), Barnard Castle, Crook and Willington, and Settle. In 1954 he married Jessie Sanders of Bentley, near Doncaster, and they had two daughters and a son. He obtained a BA at the Open University in 1982. Fred was an ordinary man, unambitious save to be as good a minister as he could, to the congregations and people placed in his care. The opportunity to preach and expound the scripture was a treasured privilege to him, and he valued being able to train other preachers. A deep care for people in need spurred his pastoral work. There was humour and fun to warm all he did. He was a practical man and found much mental and spiritual satisfaction in the countryside, his garden, and workshop. These, and his books were his place of retreat. He took great delight in the companionship of his wife and children, and later his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They were his greatest friends and severest critics. Fred retired with Jessie to Kendal in 1991, where they spent twenty-three happy years. Following Jessie's diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in 2014, they moved to live near their eldest daughter, near Canterbury. Jessie died in 2021. Fred died on 13 March 2025, in the ninety-seventh year of his age and the seventy-fourth year of his presbyteral ministry.

David Stanbury Cruise: Born in Bideford on 18 August 1935, David was raised, with his sister Jean, in Reigate. Influenced by the family's Methodist faith, his grandfather, a minister, encouraged David's call to ministry. Leaving Whitgift School, Croydon, he qualified as a solicitor. During National Service in Paris, the minister of the English Methodist Church nurtured his call. David doubted its genuineness compared to others, but was accepted, training at Richmond College. A scholarship allowed him to study at Princeton Theological Seminary in the United States, where David experienced, and was

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influenced by, the civil rights movement. In 1964, he was ordained in Sheffield. David served in the Bromley Common and Orpington, and London Mission (Lambeth) Circuits. He then served in the United Church of Zambia with two English-speaking congregations at St Mark's, Chingola and at Kamenza, Chililabombwe. He also served a Bemba-speaking congregation in Chingola. Returning to the UK, David served in the London Mission (Plumstead) Circuit, the Overseas Division as Personnel Secretary and the London Mission (West London) Circuit. In retirement, David served a number of churches in London. David met Susan at the Lambeth Mission; they had two children, Andrew and Megan. Zambia was transformative and David enabled the faith and participation of the Zambian people to flourish, particularly concerned about those on the margins. Able to put people at ease, he offered counselling and comfort whilst seeking greater commitment. In the UK, David advocated for the world church, particularly through his pastoral care for mission partners. David's leadership and compassion influenced his congregations and communities. David supported the Lawrence family when Stephen Lawrence was murdered and was profoundly moved by the friendship formed with them. Susan died in 1994. After a few years, David married Wendy, a member of his congregation. Wendy died in 2019. An inspiring preacher, a trusted and respected leader with a natural pastoral flair, David's life was his ministry, characterised by deep faith, a love for family and a warmth towards others. David died on 20 May 2024 in the eighty-ninth year of his age and the sixty-fourth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Peter Frank Daone: Born on 5 May 1933 aboard RMS *Franconia*, travelling from New York to Liverpool. After a traumatic start in life, Peter and his elder sister were brought up by an unmarried aunt, first in Surrey and then in Eltham. At the age of ten, Peter joined Eltham Park Methodist Sunday school and the Twelfth Royal Eltham Scouts, the scoutmaster being a church member. Both had enormous impact on Peter, and he became a junior leader in the Young People's Fellowship. During National Service in the RAF he studied electronics and then joined Decca Radar Ltd, becoming the export manager, travelling to some forty countries from 1966-1992, especially Russia, eastern Europe, and the communist world. In 1958 he married Margaret who had been baptised at Eltham Park, and in 1960 they moved to Orpington where they brought up their children, Alison, Elizabeth, and Richard. Orpington Methodist was a broad, outward-looking church with a large Sunday school in which both Peter and Margaret taught, Peter eagerly returning home each weekend. The Revd Geoffrey Ainger, minister at Orpington, suggested they form a youth group for older young people. The group thrived, with visits to Matthew Rusike Children's Home in Zimbabwe. During that time, Peter became a local preacher and candidated for ordained ministry, taking early retirement. In 1992, at age fifty-nine, Peter became the (then) oldest candidate ever, training while serving in the Huntingdon Circuit. Peter eagerly engaged in community outreach: monthly lunches, weekly prayers for different sections of town, and food tokens for those most in need. Peter then served in the Bournemouth Circuit, heavily involved in a mother and baby project serving some of the most destitute and the redevelopment of the church front as a freely accessible community area. Peter sat down in 2002, moving to Bearsted where he was acting minister for three years, then preaching around the Circuit until ill health prevailed. Peter was a straightforward man of energy, drive, humour and generosity who emphasised youth and community outreach. He died on 19 March 2025,

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in the ninety-second year of his age and the thirty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

William James Davies: Born on 21 January 1935 in Bradley, West Midlands. On leaving Dudley Technical College Bill was employed as a trainee engineering draughtsman, interrupted by National Service in the RAF. Bill undertook lay training at Cliff College Sheffield in 1955/56 and was a presbyteral candidate at Didsbury College Bristol 1957/60. Serving as the College Secretary and Football Team Captain, Bill was leader of the Mission Band doing voluntary work at Kingswood School, Bristol (at the time an approved school for young offenders). This work was later to become preparation for what was to be a significant part of his ministry: working with offenders. Bill had a 'pastoral heart' for people and made friendships easily which was evidenced throughout his ministry. Bill served in the following Circuits: Nottingham (Central), Birmingham (Elmdon), Harpenden, and Bedford (North). During this ministry one new church was built, youth clubs and Boys Brigade groups were founded, and he undertook hospital chaplaincies and part-time teaching in a local school. Bill served for ten years in Bedford (North), five as Superintendent, and as a part-time Chaplain at Bedford Prison (holding the position for twenty-six years). In 1983 Bill was appointed to undertake a newly-created position within the Home Mission Division of Superintendent Chaplain of Prisons and Secretary of the HM Prison Committee. Working within the ecumenical team of the Home Office Prison Service Chaplaincy, the post involved national oversight of Methodist Prison Chaplains across 137 prisons in England and Wales. Bill held this post for eighteen years until retirement in 2000. Bill also served on the Home Mission Board, Division of Social Responsibility Board, National Free Church Council, and the International Prison Chaplains Association. In Bill's own words 'All my life in my ministry the landmark has been Jesus, to live His way and tell others'. Throughout his ministry Bill was supported by his wife, Barbara, and was a loving father to Kay and Mark, grandfather and great-grandfather. He died on 31 October 2024 in the ninetieth year of his age and the sixty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

William Rhys Davies (known as Bill): Born in Blackpool on 31 May 1932, where he spent the early years of his life before being an accepted candidate for ministry in 1952, training at Hartley Victoria Theological College. Bill met Barbara in a local preachers' class in 1949, and they were married in 1955. They had two children, Michael and Helen, whose families and his grandchildren were very dear to him. Bill and Barbara were happily married for sixty-three years, and they shared in ministry together. Many recall their ministry of warm hospitality and wisdom. Sadly, Barbara died in 2019, and in 2020, Bill married Joan, who cared for Bill in the last years of his life. Bill began his presbyteral ministry in the Middleton Circuit and then served in the following appointments: Fleetwood (during which he was awarded his PhD in 1965), Stockton (as Lecturer in Divinity at Padgate College of Education in Warrington), Bradford Mission as Superintendent, and then Principal of Cliff College 1983–1994. Whilst at Cliff, Bill, known by students affectionately as 'Doc', presided over many changes in the College course and created the Celebration Weekend, among many other changes to strengthen Cliff. Bill also served as the President of the Methodist Conference in 1987/1988, and as Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council for England and Wales in 1991/1992. Throughout Bill's life, he was an evangelist, a dynamic preacher and teacher, and a

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published writer and scholar. Bill's life as a servant of Christ and his focus on the ministry and power of the Holy Spirit inspired and encouraged many. His generosity, wisdom and humour made him a gracious colleague and trusted leader. Bill was given permission to become a supernumerary in 1994, where he resided in the North Fylde, and Rotherham and Dearne Valley Circuits. Bill died on 23 June 2024 in the ninety-third year of his age and in the seventieth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Kenneth Davy: Born in Gainsborough on 28 January 1933 to Harold and Win Davy, the eldest of four children. He was intelligent and hard-working, and managed to earn a scholarship to Gainsborough Grammar School in 1944. Ken left school and joined the RAF for three years. He then worked in the local tax office for a year before, in 1955, going to Hartley Victoria College in Manchester to train to be a Methodist minister, gaining a Bachelor of Divinity degree. Ken served in the Ceylon District as a missionary in the Hatton and Kalmunai-Kallar Circuits before returning to the UK to serve in the Brigg Circuit and the Cleethorpes Circuit. In 1973, when it was nearing the end of his appointment in Cleethorpes, Ken made the decision to step away from the ministry (but not the Church) for a while and trained to become a probation officer. Ken retired from the Probation Service when he was in his seventies. He continued to be an active supernumerary minister, conducting funerals, weddings and baptisms well into his eighties. Ken had joined the Methodist youth club in Gainsborough and it was there in 1946 that he first met Barbara. Ken and Barbara were married at Brigg Methodist Church on the 30 August 1958. They had three children: Susan, Judith and Paul. Over the years Ken's calm compassion touched many lives not least when he trained to become a volunteer for the Samaritans. Many a time the phone would ring in the wee small hours and Ken would go rushing out to help someone in crisis. He accepted everyone for who they were with no judgement or discrimination, and had a lovely way of putting people at ease and getting them to open up to him. He loved nature, painting, photography (even learning how to develop his own photos), visiting new places and learning about new people and new cultures, experimenting with and trying new foods, and comedy shows. Ken died on 28 September 2024 in the ninety-second year of his age and the sixty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

David Dickens: Born in Reading on 15 February 1937, David attended Reading Boys' Grammar School before completing National Service with the RAF, working as a technical engineer on radar systems. His lifelong interest in electronics and technology led to a twenty-year career with Marconi Communications in Chelmsford. David combined his technical skills with a love of music, building a pioneering electronic valve organ with his brother Clive, which was installed at Bourne Methodist Church in Reading. He met his future wife, Pam, as a teenager in Reading. They married in 1964 and made their home in Braintree, raising two sons, Stephen and Andrew, and their adopted daughter Rachel. In time, they were blessed with four grandsons. Family camping holidays across the UK created cherished memories, and later trips with Pam included a memorable train journey through the mountains of Norway. David was suddenly taken ill just before a planned service to celebrate sixty years of marriage. Despite this, a touching renewal of vows took place at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, just ten days before he passed away. A local preacher for many years, David responded to a call to presbyteral ministry

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in 1987. He served in the Romford, Maidstone, and London (Forest) Circuits until his retirement in 2001, when he and Pam returned to Braintree. David had a deep love of theology and a passion for helping others encounter the God of love, whom he described as “the ground of our being and source of all life.” His commitment to interfaith dialogue led to the formation of BDIFF, the Braintree and District Inter-Faith Forum, reflecting his belief that God’s love reaches all people and cultures, transcending religious boundaries. David Dickens died on 30 September 2024, in the eighty-eighth year of his life and the thirty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Scott Dolling: Born at Bitterley in Shropshire on 21 December 1932. John had three brothers and a sister. The family moved around a lot as their father was a Methodist minister, and both John and his brother Peter were to become Methodist ministers in their time. At the age of nineteen, John joined the RAF and served with 65 Squadron, flying jet planes. He went to Cambridge, after his National Service, to train for ministry, where he met his wife-to-be, Winifred. They married in 1958. His first appointment was to the Ivory Coast where he served in the Bongouanon-Abengourou Circuit. It was during this period that their three children were born, William, Mary and James. They returned to the UK and John had appointments in the following Circuits: Bristol (South), Nottingham (Central), Aberystwyth, Wantage and Abingdon, Leamington, and finally Dundee, Perth and Blairgowrie, before moving to the Moray Coast as a supernumerary. In his retirement, as well as his work for the Church, he made rugs and looked after his family. He loved his four grandchildren and encouraged them always to be creative and kind. He enjoyed living in a beautiful part of the world, the coastal walks, the beaches, the birds and the natural world, and taught his children and grandchildren to do the same. Even towards the end of his life his eyes would light up at the chance of an outing and the opportunity to visit the sea and eat an ice cream while looking at waves crashing in over Cullen or the birds in the little harbour at Findochty. John died on 8 February 2025, in the ninety-third year of his age and the sixty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

Peter Raymond Dudeney: Born in Willesden, north-west London, on 15 May 1946. Peter lived a busy and fulfilling life. His first career was in banking which led to him becoming a bank manager in London. But this changed around 1990 when he began training for the Methodist ministry. He worked in churches in Luton and served as a presbyter in the Aylesbury and then the Chiltern Downs Circuits. While in the latter Circuit, at Leighton Buzzard, he organised a trip to Iona, spending a week living among the Iona community and participating in the Abbey services. It was a very emotional and spiritual experience for Peter and his wife Glynis. On his retirement in 2010 Peter moved to Milton Keynes but still worked tirelessly for the Methodist Church, taking services across the Circuit. He also volunteered to be a chaplain at Milton Keynes University Hospital and helped many people there. Peter was a kind, generous and loving man and gave his all to his life of ministry. He helped and supported friends, colleagues and, of course, his family. He enjoyed going to football matches and playing chess. He had a lovely sense of humour which many people enjoyed. He loved spending time with friends and getting to know new people. Many people found his sermons inspirational giving them hope and positivity. Peter died on 13 March 2025 in the seventy-ninth year of his age and the thirty-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

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Elizabeth Anne Dunn-Wilson: Born in Newbury, Berkshire on 10 December 1938.

Elizabeth was the eldest of six children born to Geoffrey and Reta, though, as her parents fostered, the family household was often considerably more numerous. In 1953 Elizabeth committed her life to Christ, becoming a local preacher whilst still a teenager. An adept student, Elizabeth completed teacher training at Southlands College, Wimbledon, and while there met David who was visiting friends. An instant connection was formed and they married on 16 August 1958, later having three children: Anne, Mark and Abigail. Elizabeth's marriage to David, a third-generation Methodist minister, took them initially to the Doncaster Coalfields Mission Circuit, then to appointments in Liverpool, Billericay and Eastbourne. At this stage Elizabeth's calling was one of nurture and teaching: she taught in primary education, eventually becoming Deputy Head at Polegate School and then Head Teacher of Staplecross Methodist Primary School. David and Elizabeth shared a ministry in fostering. In 1985 David and Elizabeth moved to Panama, to Rio Abajo, an impoverished part of Panama City. Elizabeth's own gifts in proclamation and evangelism developed further; her 'Methodist Interlude' was broadcast regularly on Radio Panama, and she preached in English and Spanish. Elizabeth delighted in supporting and equipping local people in sharing the Gospel, and this continued when they moved to Manchester. At this time, Elizabeth was elected President of Women's Network, a role which took her to Ireland, China and 10 Downing Street. The call to global ministry was strong, leading David and Elizabeth to Kenya, where Swahili was added to Elizabeth's preaching languages. In 1999 Elizabeth was ordained a presbyter in the Methodist Church of Kenya and on return to the UK served in the Eastbourne Circuit. After sitting down, she continued to support congregations at The Haven, Gamelands and Cross in Hand churches. Elizabeth experienced great loss, when first daughter Anne and then beloved husband David predeceased her. In Kenya she had been well-named: 'Kagwiria' – 'the joyful one who gives joy to others'. Elizabeth died on 18 December 2024. She was in the eighty-seventh year of her age and the twenty-eighth year of her presbyteral ministry.

Peter Charles Graves: Born in Bromley, Kent on 23 March 1943. The eldest of five children, Peter was taken by his parents, Walter and Eileen Graves, to Sunfields Methodist Church in Blackheath. Here his faith was nurtured and eventually, Peter felt a strong call to presbyteral ministry. After four years training at Handsworth Theological College, Peter commenced circuit ministry in 1968 in the London (Enfield) Circuit. He moved to the London (Highgate) Circuit, an appointment which would include a period as Ecumenical Chaplain and lecturer at the newly-formed Middlesex Polytechnic in 1972. When the World Council of Churches awarded Peter an Ecumenical Scholarship to study abroad, he went to Richmond Virginia USA, first gaining a MTh, and then a Doctorate in 1974. In 1976 he married Patricia Mary Campbell (Tricia) and they had three children: Matthew, Luke and Eleanor (Ellie). Returning to circuit work in 1979, Peter served in the Sutton (Surrey), and North Shields and Whitley Bay Circuits prior to Westminster Central Hall, where ecumenism and the ethnic diversity of the congregation were important. He began regular broadcasting on Premier Radio, published books and contributed to Bible reading notes. His final circuit appointment was in the Cambridge Circuit. Like his biblical namesake Peter was passionate, enthusiastic and sometimes impetuous. A man of humour, a gifted storyteller, and very animated and enthusiastic preacher, aiming to equip the congregation with knowledge and a confidence to share the good

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news. With compassion, a non-judgemental attitude, Peter cared pastorally for people with sensitivity and prayerful attention. Pulpit exchanges to the States continued and, post-retirement, Peter was invited to become interim Senior Minister at Centenary United Methodist Church in Winston Salem, North Carolina. In 2022 Peter was diagnosed with corticobasal syndrome linked to Alzheimer's, a cruel disease which robbed him of his mobility, and his speech. Although he found it hard to bear, he serenely accepted he must relinquish his beloved preaching and teaching. He died at home on the morning of Aldersgate Sunday, 26 May 2024 surrounded by his family, in the eighty-second year of his age and the fifty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Dennis Griffiths: Born in Lincoln on 15 December 1941. With his passing, another distinguished Welsh-speaking Methodist minister departed. He devoted his entire life to serving as a minister in the Methodist Church and was fondly remembered by many. He had no ambition in his work more than to be faithful to his calling and his Lord. From his childhood in Lincoln, and the times children would play 'chapel' (Dennis always prayed and preached!) and through his schooldays, it became clear that Dennis would go into the ministry. At the Urdd Eisteddfod's pageant in Mold in 1957 Dennis was given the role of bishop! All the children would have agreed that only Dennis could fill that part, although of course he was from the Methodist tradition and family, since he was also the nephew of the Reverend E H Griffiths. Dennis greatly admired the memoirs of his uncle George M Ll Davies, known as the Apostle of Peace. Following his training at Hartley Victoria College, Manchester between 1962 and 1966 Dennis served in the following Circuits: Pwllheli, Machynlleth, Llanrhaeadr, Ruthin and Corwen, Môn, Maelor (Wrexham), and Bathafarn, serving in both Bathafarn and still in Maelor 1999-2006, when he sat down. He also served as Synod Secretary in Cymru District, faithfully representing the District from year to year at the Methodist Conference. He played his part, not only as a conscientious circuit minister but also by serving the entire Methodist Connexion, notably in the Overseas Mission Division. Anyone who heard Dennis preach could attest to his prayerful mind and wide reading. He continued to preach while he could after he sat down, and continued his friendship and kind support of his fellow ministers, in the Methodist Church and beyond. Saying a word at Dennie's funeral, the Revd Jennie Hurd testified to the gracious welcome Dennis always gave her as an English minister who had come into the Welsh language work. He was survived by his widow Gwendoline and son Huw. He died peacefully on 11 April 2024 in the eighty-third year of his age and the fifty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

David John Harding: Born on 5 June 1935 at Pensilva, Cornwall. His parents, Foster and Phoebe Harding, had associations with the Bible Christians. David was a war-time child who as a result, in later life, became a passionate peace advocate. A state scholarship permitted David to attend University College, London and obtain a degree in economics. David began his preparation for circuit ministry at Richmond College where he became Student Chairman. David also completed his National Service as a nursing orderly in Bristol. David served in the Ashton-Under-Lyne, Whitehaven, Kingston-upon-Thames, London Mission (Westminster), and London Mission (Plumstead) Circuits. In 1969 David became General Secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and was later, in 1977, to become Executive Director of the United Nations Association, then Vice-President of

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the National Peace Council. David was a born communicator. He travelled widely and broadcast frequently. He was also a prolific writer of poetry and hymns and was deeply concerned with the ecumenical and political developments of the late twentieth century. A significant aspect of David's ministry, at Plumstead, was to develop the Thamesmead Christian Community, and, in the final years of his active ministry, to establish 'Peace Care' with his wife Christine: a place of respite and pastoral care for 'worn-out and frustrated' peace workers. The project was based in his own home in Exmouth. The Methodist Church permitted David to become a member of the Society of Friends, which reflected the values of his peace campaigning. David exercised a prophetic ministry and for some he was too outspoken and others not radical enough. David was a resolute and stubborn Cornishman and was proud of his Cornish origins and the profound influence of Cornwall's Bible Christian Methodist heritage. For David, what was best in him he attributed to his youth club 'sweetheart' and wife Christine whose support and encouragement throughout his ministry was vital. David died on 24 December 2024, in the ninetyeth year of his age and the sixty-sixth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Terence Reginald Harris: Born in Gloucester on 15 March 1935, where he lived until undertaking his National Service. His musical parents were a big influence on Terry, who had a lovely singing voice himself. However, though he began his working life in a laboratory (his favourite subject at school had been chemistry), his call to ministry came relatively early, the first inkling being his RE teacher who, following a presentation on the book of Amos, suggested he would make a very good preacher! A deep spiritual experience during his National Service would lead ultimately to ordination, following training at Didsbury College, Bristol. Having completed his probationary period in Marlborough, Wiltshire, where he met his future wife Julia (who was then working at Marlborough Grammar School) he was ordained in 1962. He subsequently served in Biggleswade, Reading, Gloucester, Exeter, Plymouth and Devonport, and Sidmouth and Bridport Circuits before retiring in Honiton, Devon in 2000. In all his appointments Terry undertook some form of chaplaincy, usually at mental health facilities. He also had a great gift for youth work and, upon his death, his wife Julia received some heart-warming tributes from people who had been deeply blessed by Terry's ministry as youngsters. A much-loved husband, father and grandfather, Terry died on 25 June 2024 in the ninetyeth year of his age, and the sixty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

Stephen Hill: Born in South Normanton, Derbyshire on 11 May 1957. Steve was convinced of his call from an early age. He enrolled at Cliff College and entered fully into the life and ministry there, learning evangelistic skills. To widen experience, Steve went to serve as a pastoral assistant at the Mint, Exeter, wholly engaging in church life. On candidating he was sent to Wesley College, Bristol. Steve then served in the following Circuits, Glossop, Wythenshawe, Bilston, and Jersey. On Christmas Day in 1999 Steve had a massive heart attack. It was a miracle that he survived, but he was not fit for the active work and became a supernumerary, moving to Thornbury. It was his deep desire to return to the active work and he was stationed at Weston-Super-Mare, followed by Crosby, and then Torridge. By this time, he had met and married Betsan. He continued to be beset by numerous health concerns which limited what he could do. Steve wanted to do so much but his body would not allow him. He had a strong

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pastoral heart and preaching was a highlight for him. He was a lively preacher, to match his excitable nature. In his younger days Steve was always bursting with good ideas about how to build the churches in his charge. His zeal for sharing the love of Jesus in a variety of ways remained as strong as ever. Due to his health issues Steve was granted recuperative years and he and Betsan moved to Hartland, and still wished to return to a full and active ministry. This proved not to be possible. Betsan and he settled down in Westward Ho! where Steve, with Betsan's help, continued to preach when he could. Steve loved having his family around and was supported by his children, Adam, Matthew and Chloe. Despite numerous illnesses and setbacks Steve never grumbled and always remained hopeful. His faith remained immensely strong. He died on 20 February 2025 in the sixty-eighth year of his age and the forty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

Brian Charles Hodges: Born in Porthcawl, Glamorgan on 9 May 1948 and brought up there with his sister Joan to parents who were strong lifelong Methodists. After leaving Bridgend Boys' Grammar School he worked in the planning department of Bridgend Council. During this time he trained as a local preacher and met Marilyn at a Christian Endeavour conference and they married in May 1981. Brian was very involved in local ecumenical events, was secretary of Churches Together in Porthcawl for eighteen years and was made honorary vice-president for life. The YMCA also featured significantly in Brian's life. He became a member of the board of management and served as chairman. Brian candidated for the ministry and trained at St Michael's College, Llandaff in preparation for ministry in local appointment. He was appointed probationer minister in the Bridgend Circuit in 1993. Brian and Marilyn lived in Gilfach Goch in the Rhondda from where Brian travelled daily to his secular employment. He was ordained at the Bristol Conference in 1995. Brian was much loved in the church and the Bridgend Circuit and well-respected by the staff in the planning department. He had several interests and though a gentle person he loved boxing! His other great love was Elvis and every year he attended the Gospel concerts at the annual Elvis weekends held in Porthcawl. Brian sat down in 2013 and in retirement threw himself into the work of Tools for Self Reliance, renovating tools for Africa, regularly attending twice a week over a period of fifteen years. He loved the camaraderie of the workshop. Brian had a great sense of humour, was a stimulating preacher and had a special rapport with children. He was kind, humble and caring, fond of people and knew the local community well. Sadly Brian never got over the death of Marilyn and was unable to care for himself, so moved to Monkstone House, a residential home in Porthcawl. Brian died on 3 December 2024 in the seventy-seventh year of his age and the thirty-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

Leslie Holmes: Born in Altofts, Wakefield, on 25 February 1932 to Arthur and Nellie Holmes and younger brother to Stuart. In 1940, Leslie and Stuart were evacuated to relatives in Keighley from the Midlands and only returned home when their father died in 1944. A year later, the family moved to Keighley where Leslie was educated at Keighley Boys Grammar School. Aged seventeen, Leslie felt a call to preach and to missionary work. From 1950 to 1952 he served as a nursing orderly in the RAF before studying at Cliff College for a year. During this year he started courting Cathrine Taylor. From 1953 to 1954 Leslie worked as a lay pastor in the Isles of Scilly and then trained for the ministry at Headingley College. Leslie and Cathrine married in 1957, then for a year

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trained together at Selly Oak for missionary work. From 1958 to 1967 they served as missionaries in Ghana, returning to the UK only for ordination in 1960, and for the birth of their children, Elizabeth and Michael. Following their permanent return to the UK in 1967, Leslie served in the following Circuits: Pudsey and Farsley, Leeds (North-East), Otley and Aireborough, and West Wirral. Leslie also served for seven years as the Leeds District Synod Secretary and for two years as the Deputy Chair of the Liverpool District. He represented the British Conference at the Ghana Conference in 1980. In 1997 he retired to the Otley and Aireborough Circuit where he continued to play an active part in the life of the Circuit, and particularly of the church in Guiseley. Leslie had a passion for sport and was a member at Bradford Golf Club and Yorkshire County Cricket Club, and a season ticket holder at Leeds United. He was a gifted artist, particularly with watercolours. Leslie died on 23 March 2025 in the ninety-fourth year of his age and the sixty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Renee Howling: Born in Hyde, Cheshire on 14 May 1925. In 1953 she attended the Wesley Deaconess College in response to a strong sense of call to pastoral ministry. This ministry was evidenced in the fostering of over twenty children with her husband Matt. As a consequence, Renee's extended family was very large indeed. At the time of Matt's death four children made up the household: Jean, Mark, Russell and Garry, and Renee devoted herself to their upbringing single-handedly. Her resilience and pastoral touch could also be seen in her involvement in the night-time street pastors in Scunthorpe where she provided the prayer support from a base in The Well Christian Bookshop. The Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph published an article celebrating Renee as the oldest street pastor in the country. In her mid-fifties Renee returned to training, for Methodist presbyteral ministry, entering circuit ministry in 1981. Renee served in two Circuits: Gainsborough, and Scunthorpe. She was remembered for the clarity of her proclamation of the Gospel, always delivered in a down-to-earth and accessible way, and for the importance she placed on prayer, leading prayer groups well into her retirement. Throughout her life Renee was also instrumental in encouraging others to respond to a call to ordination, including a family friend who was ordained in the Baptist Church. For Renee denominational allegiance was unimportant; honouring and serving God was the necessary task, although seemingly a daunting one. With Renee's indomitable spirit and faith nearby, those around her were encouraged to believe that anything was possible with God. Renee died on 12 March 2025 in the hundredth year of her age and, having first served as a deacon, the forty-fourth year of her presbyteral ministry.

Brian Marris Kay: Born 15 April 1933 in Woodhouse, a small mining village near Sheffield in South Yorkshire. The family were Wesleyan Methodists and deeply involved in the life of their local church. Brian attended the prestigious Woodhouse Grammar School before studying geography at Sheffield University. He then trained for Methodist ministry at Wesley House, Cambridge. Brian served in the following Circuits: London Mission (West Ham), London Mission (Tooting), Colwyn Bay and Llandudno, Shrewsbury, Leigh, before finally returning to Colwyn Bay and Llandudno. Brian was a talented and successful middle-distance runner at school and university, being awarded a Cambridge Blue for athletics. During his first appointment, at the age of twenty-three, Brian lived on the Bow Road in the East End of London in a shared house with his new wife, Jennifer. It was

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demanding work, but one to which Brian and Jennifer felt strongly called, and which they undertook with a growing family that eventually numbered five children: Lesley, Jo, Bridget, Martin and Frances. Work with children and young people featured strongly in Brian's ministry. He wrote pantomimes and sketches for youth clubs and regularly took groups of young people to MAYC weekends in London. To illustrate sermons, he used magic tricks and developed his own children's magic show called "O Kay Magic". He was a well-respected member of the North Wales Magic Circle and served as president. In the 1970s Brian and Jennifer founded the Olinda Trust, offering accommodation in specially adapted houses in Colwyn Bay to people struggling with various mental health issues. Many benefited from this remarkable initiative. Brian was an ebullient character, energetic, enthusiastic, highly intelligent and with a warm and engaging smile. He was a popular and well-respected minister, who took a genuine interest in people, both in church and in the local community. He was a fine preacher, willing to explore any theological question openly, honestly and with integrity. Brian and Jennifer retired to rural Groesffordd Marli, Abergelle, North Wales in 1995. Brian died on 28 June 2024 in the ninety-second year of his age and the sixty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

David John Keep: Born in Bedford on 4 December 1936 to Ralph and Mildred Keep. David committed his life to Christ in 1949 and first led worship at Easter 1954. Educated at Bedford Modern School, he trained as a Russian translator during National Service. Posting to Berlin gave opportunities to enjoy concerts, the opera and museums. He became an accredited local preacher in 1956. He candidated while reading history at New College, Oxford, then read theology at Wesley House, Cambridge. After marriage to Carolyn in 1962, they lived in Zürich, Switzerland, where David researched the protestant reformer Henry Bullinger. This was the basis of his Sheffield PhD in 1971. Stationing in 1963 at Ibstock in the Coalville Circuit for a year was followed by two years at Belper, Derbyshire. He ran youth groups and closed churches without alienating members. In 1966 he became Head of Religious Education at Pilgrim School, Bedford. In 1971 the family moved to Devon for David to become a lecturer in RE at Rolle teacher training college. Former students speak highly of the encouragement they received. An enforced move to the History department was followed by redundancy in 1989. For sixteen years he ministered in the Totnes Circuit and as an officiating naval chaplain at the Commando Training Centre. David edited the village magazine, was a trustee of the Devon Historic Churches Trust, a governor of Exmouth Community College, served on the Parole Review Committee of Exeter Prison and on University of London School Examinations Board committees. Parkinson's forced him to give up leading services after sixty-five years and singing with Clyst Valley Choral Society. He was survived by his wife, Carolyn, and children, Nicholas and Philippa. David died peacefully at home on 20 January 2025 in the eighty-ninth year of his age and the sixty-sixth year of his presbyteral ministry.

George William Sudell (Bill) Knowles: Born on 5 October 1927 at Lea, near Preston in Lancashire. His father, John, was a country wheelwright, joiner and undertaker; his mother, Jane, a farmer's daughter. He attended the local elementary school, Lea Endowed Church of England School, until 1938 when he moved to Kirkham Grammar School. Shortly after his eighteenth birthday in 1945 he was called up for service in the Royal Air Force. He served in the Suez Canal Zone in Egypt for over two years. During

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this time, he completed his local preachers' studies and began the process of offering as a candidate for the Methodist ministry. He was accepted by the Conference and was allowed to spend three years reading modern languages at Oxford before moving to Wesley House Cambridge for theological training, followed by three years at the University of Göttingen in Germany. His first circuit appointment was at West Bromwich (Wesley), where he met and married Margaret Holland. Together they sailed for India, under the auspices of the Methodist Missionary Society. After serving the Church of South India, during which time their children Michael and Helen were born, they returned to England, and he worked in the Blackburn and Blackpool (North) Circuits. Later Bill responded to an invitation to go to West Africa for a temporary appointment to teach New Testament at the School of Theology in Porto Novo (Benin). For the sake of the children's education, Margaret, Michael and Helen stayed in England. When he returned to the UK, Bill was stationed in the Clitheroe Circuit. This was followed by a period as Chairman of the North Lancashire District. He finally served as superintendent of the London Mission (Broomwood and Clapham) Circuit in the London South West District. After many years as a supernumerary in Preston, Birmingham and Inverness, Bill died on 7 October 2024 in the ninety-eighth year of his age and in the seventy-sixth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Keith Simpson Lackenby: Born in Felling, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, 24 December 1945. He trained at Wesley College, Bristol, and served in the following Circuits: Consett, Doncaster, Sheffield (North-East), Grantham, and Gainsborough. He sat down in 2013. Keith died on 18 November 2024 in the seventy-eighth year of his age and the fifty-fourth year of his presbyteral ministry. At his own request there is no further obituary.

Rose Margaret Ellis Lee: Born in London on 9 November 1931 to Herbert and Rose Easterby. When just a few months old, as a result of her parents' marriage breakdown, she was received into the home of a cousin, William Clarke and his wife Vera, and was brought up with their son, Roger, in rural Cambridgeshire. Throughout her youth Margaret worshipped at Toft Methodist Church where she also taught in the Sunday School. This background gave her a lifelong love of the countryside and rural Methodism. Margaret trained and worked as a secretary before offering at twenty-three years of age for the Wesley Deaconess Order. She trained at Ilkley from 1955-57. She loved every minute of college life and the training and staff had a profound influence upon her life and subsequent ministry. She worked as a deaconess in the Leeds (Morley Trinity) Circuit and as a Chaplains Assistant in the Army. She met John Lee through her District practical training, whilst still in college, and they married in 1962. It was a very happy union and their two adopted children, Jonathan and Joanna, enhanced their happiness and shared it. In 1981 Margaret offered for the presbyteral ministry and was accepted. She served for five years in the Driffield Circuit, whilst also assisting three churches in the Beverley Circuit. In 1988 she moved to the Hull (East) Circuit. It was whilst serving in this Circuit that she and the family were greatly saddened by John's death in 1990. She retired to Downham Market in Norfolk in 1992 and after ten years of happiness there she moved to a flat in Spalding, Lincolnshire and worshipped at Broad Street Methodist Church. Margaret died on 1 April 2025 in the ninety-fourth year of her age and, having served seven years as a deacon, in the forty-second year of her presbyteral ministry.

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Suzette Anne Manning: Born on 16 July 1946. She served in the following Circuits: West Wight, Mannington and Harwich, and Southend and Leigh. Suzette died on 2 November 2024 in the seventy-ninth year of her age and the twenty-ninth year of her presbyteral ministry. At her own request there is no further obituary.

John Alan Mimmack: Born in Burtonwood, Cheshire on 5 June 1934. Alan was the second youngest of seven children. Nurtured in the Christian faith, he first preached at age fifteen. He carried out his National Service in the RAF where his sense of call to the ministry grew. He trained at Handsworth College. Alan served in six Circuits: Clitheroe, Accrington, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Brunswick Central), Ipswich, Bramhall, and Shropshire South. He was married to Ria in 1960, and they had two sons, Carl and Peter, but sadly Carl died in 2022. Alan was a gifted preacher; each sermon was carefully crafted and rooted in the concerns of the day. This preaching was informed by a continuing commitment to study and delivered with a sprinkling of humour. In addition to his preaching, one of Alan's greatest strengths was his pastoral care and many have benefitted from his compassionate listening and sound insights. In the late eighties he further honed his listening skills by undertaking an MA in counselling. Alan served as Chaplain at Styal Women's Prison involving members of his congregation in this ministry. Whilst at his appointment in Wilmslow he sensitively steered the church through the decision to replace the old church with a modern building and community resource. Alan had a fine bass/baritone singing voice and encouraged his congregations in extending their musical repertoire. When he retired to Devon, he joined the local amateur operatic company singing in Gilbert and Sullivan productions. He enjoyed following football and regularly attended matches at his various appointments, but by family tradition always supported Liverpool FC. Alan retired in 2000 and with Ria went to live in their own house in Devon. Sadly, Ria died from cancer in 2002 and shortly afterwards he returned to Wilmslow, and married Moe in 2007. Alan continued to preach locally and in nearby Circuits, only retiring when he was eighty-five some seventy years after commencing preaching as a teenager. He died on 26 January 2025 in the ninety-first year of his age and the sixty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

Brian Newbold: Born on 25 April 1931 in Shepshed, where his father worked in the hosiery industry. After finishing grammar school, Brian worked in a bank and also did his National Service. He was very involved in youth work in the Loughborough Circuit and that is where he met his wife, Sheila. When he had completed his training at Handsworth College, Brian served in the following Circuits: Raunds, Barnsley (West), Wath and Mexborough, Skegness and Wainfleet, Rugby, Chester, Holmfirth, and Dove Valley. Brian was much loved in the areas in which he served, and is remembered for his love of people, sound preaching and being a keen gardener. He is remembered too for the annual May coffee mornings he hosted in his garden to raise money for Amnesty International, a charity of which he was a fervent supporter. He was a much-loved father to his sons Roger, John and Peter, and was adored by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In retirement, Brian continued his love of gardening and fishing. He and Sheila were known for their hospitality and lasting friendships. He sat down in 1996. Brian died on 13 November 2023 in the ninety-third year of his age and the sixty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

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Russell Parker: Born in Chester-le-Street, County Durham on 3 August 1942. Russell and his wife Aileen came to the UK from South Africa in 2002, where Russell was ordained into the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. His ordination took place in Johannesburg in 1970 and he served in Lydenberg, Pretoria, Roodeport, Newcastle, Kroonstad, Jansenville, and Witbank. On arrival in the UK Russell served the Methodist Church in the Ringsash Circuit, and then the Stamford and Rutland Circuit, sitting down in 2014. Particularly valued for his preaching, and Bible studies, Russell excelled in pastoral ministry, and was interested in every aspect of life. When he retired from his post in Rutland, Russell and Aileen moved to Whittington College, an ecumenical Christian community, with an active worshipping congregation that includes members of all the major denominations. Russell and Aileen decided to embrace this and were always regular worshippers in chapel, not only on Sundays. They were both active participants in the Bible study group, and also took part in other regular clubs and activities and made many friends in the community. In time, Aileen became the chapel organist, and organised a college choir, in which Russell played an important and memorable part. Russell died on 12 January 2025, in the eighty-third year of his age and the fifty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Thomas Patterson Patton: Born in Sunderland 15 July 1935 and attended Bede Grammar School. Tom was passionate about learning, reflected in his own educational achievements, studying psychology at UCL, theology at Wesley House, Cambridge, as well as gaining a PGCE and an Open University Maths degree. In 1961 Tom married Gillian who, like him, had attended Roker Methodist Church, Sunderland from childhood. Two months later they travelled to Rhodesia with MMS and Tom was ordained in Gwero in 1962. After nine years in Rhodesia and Sierra Leone, many involved in education, Tom returned to England to teach at Leighton Park Quaker School, Reading. In 1990, Tom and Gillian returned to Zimbabwe for a further six years followed by an appointment to the London Mission (Brixton) Circuit before sitting down in 2000. Tom was a rich mix of contrasting qualities, gifts and achievements, with a sharp mind and a passion for learning. Tom was a deep thinker, constantly seeking after truth. He especially valued the words of Jesus in John 8:32 and 38. He was highly intelligent yet had a direct, modest approach which endeared him to all. Tom had a strong commitment to peace at every level: interdenominational, inter-faith, inter-racial. Nevertheless, he was firm in his opinions and physically a massive, daunting opponent on the rugby or football field. Tom was a keen ecumenist. He had a strong affinity with the Society of Friends and valued their quiet, reflective worship. Yet he also treasured and remained rooted within Methodist worship and spirituality. He used his rich bass voice to the full in hymns and choral singing. Tom had a wide experience of life and work in Africa, southern England and as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Palestine and Israel, but still retained his love of his native Wearside, his accent and Sunderland FC. He was always supported by the love of Gillian and his sons Paul and David. Gillian and Tom moved to Church Stretton in 2020 to be nearer his grandson and great-grandsons. Tom died on 18 March 2025 in the ninetieth year of his age and the forty-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

Norman Harold Peck: Born in Ipswich on 10 December 1935. After O-levels, Norman found employment with Norwich Union, eventually becoming an insurance inspector.

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He completed National Service with the RAF as a radar operator, rising to the rank of Corporal. He was always actively interested in sport; played football, tennis, table tennis and golf, and was a life-long supporter of Ipswich Town Football Club. Norman was skilled in using the potential of sport to bring people together and did so throughout his ministry. After training at Handsworth College, Birmingham, Norman served in the following Circuits: Wolverhampton (Trinity), Loughborough, Norwich, Chichester and Bognor Regis, and Petersfield, Liphook and Haslemere. In all his appointments Norman served energetically and developed strong community links. He was pleased to serve in a variety of part-time hospital, industrial, RAF and prison chaplaincy posts as need and opportunities presented themselves alongside his circuit appointments. He always tried to respond to the needs of the situation he found himself in, believing that the minister should be part of a team where all seek to use their God-given gifts. He married Pam in 1967, and they had two sons, Richard and Owen, but the family was frequently extended by the many children whom they fostered over the years. Norman always had a heart for young people; as a qualified youth leader and Boys Brigade captain he was influential in the lives of many young people as they discovered and owned faith for themselves. He was always surprised that God called him to be a minister and humbled that he could be used. Never an academic or a natural 'up-front' man, he was a dedicated pastor who always had time for people. He believed that faith without works was dead and sought to live out his faith within the local community. Norman sat down in 2000 in the West Sussex (Coast and Downs) Circuit, becoming a valued and supportive colleague in the Rustington church. He died on 13 January 2025 in the ninetieth year of his age and the sixty-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

Derek Gordon Poole: Born in Southport on 9 February 1941. Derek, a child of the manse, received a note to preach at age fifteen and, after candidating, trained in Leeds. Derek began his ministry as Mission Partner with the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas in The Leeward Islands (where he was ordained), St Kitts and Haiti. There were some significant challenges during this appointment. On one occasion Derek and family had to flee to the hills for fear of reprisals from the regime at the time. In 1971 he was accompanied at gunpoint to Papa Doc's funeral. Upon returning to the UK he served in the Medway, Romford, and Jersey Circuits, then moving to the Dun Laoghaire and West Cork Circuits, Republic of Ireland. His work outside the Church in the community saw him involved in a variety of charitable organisations. Derek had a particular gift for communication. His unscripted sermons were described as accessible to all, and as making the Bible come alive. He did usually offer a challenge. Many responded to a call to ministry, lay and ordained, and Derek was always willing to support and nurture them on their journeys, keeping in touch with many for years. His gift for communication saw many opportunities to share his faith through the media, mainly radio. He was enthusiastic about team ministry and passionate about leading small groups, especially Bible studies, including prison ministry where he shared his gift for teaching. Derek spoke fluent French, Creole and a little Jersey French. He could be eccentric: he kept a cow! He was creative in the kitchen, usually producing something rather spicy. He was well known for his London Taxi called Amy, which he later swapped for a Harley Davidson. This new mode of transport offered the opportunity to travel with his wife Debbie to new and exciting destinations. He was a maverick, sometimes stubborn,

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occasionally unpredictable, but always generous and willing to help anyone if he was able. He died on 18 December 2024 in the eighty-fourth year of his age and the sixty-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

Brian George Powley: Born in Great Yarmouth on 14 November 1939, the elder son of George and Elsie Powley. He served in the following Circuits: Bristol Clifton and Redland (Didsbury College), Motherwell and Wishaw, Sheffield (Carver Street), Birmingham (South-West) (University Chaplain), Ipswich, York (South), Chair of Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District. Brian died on 4 March 2025 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.

John Ralph Pritchard: Born in Bradford, Yorkshire, on 15 April 1941. He went to Wade Deacon Grammar School, Widnes, followed by Manchester Grammar School before going to Bristol University to gain a BA in general arts. John met and married Pat whilst successfully candidating for ministry, training at Wesley House. John was accepted for overseas service to Ivory Coast. As French was the official language, John and Pat first spent time at The Sorbonne, Paris. He served in the following appointments: Ivory Coast District – Divo Circuit as probationer and the Urban Ministry Department in industrial and urban chaplaincy. Returning to Britain, he served in the following Circuits and appointments: Sheffield (Carver Street), Gosport & Fareham, as Africa secretary in the Overseas Division, three months sabbatical as Superintendent in Hong Kong, Acting General Secretary then as General Secretary of the Overseas Division, World Development Officer in the Connexional Team, and finally as Superintendent in the Croydon Circuit. John was a prolific writer, publishing essays, journal articles, courses, reviews and books including his seminal two-part work “Methodists and their Missionary Societies, 1760-1900 and 1900-1996”. He recognised and sought opportunities to foster the exchange of people in all areas of church life, across the globe, and his vision and enthusiasm for the world church helped enthuse others. John's first love was for Africa, but he also developed an interest in China, serving as Chair of the China Forum, and later as Chair of the Friends of the Church in China. His enthusiasm for travel never diminished. He noted that he had swum in the North Atlantic, South Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans and the Caribbean, Mediterranean, Dead Sea and English Channel. John sat down in 2005, retiring to live in Hassocks, West Sussex, where he and Pat became much loved members of the United Reformed Church, part of an ecumenical Area. Pat predeceased John by just seven months. Their two children, Claire and Paul, survived them. John died on 11 October 2024, in the eighty-fourth year of his age and the sixty-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

Beatrice Obiorkor Quaye: Born in Accra, Ghana on 18 February 1943. Beatrice received her elementary school education at the Methodist Girls' Primary School at Kaneshie, Accra. She continued at the Armed Forces Middle School at Burma Camp, graduating with her O-levels from the New Era Secondary School in Accra. Beatrice started her ministry as a local preacher at the Park Lane Methodist Church in Wembley, Middlesex in 1994. She joined the Thames Valley Circuit in 1999 as a probationer which included Maidenhead Methodist, St Marks Crescent and Cookham Rise Churches. In 2001,

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Beatrice was received into Full Connexion. She went on in 2004 to join the London (Finchley and Hendon) Circuit which became part of the Barnet and Queensbury Circuit in 2006. Beatrice continued her theological studies, first receiving a BA degree and, after many years of hard graft, succeeded in becoming a PhD. Her final move to Blechley in the Milton Keynes Circuit in 2009 saw her minister at the Freeman Memorial Church and Queensway Methodist Church. Beatrice also set up and ran the Queensway Sunday Afternoon church which was a great success. Her ministry continued until she became a supernumerary in 2014. As a person, Beatrice was very articulate in the pulpit, with a sharp inquisitive mind and can-do attitude. She was an amiable, funny character, who enjoyed laughter and being sociable. Beatrice loved life, and was often the life and soul of the party. Beatrice was an excellent cook and loved to showcase Ghanaian traditional dishes. The manses in which she lived became famous for her annual open houses, where she fund-raised for her churches by opening her home to the public. In her later years, Beatrice became disabled after suffering with spinal stenosis with myelopathy, leaving her wheelchair-bound. Throughout her disability Beatrice never complained, bolstered by her unshakable faith that enabled her to accept the situation with humility and humour. Beatrice died on 10 September 2024 in the eighty-second year of her age and the twenty-sixth year of her presbyteral ministry.

John Walter Richard Robinson: Born in Braintree, Essex, on 6 December 1938, to Harold and Olive Robinson. As his parents were not churchgoers, John's introduction to the Christian faith was through his music. He played his newly-acquired piano accordion at a street party on Coronation Day, winning the first prize. The MAYC leader who was present invited John to play for the Youth Club Concert Party, and Doug and Jane Gowman invited John to the Youth Club, which in turn was followed by attendance at Bible studies at homes in Witham and Maldon. John became a local preacher, and as a keen cyclist it was not unusual for him to cycle from Braintree to Chelmsford in the morning, then to Coggeshall to help with Sunday school in the afternoon, and back to Chelmsford for the evening service. As a conscientious objector, he had to attend court in South London, and to prepare for this he visited a home in Maldon where the husband, himself a conscientious objector, was able to advise him. This is where he met Gillian. The court allowed him to remain in his occupation at Courtaulds as a laboratory assistant. In 1959 John was accepted as a candidate for ordained ministry and he attended Richmond College for four years, becoming the college organist while there. Leaving in 1963, John married Gillian and together they had four children: David (who sadly died in 2010), Steven, Graham, and Lisa. John's ministry was spent entirely in the East Anglia region, serving in the Ipswich, Great Yarmouth and Gorleston, Colchester, Clacton-on-Sea, Colchester, and Chelmsford Circuits, where his ministry and musicianship were greatly appreciated. In ministry and family life he demonstrated great gifts of kindness, patience and generosity, with a calm and loving presence. Retiring in 2003, John continued to preach, and to entertain groups with music and magic lantern slides. He died on 16 April 2025, in the eighty-seventh year of his age and the sixty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

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Arthur Rowe: Born in Walthamstow on 14 September 1930. Arthur was an only child and grew up during the war while his father was serving in the RAF in Canada. He was primarily raised by his gran who was known for her wisdom and warmth. His career included working at Nabisco, the biscuit factory, as a trainee accountant, pressing suits at Les before he moved on to complete his National Service in the Navy, where he was assigned to HMS Truelove. Inspired by a preacher and his involvement in the Methodist Association of Youth Clubs, Arthur pursued a calling to ministry, training at Didsbury College. During his time there, he met Alan Ingral and John Rowlands, who became lifelong friends and partners in mischief. One night, an unsuspecting college mate went to bed, only for it to collapse beneath him thanks to Arthur and Alan having sneakily removed the bolts. Upon completing his training, Arthur was stationed in the Devonport Circuit, visiting small churches on a moped. Later, he moved to Sunderland (North), where he quickly bonded with the congregation, becoming a frequent guest at Margaret Wrightson's house, much to her daughter Ann's initial annoyance. But love blossomed, and they were married in 1964. Due to a prior church scandal, they had to move to Ryton and Prudhoe Circuit, then to Leicester (South-East). Arthur's ministry was remarkable; he undertook significant building projects and witnessed congregation growth, a testament to his belief that God deserved the best. This was evident in the building projects he undertook. In 1979, Arthur moved to Farnborough, Aldershot and Camberley Circuit, and later to Newport in Wales, which was hard, leaving Arthur's son Martin behind. Arthur sat down in 1995, settling in Leicester where he and Ann lived for twenty-seven years in retirement. The metaphor which captures the essence of Arthur the best is an orange: made up of many separate segments, each representing a unique part of him. Arthur died on 29 September 2024, in the ninety-fifth year of his age, and the sixty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Colin Gordon Rowe: Born in Kingston-upon-Hull on 29 September 1927, the older brother of the Revd Trevor Rowe. He attended Hymers College, Hull. Following National Service in the Navy, Colin began working as a lay pastor, leading worship and supporting the Sunday school. Having been accepted as a candidate for the ministry in 1948, he was immediately stationed in the Barton-on-Humber Circuit as a pre-collegiate probationer for one year. Colin then entered ministerial training at Headingley College, Leeds. After three years' initial ministerial training, he was stationed in Wymondham in Norfolk and was ordained on 8 July 1954 at Croydon Methodist Church during the Conference meeting in London. He married Margaret Goodfellow on 25 August 1954. They had one son, Chris and one daughter, Julie. He served in the following circuits: Wymondham, Hornsea (*Trinity*), Birmingham Mission, Aldershot and Farnborough, Wimbledon, and Slough. In 1981, he was appointed Chair of the London South-West District, where he served for 11 years. Here he was responsible for the pastoral oversight of more than 200 churches and 100 ministers. He sat down in 1992 but continued to play an active part in the life of the church for many years. Colin remained a supportive mentor to ministerial colleagues and friend to many others. He had a real pastoral heart, and was greatly appreciated for his wisdom, compassion and prayerful spirituality. During his retirement, he took up the Free Church Chaplaincy at Lewes Prison in East Sussex. Sadly, soon after Colin's retirement, Margaret died on 1 October 1993. It was while leading a pre-retirement course for Methodist ministers that he then met Dr Mary Groves, widow of mission

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partner, the Revd Dr Sidney Groves. They were married in 1997 in St Albans, where Colin's ministry continued to be appreciated and where he and Mary enjoyed becoming grandparents and great-grandparents. In February 2023, Colin moved into Elmside MHA in Hitchin, and Mary took a flat at Archers Court on the same site. He died peacefully on 30 July 2024 in the ninety-seventh year of his age and the seventy-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

Paul Ruddick: Born in Basingstoke on 3 December 1945, the family moved to Hemsworth in Yorkshire while Paul was a child, followed by moves to Swindon and then Swaithling, Southampton. He attended Taunton School Sixth Form in Swaithling and was a bright and capable student with a love of history, English and religious studies. Paul received Jesus into his life while in Swindon and on finishing sixth form explored a call to ordained ministry. Encouraged to gain wider life experience, he worked as a teacher of RE and English and as a volunteer among the Sikh community in London before being accepted for training at Richmond Theological College. Paul met his future wife, Gill, working on vacation at the Methodist holiday hotel in Bournemouth, the beginning of a lifelong partnership of fifty-four years. He trained to share the Gospel overseas at Selly Oak College and shortly after marrying Gill they set sail for Papua New Guinea in October 1970. Returning to the UK after a memorable four years, Paul was stationed to the Derby (East) Circuit from 1975 to 1980 where their two children, David and Andrew, were born. In 1980 the family moved to Gedling in the Nottingham (East) Circuit and then in 1988 to the Long Eaton Circuit where Paul was superintendent minister. In 1996 Paul took up the superintendency of the Blackpool North Circuit followed in 2003 by that of the North Fylde Circuit and from 2006 the South Fylde Circuit. It was a great joy to Paul to become a grandfather of four in this period. Paul was very close to his family and had a great sense of fun. There was often a glint in his eye when he spoke and he had a deep pastoral care for all his congregations. His passion for the Gospel motivated all he did and he was constantly looking for innovative ways to spread the Gospel message. Despite suffering from dementia in his last few years, his faith held strong. Paul died on 22 August 2024 in the seventy-ninth year of his age and the fifty-fifth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Frank Sanderson: Born in Blackburn on 28 August 1931. He began his working life as a gardener until National Service. During this time he dressed as an American soldier to distribute Bibles to the Russians, nearly getting caught. This period of service led to a lifelong commitment to the armed forces, including a time of chaplaincy in Portsmouth. His dedication to the cadets throughout his life earned him the title of Honorary Chaplain to the Forces by the Queen. After completing his National Service, he returned to a gardening apprenticeship. He studied for two years at Cliff College before training at Hartley Victoria College for three years. He served in the following Circuits: Accrington, Morecambe and Heysham, Portsmouth Mission, Shipley and Bingley, Paisley Mission, Preston (Lune Street and Orchard), and Barnoldswick. Frank was a man of deep faith, which was strengthened after a gallstone operation during which he technically died and believed he spoke with God, who told him it was not his time yet. Frank was a dedicated minister who shared his strong faith with his communities. His favourite sermon topic was the Prodigal Son, and he would become very animated while preaching. He was

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well known for his pastoral care. He had served as an army chaplain and had many connections, enjoying trips with cadets. He also loved the pantomimes put on at church. Frank and his wife Betty were blessed with two sons, Paul and Adam, along with seven grandchildren and lovely great-grandchildren. His family said he was the best man they had ever known: the best husband, the best grandfather, and the best man. They thanked him for everything he had ever done and the sacrifices he made for them. He was a man who loved his family just the way they were, accepting, forgiving, and loving. He had a constant, unconditional love. Frank died on 1 December 2024, in the ninety-fourth year of his age and the sixty-sixth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Alan Saxby: Born in Sheffield on 28 February 1937. Upon leaving school, Alan initially intended to pursue a career with the police, serving as a police cadet with Sheffield City Police before becoming a probationary Police Constable in 1956. His time pursuing this career path ended in 1958 when Alan undertook National Service with the Royal Air Force, Fighter Command, serving as a clerical worker. Following his call to serve as a presbyter in the Methodist Church, Alan undertook ministerial training at Didsbury College, Bristol where, in 1964, he was awarded a BA in Theology. He subsequently went on to serve in the Coalville Circuit, Leicestershire and the Barnsley Circuit, South Yorkshire. During his time as a circuit minister in Barnsley, Alan took on the additional challenge of a part-time post as a lecturer in further education at Barnsley College of Technology. He subsequently became full-time at the college and was the founder and head of the College Counselling Service. In 2005 Alan began studying for a PhD at the Biblical Studies department at Sheffield University, being awarded his doctorate in 2013. His studies focused on James, the brother of Jesus, with his work *James, Brother of Jesus, and the Jerusalem Church – A Radical Exploration of Christian Origins* being published in 2015. Alan enjoyed the great outdoors, being especially fond of the Peak District. He enjoyed walking and rock-climbing, eventually 'laying his boots aside' at the age of eighty-two. Alan was a devoted family man. He was a much-loved husband, partner, Dad, Grandad and uncle. Alan died on 18 March 2025 in the eighty-ninth year of his age and the sixty-second year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Derek Searle: Born on 15 May 1932. Educated at Culford School, John recognised the contrast of his upbringing with those less privileged. His desire to reach out and help ultimately grew into a call to the ministry, inspired by his uncle, a Methodist minister. He joined the Methodist Church and recalled that in his first sermon as a local preacher, aged seventeen, titled "The Sparrow's Fall", he endeavoured to expound the intimate love of God "for each and every one of us", an inclusivity at the core of his later pastoral ministry. On leave from National Service in West Germany, John was accepted as a candidate for Methodist ministry and trained at Handsworth College, Birmingham. Handsworth was a place for him to explore the doubts and certainties of faith, to experience hecklers in "open airs" at Birmingham Bull Ring and to meet Joan, daughter of Dr C Leslie Mitton, College Principal, whom he was later to marry. Ordained in 1958, John was in full time ministry for forty-one years, serving in the following Circuits: Coventry, Stockton (where his daughters Helen and Corinne were born), Higham Ferrers (Diana, a third daughter, was born at Rushden), Liverpool (South-East), Chelmsford, Northampton, Torbay, and Oxford. His typical day would always

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include afternoon pastoral visits, often planned with Joan's help and insight. He said this was "the most important, although most demanding, part of a circuit minister's work, on which everything, including preaching, is based". John wrote on "The Minister and Depression" and "The Problem of Suffering" for the *Expository Times*. His books included *Twentieth Century Christians* (1977), *On the Right Track* (1987) about Christians in sport, and others with material for family services. He was also a counsellor for Relate, a prison chaplain, a school governor (Weston Favell and Braintree) and an advocate for migrants claiming asylum. About his ministry he wrote, "I have tried to encourage those who felt themselves to be 'second class' Christians, the honest doubter and those hanging on by 'Fingertip Faith'". He died on 8 January 2025, in the ninety-third year of his age and the seventieth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Brian Norman Shackleton: Born in Isleworth on 25 June 1936 into a Methodist family who were part of church, civic and community life in Heston for many years. Registering as a conscientious objector in his late teens ruled out an expected career in law and risked a prison sentence but demonstrated a personal integrity and commitment to peace and justice which was to be the pattern of his life. After training at Hartley Victoria College, he was a newly-married probationer in the Ryedale Circuit, his wife Alwyn commuting by scooter across Bilsdale to teach in Stockton until the first of their three children was born. For thirty-five years he served in post-industrial urban Circuits, Stoke-on-Trent (Tunstall), Stoke-on-Trent (South), Gateshead and Jarrow, and Hartlepool. Believing the church should offer hospitality and hope, he successfully applied for regeneration money to transform premises for community use, including youth work, meals and drop-ins. But he also felt that the influence of the church should reach beyond buildings and he was a city Councillor and volunteer Samaritan during this time. Through his *North Yorkshire Discovery Project*, family summer holidays in Ryedale were shared with groups of disadvantaged children for over a decade. When Alwyn's myelofibrosis worsened, they moved to the Pickering Circuit where Brian was without appointment, caring for her until she died in 2002. He became a trustee of Ryedale Carers, undertook presbyteral exchanges to the USA and volunteered as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Bethlehem, a profoundly affecting experience. After marrying Kirsten in 2006 and with her support, his supernumerary ministry mostly revolved around chapel, village and allotment, whilst never losing sight of the bigger picture. Brian was appreciated as a caring pastor, prophetic preacher and encourager of individuals, rural ecumenism and God's kingdom; also by plan makers, expecting to be out at least twice every Sunday, wherever the Circuit needed him. He continued to preach until the very end, believing that he was 'still being given something to say'. He died at home on 30 May 2024, in the eighty-eighth year of his age and the sixty-fourth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Rolison Charles Sims: Born in Paulton on 11 October 1939. After attending the Wells Blue Grammar School, Roly gained a degree in Biblical studies from Cardiff University and then studied at Reading University for his post-graduate teaching qualification. His first appointment was at Brislington Comprehensive School, teaching religious studies and gaining the skills that would guide the rest of his teaching career. He then transferred to Oakfield Secondary School in Frome, teaching humanities, before moving to Totnes as Head of the Religious Education department at King Edward

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VI Comprehensive. Wishing to return home to support his mother after the death of his father, Roly transferred to Bedminster Down Secondary Modern in Bristol where, for twenty years, he taught business studies along with religious studies. Roly had been a local preacher since 1962 and, after taking early retirement from teaching, he candidated for the ministry and was appointed as a minister in local appointment to the Frome Circuit in 1996, before becoming itinerant and serving between 1999 and 2009 as Superintendent of the Frome Circuit. From 2006 to 2009 he also served in the West Mendip Circuit before it and Frome Circuit became parts of the new Somerset (Mendips) Circuit where he continued to serve until sitting down in 2019. On retirement Roly spent some years working with graduate and post-graduate students training to be teachers at Bath Spa University. From 2003 to 2010 Roly also taught at Wesley College, Bristol as an Assistant Tutor. Roly is remembered as a passionate, engaging and “quirky” teacher who was always on top of his subject. Although self-effacing and modest, he was robust in academic discussion. An Old Testament specialist, Roly also taught some New Testament modules as well as Hebrew and Greek. His eclectic knowledge and wide-ranging reading were formidable and his pastoral care, empathy and patience with students were greatly appreciated. Roly also shared in the teaching at Downside Abbey through the “Wesley on the Road” initiative. Roly was a pastor, preacher and teacher who took seriously the promises made at ordination to pursue diligently those studies which inform the practice and vocation of ministry. He died on 13 October 2024, in the eighty-sixth year of his age and the twenty-ninth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Gillian Edna Slaymaker: Born on 8 March 1938. Gillian was baptised at Trinity Church Abingdon, on 27 March 1938 and received into adult membership on 14 June 1953 at the same church. She married Derek Slaymaker on 1 October 1960 and was survived by Derek, their two sons Andrew and Peter and the grandchildren. She seems to have fostered dozens of young children short-term, and grandchildren and nieces spoke eloquently of Gillian’s rare gift of seeing a need (small or great) and immediately taking action to do something about it. Her personal profile work analysis described Gillian as amiable, persistent, a good listener, kind, dependable, deliberate, communicative, influential, persuasive, compliant, careful, systematic, accurate, logical, hesitant, mild, non-demanding and accommodating. Such tributes were to stand her in good stead when Gillian felt the call to full-time ordained ministry later in life. She was ordained in 1993 at the age of fifty-five years. She served in the Thetford, and the Gosport and Fareham Circuits, and sat down in 2003. The first appointment included chaplaincy at RAF Mildenhall. Recognising that her health was deteriorating, Gillian and Derek moved to Histon to be nearer to the family, and they settled into Histon Methodist Church. Gillian died on 27 July 2024, in the eighty-seventh year of her age, and the thirty-second year of her presbyteral ministry.

Frank William Smith: Born in Walthamstow, east London, on 1 January 1928. Frank took up ministerial training at Handsworth College in 1950, being ordained in Leeds in 1956. He served in the Circuits of Ipswich, Downham Market, Folkestone, Gravesend and Dartford, Croydon, Lincoln (South), and Wimbledon. He moved as supernumerary to the Dorking and Horsham Circuit in 1993. In 1944, during wartime, Frank became a St John’s cadet, working in the hospitals at weekends. He was always very interested

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in work with young people and was recommended to visit a youth club at St Matthew's Memorial Church. He discovered it was a Methodist Church and became very involved, serving in the Sunday school and candidating from there. Frank attended Easter and Summer schools for equipping young people for leadership in clubs and Sunday Schools, and at one of these in 1946 he met Pat. They married in 1956 and began married life in the Downham Market Circuit. Frank was passionate about ecumenical work, anchored in the words of Christ's prayer that all may be one. He worked very much as an enabler, encouraging people to know their faith and to take responsibility in the Circuit. Seeing the wider view, Frank was always thinking of community outside church with a strong emphasis that Christ died for the world. Sermons often began with current events in the news, ending with a focus on the Bible passage and the challenging question "What does this say to us and how should we respond?" Frank was a reflective, faithful disciple showing actively his care for all people. As a supernumerary minister, he spent much time driving a bus for the Royal National Institute of Blind People, was still preaching regularly and took on the role of Secretary of the Local Preachers' Meeting. Frank died on 1 April 2025 in the ninety-eighth year of his age and the seventy second year of his presbyteral ministry.

Kenneth John Arthur Stedman: Born in Cranleigh, Surrey on 17 October 1933, and always known as John. The second of five children, he attended the Royal Grammar School, Guildford. Following his National Service, John trained at Richmond College, Surrey, followed by a further year's missionary training in Selly Oak. From there, in 1958, John was sent to serve in the Ghana District of the British Methodist Conference, in the North Ashanti Mission, firstly in the Berekum Circuit and then the Wenchi Circuit. John was ordained at the Liverpool Conference 1960. During an extended furlough John worked at Mission House, London as Africa Secretary. In July 1966 John married Jill, who was on the staff at the Women's Training Centre in Kumasi, Ghana, at the New Room, Bristol. They travelled back to Ghana in 1967 where the independent Ghana Methodist Conference had stationed John as Superintendent of the Northern Ghana Mission. He subsequently served as Synod Secretary and later Conference Secretary. In 1984 John and Jill moved to The Gambia District of the British Methodist Conference. Here John served in Bethel Church, during which period he was Secretary of the District Synod, and in Wesley Church where he was Chair of District and General Superintendent. John and Jill returned to the UK in 1994 and John served in the Neath Circuit before sitting down in 2001 and moving to Weston-Super-Mare. John was an active supernumerary within the Weston-Super-Mare and Burnham on Sea Circuit, including eight years as a hospital chaplain. In 2005 John and Jill went to Sri Lanka for three months following the devastating tsunami there. John was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2016, yet maintained his sense of humour and care for others. He was a man of quiet grace and gentle humour, exuding Christian steadfastness and grace. He was lovingly remembered as husband, father, and grandfather. John died peacefully at home on 28 February 2025 in the ninety-second year of his age and the sixty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Mary Stott: Born in Greetland, West Yorkshire, on 12 March 1933. Mary attended the Halifax Secondary Modern School followed by the Halifax School of Art. She found employment as a jewellery designer at Horner's Jewellers where she worked from 1953

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to 1959, and she continued to work freelance for a number of years after she left. It was through Bolton Brow Methodist Church in Sowerby Bridge that Mary met Conrad, and they married on 21 June 1958. As an accredited preacher herself Mary accompanied Conrad to Didsbury College in preparation for his presbyteral ministry. They moved to their first Circuit in Ripley, Derbyshire and this was followed by Standish, Meltham, and finally Knighton. During this time Aaron and Gareth joined the family, as did their sister Rebecca Mary, who died in infancy. Conrad passed away in 1980 whilst the family were on holiday in Switzerland. This meant Mary and her family needed to move from Knighton, so they returned to Meltham where she would eventually take up the post of lay pastoral assistant in the Holmfirth Circuit. This led to her candidating for presbyteral ministry in the mid-1980s. Mary served the Halifax Circuit between 1989 and 1999 before retiring to the Brighouse Circuit. She attended Brighouse Central Church where she continued to serve as an active supernumerary on the plan, going further afield when Brighouse later became part of the Calderdale Circuit. Mary filled her retirement with various creative projects: painting, jewellery repairs and even wood carving. Apparently, her handbag always contained at least one pair of pliers and a screwdriver for impromptu repairs. Mary was devoted to her family as she was to her church, a warm affectionate lady with a lovely smile and good sense of humour. Mary died on 3 June 2024 at St Winifred's Nursing Home, Rastrick, in the ninety-second year of her age and the thirty-fifth year of her presbyteral ministry.

Brenda Stretton: Born on 21 April 1954. She served in the following Circuits: Wythenshawe, Runcorn, and Ashton-under-Lyne. Brenda had a prayerful, pastoral heart in her ministry. She always sought to be equipped with the Holy Spirit to serve her Lord, always ready to reach out with Christ's compassion to all those she met. In her marriage to Jim, Brenda found a shared love of Christ, and this brought her much joy. Together, their joy from knowing Christ was the foundation of their marriage. Brenda's commitment to Christ was lived out daily as she cared for congregations entrusted to her, including a commitment to small congregations and a heart for the spirituality of older people. Brenda reached out to those beyond the walls of the church with Jesus' all-embracing love. She enjoyed being an Asda chaplain in Runcorn and spoke fondly of this season of her ministry. She also served as a Chaplain for MHA. Although Brenda had been ordained for some years, in 2015 she experienced God's love again in what might be termed an Aldersgate experience. This was at a time when both Brenda and Jim faced uncertainty with their health. However, it led to Brenda and Jim working ever more closely in their ministry together, beyond circuit life as Brenda sat down in 2016. At her tribute service, representatives of many churches and denominations gathered with members of her family to tell of how she had influenced and helped them in their Christian faith. The common thread across the stories was someone willing to meet people where they were and share her faith in a real way that was relevant to the context. As one of her members from Wythenshawe said "Brenda was easy-going, thoughtful, caring, and helpful in any situation. Whatever challenge she faced, she dealt with it. She loved her family and was extremely happy with Jim". Brenda died on 10 September 2024, in the seventy-first year of her age and the twenty-first year of her presbyteral ministry.

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Fredrick John Swales: Born in Bedford, on 20 June 1938 and was known and loved as John. He was devoted to his family as husband to Pauline, father to Tim, father-in-law to Nic, and grandfather to Josh, whom John always put first. John was a gentle man, with tremendous empathy and understanding. He connected with people at every level with compassion, but he had a back of steel and did not suffer fools gladly. People often did not believe that John was a 'Reverend', as he wanted people to see him as a person first. John was practical throughout his life, finding bluetac a useful tool, and had a wonderful sense of humour. John began his presbyteral ministry in 1962 in the Cromer, Sheringham and Holt Circuit after which he served in the following Circuits: Bloxwich, Skipton, Kendal, and Ryedale (serving as Superintendent from 1984–1987) before retiring to the Bridlington Circuit in 1988 and then moving to the North Fylde Circuit in 2017. Throughout his ministry, John's mission was to enhance the lives of young people. Youth work was of immense importance to him, and he felt strongly that the future of the Church lay in the youth of the day, a ministry ably supported by Pauline in the many Youth Clubs they established together. It was the mark of John as a person, and as a minister, that he was respected by people who would not have normally been involved with the Church and through which lifelong friendships were formed throughout John's family. John enjoyed a long retirement and loved being near the sea in Bridlington and Fleetwood, often watching the fishing fleet unload their catches and enjoying a coffee on the Prom. John died on 14 November 2024 in the eighty-seventh year of his age and the sixty-third year of his presbyteral ministry.

Christopher Charles Tomlinson: Born in Plymouth on 25 May 1935. At the age of four months he travelled to China with his parents, the Reverend Harold Tomlinson and his wife, Clarice, where they continued work with the Methodist Missionary Society in Ningbo, in the Chekiang Province. Because of the Japanese invasion in 1941, they had to leave China in a hurry. His next four years were spent in Australia during which time his mother died. With his father, sister Ruth, and brother Bernard, he returned to England in late 1945. His father remarried in 1946, to Anne Heslop, a widow who had a son, David, and daughter, Dilys. Chris was educated at Shebbear College before spending two years at the Sheffield College of Art. Following National Service in the Army, he studied at Cliff College, Derbyshire, to become a local preacher, and candidated for the Methodist ministry. While at Cliff he met his future wife, Janet, at the Cliff College Whitsun Weekend of 1958. Chris's presbyteral ministry began in 1961 after two years training at Handsworth Theological College, followed by a year at St Andrew's College, Selly Oak, where Janet joined him after their marriage in January 1962, in preparation for missionary work in South-Eastern Asia. In early August they set sail for ministry with the Methodist Missionary Society in Sarawak, East Malaysia, where they worked with overseas Chinese groups. They had two sons, Andrew and Bruce, and four grandchildren. Returning to England in 1971, Chris was fortunate to join the Royal Army Chaplains' Department where he served for twenty years. In 1988 he was awarded the OBE for his work during the *Herald of Free Enterprise* disaster. His ministry was completed in Richmond (Yorks), and the Launceston Area Circuits. He died on 25 November 2024 in the ninetieth year of his age and the sixty-fourth year of his presbyteral ministry.

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Donald Tuttell: Born in Leeds on 1 June 1939. Don began his working life as an apprentice at Hunslet Engine Company, Leeds, later moving to Huddersfield Power Station, and then had a long career with the Central Electricity Generating Board. Don became a Christian after attending a Billy Graham event in Manchester with his wife Janet. After moving to Horbury, their two sons were born, Ian and Andrew, and, following their baptism, Don was later baptised himself. They attended their local church, where Don's faith was nurtured and grew. Following his career change to Becca Hall Control Centre at Aberford, the family moved to Tadcaster where he began to play a bigger part in the life of the church. Don followed a call to preach and in 1986 he became a fully accredited local preacher. He trained for the ministry and was ordained in 1996. Don served in the Wakefield Circuit. He retired with Janet to Tadcaster in the Tadcaster Circuit, where he continued his preaching ministry until his later years. Recently he served on the Worship Development Group to support a probationer minister. As a lifelong keen cyclist, he continued his interest, often travelling long distances on his trike with his family. Don died on 18 January 2025 in the eighty-sixth year of his age and in the thirty-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

Kenneth Alexander Wallace: Born in Riccarton, Scotland on 20 May 1931. One of four children in an energetic and competitive household, Kenneth attended church with the family from an early age. Following school he studied physics at Glasgow University, and began his career at the Atomic Energy Authority at Aldermaston and went on to work for the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) in the development of nuclear power in the UK. Kenneth met Grace in 1958, and they married in November 1960. They had two children, Stephen and Julie. Perhaps surprisingly in view of his career choice, Kenneth would also be instrumental in the opening of the first hydroelectric, water turbine station in Dinorwig, Wales, and was an early adopter of solar panels. In his ninetieth year he commissioned the installation of a heat pump in his own home. Acting responsibly and thoughtfully was a characteristic of his faith. Kenneth received a strong call and was ordained in 1989 and stationed in the Oldham and Saddleworth Circuit. Here he was able to embody his faith in Christ. He and Grace complemented each other in pastoral ministry. In home life, church life and work life, Kenneth was dependable, with a focused eye for detail; a man for whom integrity mattered. The move to the Long Eaton Circuit also proved to be a happy time in ministry, but a heart attack hastened his retirement. Moving to Cambridge in 1996, he became a very active supernumerary and was particularly involved in Orwell Methodist Church and at Sturton Street. Kenneth lived with a determination to try to make a difference to the lives of other people. He looked forward and genuinely believed, right to the end of his life, that what we say and do can transform situations and communities. He was well respected and loved by those he served, in every place where he lived and worked. Kenneth died on 6 July 2024 in the ninety-fourth year of his age and the thirty-seventh year of his presbyteral ministry.

Margaret Wallwork: Born in Huddersfield, Yorkshire (West Riding) on 21 December 1939. Along with her two younger sisters and younger brother, Margaret inherited the skills and gifts of her parents, Leslie and Joyce Buttling and the warmth and depth of their Methodism. Educated at Denmark Road High School for Girls, Gloucester, after two years reading maths at Manchester University, Margaret became a student

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deaconess at Ilkley and then served as a probationer deaconess in Leeds, at Brunswick and Oxford Place. On marriage to Norman she taught at Lime House School, Carlisle and resumed her vocation as a local preacher. While they lived at Queen's College, Birmingham, Margaret undertook her teacher training at St Peter's, Saltley. In Norman's second Circuit, Richmond and Hounslow, where their son Aidan was born, Margaret served at the Mission House in Marylebone Road and became an editor for the Bible Reading Fellowship. During their time in Keswick, in their Lakeland manse she was called to presbyteral ministry, trained on the Carlisle Diocesan Course and served with Norman as a minister in both the Keswick and Cockermouth and the Exeter Circuits. Margaret then served in her own appointments in the Totnes, the Ilfracombe and the Falmouth Circuits. During retirement, in Tiverton, she travelled to family and friends and joined the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel. Margaret continued to produce quality church magazines and prayer booklets. Beyond the life of the church she printed and published for the Exe Valley u3a which she also served as chair, led the poetry group and hosted the Latin group. Her outstanding editorial work was the fifty-five years of meticulous publishing she gave to the Methodist Sacramental Fellowship. Margaret rejoiced in the gifts of those around her, not least in Aidan's skills as a recording musician and a designer of sound studios. Margaret's Christian journey and Catholic faith was nourished by a rich prayer life rooted in both the Anglican and the Methodist traditions. She died on 6 October 2024 in the eighty-fifth year of her age and the thirty-fifth year of her presbyteral ministry.

Jeffrey Henry Ward: Born on 6 May 1936, he was the first in the family to go to University, attending and graduating from King's College, London. He became a teacher, teaching French, Spanish and Latin. In 1960 he met a Baptist deaconess, Mary Drinkwater, and they married on 9 August 1962. He had two children: Andrew and Helen. After spending a year in America, he became a Deputy Head in 1972, and later took early retirement. While Jeffrey had been a local preacher in the Methodist Church for a long time, at the age of fifty he decided to pursue full-time ministry. He was one of the first ministers to be trained in circuit. He looked after two churches while training on the Northern Ordination Course one day a week. He started his travel in 1986, serving in the following Circuits: Widnes, and Snaith and Selby, and retired in 2001. During his retirement he was an active supernumerary in Herne Bay and Melton Mowbray. Jeffrey had a love of travelling overseas, and of sport. He was a lifelong Fulham FC fan and member of Nottingham County Cricket Club. He also had a lifelong love of gardening, growing flowers and vegetables. He used the imagery of nurturing, growing and protecting to describe the Christian life, and particularly the role of ministering to others. His calling to ministry was founded on his understanding of pastoral care. Jeffrey was remembered for his devotion to people and churches. He belonged to the Rutland Theological Society, and he was a member of the local Spectrum group where people met to share fellowship and theological discussion. He also attended the Methodist School of Fellowship gatherings. Jeffrey died on 28 August 2024 in the eighty-ninth year of his age and the thirty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

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Eric Raymond Watker: Born in Treeton, South Yorkshire on 18 March 1928. He grew up in Wickersley with his sister Iris in a family in which love and respect for people and animals were nurtured. He was involved in the local Methodist church Sunday school and youth club, and made a commitment to Christ aged thirteen. Skilled with his hands, he became a cabinet-maker in Rotherham, was a competent knitter and continued to make beautiful objects out of wood to give away throughout his life. National Service with the Royal Engineers took him to Hamburg and Hanover. He married Shirley and they had two daughters, Ruth and Anna, of both of whom he was very proud and loved them dearly, Ruth remaining local and Anna in Hong Kong. He experienced a call to Methodist ministry and served as a lay pastor in Chipping Norton before training at Handsworth College and then spending the rest of his ministry in Scotland in the following Circuits: Edinburgh, Leith and Tranent, North of Scotland Mission, Glasgow (West), Greenock, and Kilsyth. He was District Property Secretary for nine years and Secretary of the Synod of the Methodist Church in Scotland for thirteen years. A meticulous record-keeper and administrator, he is also remembered as a minister dedicated to the task of serving God's people and an indefatigable teller of stories. He had a passion for history, was a member of the Wesley Historical Society, for many years made an annual pilgrimage to Patmos and developed an interest in Greek Orthodox icons. He continued to preach regularly for over twenty-five years after becoming supernumerary in 1993, sharing with enthusiasm the story of God's love. Shirley died in 2004, but he remained independent, continuing to enjoy music, gardening and good health until the COVID pandemic when life became more challenging, and he received the care he needed in a residential home in Greenock in the last few years of his fruitful journey. Raymond died on 15 January 2025 in the ninety-seventh year of his age and the seventy-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

John Keith Watson: Born in Sunderland on 20 February 1942. He was always known as Jake. His father, who worked on coaling ships, gave him a lifelong love of the sea resulting in Jake becoming an engineer in the Merchant Navy. Jake candidated for the ministry and trained at Handsworth College, Birmingham. After an additional year's mission training, he was sent, with his wife, Margaret, to serve with the Methodist Church of Indonesia for six years. Whilst home on furlough, Jake was encouraged to apply for chaplaincy with the Royal Navy, a role in which he served from 1974 to 1997. To understand the life of the men with whom he served, Jake took on the same challenges as them, doing arctic and parachute training, and earning his green beret as a Royal Marine. He sailed with the fleet to the Falklands in May 1982 and ministered in a theatre of war. Jake located his family in Cornwall, close to many naval bases. Providentially, there were only two years when he was not land-based and unable to see Margaret and the children, Liz, Nikki and Adrian, at weekends. Jake loved being amongst people, talking with them and telling them about his faith, which he did with honesty and a wonderful sense of fun. He enjoyed his time in the Navy because he had pastoral responsibility for people who were missing from church congregations. He often said "I did what Jesus did, I went where the people were". On leaving the Royal Navy, Jake served in the London (Enfield) Circuit before sitting down in 2002. With Margaret, he returned to Cornwall and continued to enjoy spells at sea as a chaplain and speaker on Saga cruises. In 2020, Jake and Margaret moved to West Yorkshire to be near to Liz and her family. Jake's faith undergirded and shone through everything he did. The Gospel

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was the chart and God's love the compass by which he steered through life. Jake died on 6 October 2024, in the eighty-third year of his age and the fifty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Cresswell John Henry Whitton: Born in Highbridge near Eastleigh on 30 October 1935. Cresswell's family moved to Totton, near Southampton, just before World War II. He remembered the war years, including his family being machine-gunned by a German fighter plane and barely escaping with their lives. He also recalled the blitz on Southampton docks. Cresswell was educated at Ringwood Road Primary School, Totton, and then at The Gregg School. His first job was with Joseph Rank flour millers as an office boy. Cresswell did National Service with the RAF in air traffic control. He then worked for Farrow's, Nestle, John Macintosh, Newton Chambers and The Firestone Tyre and Rubber Company Ltd. Cresswell was a salesman becoming Petroleum Sales Manager. Aged eighteen Cresswell became a member of the Methodist Church following a conversion experience at a Billy Graham Campaign in Harringay. He trained as a local preacher although this took many years because of work pressures. Sensing a deep call to presbyteral ministry, Cresswell candidated in 1976 and studied at Wesley College, Bristol. He served in the following Circuits: Clacton-on-Sea, London (Ilford), West Wight, Sherborne and Yeovil, Portsmouth, and Gateshead and Jarrow, sitting down in 2001. As a supernumerary Cresswell worked in the Sidmouth and Bridport, and South Petherton and Crewkerne Circuits. He was Mayor's Chaplain in Chard in 2013 and 2017. His interests were model railways, full-sized steam locomotives, Methodist history, Biblical studies, hymnology and liturgy. Cresswell was a member of the Methodist Sacramental Fellowship. He regularly dined out with friends especially after his wife Barbara's death in 2023. He loved walking in the Somerset countryside. Cresswell had a good bass-baritone singing voice, appreciated by the congregations in his Circuits. Cresswell wrote these words for his obituary: "As a person I never suffered fools gladly. I have always been a private person, and I have hated injustice. I tried to use the gifts God gave me to the best of my ability but being human I often failed". Cresswell died on 25 July 2024 in the eighty-ninth year of his age and the forty-eighth year of his presbyteral ministry.

Thomas Mercer Witham: Born on 6 February 1928 in Waterloo, Liverpool. He left school at sixteen to start work at the Midland Bank. Thomas was called up in 1946 and pleaded conscientious objection. He was placed in a non-combative role where he worked as a librarian and telephone operator. It was during this time that he met his future wife Jean. Following his National Service, Thomas candidated for the Methodist ministry. After a pre-collegiate year in the Gravesend and Dartford Circuit from 1950 to 1951, Thomas trained at Handsworth College, Birmingham and then served in the following Circuits: Dursley and Stonehouse, Ossett and Horbury, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent (Hanley, Trinity), Scunthorpe, Bolton, and Warrington. Thomas was ordained in 1956 and married Jean on 18 August 1956 at Wesley Methodist Church, Stourport-on-Severn. Thomas's life was rooted in faith and prayer, and he was both a preacher and a pastor. He had a deep sense of his own faith and spirituality, and practised that faith in the way he lived. He was a very precise man, quietly spoken, but with careful choice of language. He could come across as a serious personality but every now and then would make a comment which showed a wry sense of humour. He was always gracious and gentle but also very supportive

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and confirming. Thomas was open to new ideas and desired to understand more of the implications of them for faith, always open to something different, to strangers and friends, and to meet God in likely and unlikely places. Thomas sat down in 1993 and he and Jean moved to Cheddleton where they both continued to be active in church life for a number of years, particularly at Trinity Methodist Church. When Thomas and Jean became frailer they moved into Avonleigh Gardens MHA in Oldham which provided them both with the care they needed. Jean died in 2020 and in 2023 Thomas moved to Beechville MHA in Bolton. He died on 12 May 2024 in the ninety-seventh year of his age and the seventy-first year of his presbyteral ministry.

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Gwendoline (Gwen) Agar: Born in Immingham on 3 June 1935 to Arthur and Dorothy Catley, the eldest of three children. Gwen loved her time at the Girls' Grammar School in Cleethorpes. She attended King's Road Methodist Church in Immingham and had 100% attendance for seven years. In 1956 Gwen trained for the Wesley Deaconess Order at Ilkley. She served in the Withernsea Circuit, and then in the Sheffield District on the Caravan "Pathfinder". Sister Gwen married Alfred in 1964 and had to resign as a deaconess. However, she continued as a local preacher. Gwen was well-renowned for her 'infamous' tambourine. Sister Gwen entertained listeners to Radio Humberside's 'Thought for the Day' slot. Sadly, she was widowed in 1969. She met her second husband, Richard, in Hull and they were married in 1977. They enjoyed travels far and wide. Some years after Richard died Gwen was reinstated in the Order and served in the Withernsea Circuit until she sat down in 1995. Gwen remained very active in the local community, enjoying fine arts and literacy groups and was an avid reader. She was a dear aunt and a very good friend to many. She remained in touch with friends, including a life-long friend from grammar school. She sent cards and letters of support and encouragement, including to many deacons. Sister Gwen was passionate about her calling and loyal to the Order. She was not afraid to stand her ground, but she did it in a kindly way. She had a feisty spirit and enjoyed having fun, particularly during her college days where she was the youngest in her year. In later life she organised meals for supernumeraries, and continued to preach and play her tambourine, which was beautifully planted with flowers for her thanksgiving service. Her last Area Group meeting was delightful, full of fun, laughter, conversation, storytelling and memories. Gwen knew how to share life's ups and downs, whilst modelling a committed Christian presence of love, care and support. She witnessed to others as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Gwen died on 16 July 2024 in the ninetieth year of her age and the sixty-sixth year of her diaconal ministry.

Sheila Parnell: Born on 29 February 1928, and had two brothers, Alan and Brian. Their father was a joiner for the railways in Derby, the family living in Ambergate. She thrived at Herbert Strutt Grammar School in Belper becoming head girl and excelling at sport. Her particular passion was hockey, which she played for Derbyshire. She taught for two years before training as a deaconess. She served her probation at Queen Street Huddersfield Mission and was ordained in 1957. She then served in Swansea before becoming a chaplain's assistant in the Women's Royal Air Force. She then served the Manchester

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and Salford Mission before moving to Methodist College, Belfast where she served in challenging circumstances during the troubles. Following Belfast she moved to Clay Cross and served as Vice-President of the Order. In 1984 she was appointed Warden of the Wesley Deaconess Order at a time of great change. The deaconesses remained active but the Order had been closed to new candidates. She hoped that the WDO would still fulfil its ministry, but realised that she might need to help it to die well. However, God had other ideas, and the 1987 Conference reopened the Order to candidates. Sheila helped to midwife a new beginning. She fondly called those new candidates her guinea pigs. Despite much personal cost, this time brought excitement, joy and new life. Her tenacity and forward-thinking, her courage and strength, her faith in God's guidance and her love for the Order, shone through. Sheila delayed sitting down to give continuity, serving as the first Warden of the newly-named Methodist Diaconal Order during its first year. In old age her mobility decreased and eventually she moved into residential care, where for a while it appeared that she thought she was running the place. She was remembered for her nurture and encouragement, and her dry wit and humour. She had a strong sense of purpose and desire to do things well. Her life was marked by humility and a deep care for others. She had courage and love. Sheila died on 1 February 2025 in the ninety-seventh year of her age and the seventy-first year of her diaconal ministry.

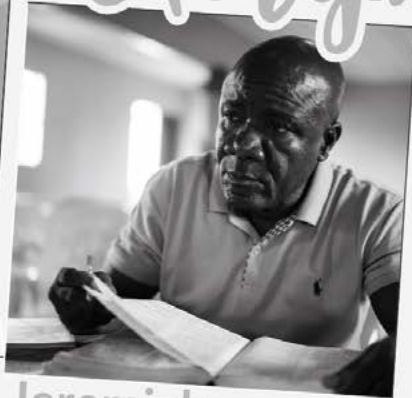
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1. Officers and Other Appointments

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Vice-President of the Conference:	Mr Matthew A Forsyth
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Ex-Vice-President of the Conference:	Mrs Carolyn J Godfrey
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Assistant Secretary of the Conference:	The Revd Michaela A Youngson
Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice:	Mrs Joanne Anderton
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2. Other Officers for the Conference of 2026

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Assistant Record Secretary (Presbyteral Session)	The Revd Leigh A Maydew
Journal Secretary	Mr Martin Harker
Convener of Memorials Committee	Gill Dascombe c/o Methodist Church House, 25 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SF Email: memorials@methodistchurch.org.uk

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3. Attestors of the Daily Record and the Journal of 2025

Daily Record

Presbyteral Session:	The Revds Benjamin P Clowes and Charity D Madenyika
Representative Session:	Kevin Jones and Deacon Deborah Marsh

Journal

The Revd Dr Michael J A Long and
Alethea Siow

4. 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 Dr 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: Barbara Easton
- (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 Mucharutya Chisvo, Mr Thomas Hart, the Revd Dr Michael J A Long, Anna Malnutt (deputy chair), Professor David Matthews, Mrs Judith Neal, the Revd Sarah Parkin, the Revd Cliff Shanganya, Paul Spray, Dawn Wood

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Mrs Sarah Atwell-King, Mr Adrian Burton, Mr Keith Hickey (Chair), Mrs Susan M Mortimer, Mr Michael Rickard

Central Finance Board

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Committee for the Discernment of Ordained Vocation

The Revds Dr Iain M Ballard, Nicola Briggs, Richard J Byass, Mark Carrick, Benjamin P Clowes, Dr Graham M Edwards, Simon C Edwards, Mark P Hammond, Helen E Hickson, Catherine Hutton, Philip J Jackson, David Jebb, Naomi Kaiga, Saidu Kanu, Dr Elizabeth

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A Kent, Juie King, M Susan E Lawler, Farai Mapamula, Vindra Maraj-Ogden, Paul Mellor, Andrew C Moffoot, Gill Newton [SO 250(1)(i)], Mary Sachikonye, Christopher L A Sandy, Matt Sheard, Cleopas Sibanda, Vivienne G Smith, Tina F Swire, Charity Tozivepi-Nzegwu, Etlewa Walker, Bethany Willers.

Deacons Melanie Beaven, Richard G Goldstraw, David Keegan, Jonathan Miller, Julie Morton, Suzanne Peat, Kerry R Scarlett, Sian M Street, Suzie Viana, Linda Watkin, Helen Webster, Jacqueline L Wright, Ruth Yorke.

Ms E Jane Allin, Ms Charlotte Ballard Scott, Mr Geoffrey Best, Mr Dan Bishop [SO 250(1)(i)], Ms Anne Browse, Ms Jenny Cheung, Ms Sharon Clutterbuck, Ms Paula Dawson, Ms Jo Henderson-Merrygold, Mrs Jane Lloyd, Mrs Catherine Roots, Ms Denise Tomlinson

The Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order has the right to attend but not to vote.

Connexional Complaints Panel

The Revds Timothy J Bradshaw, Hilary Cheng, Molly Chitokwindo, Edson Dube, Jacquie P Evans, Maree Farrimond, Andrew F Goodhead, Oluyemisi Jaiyesimi, David Jebb, Christopher Jones, Saidu Kanu, Simon H Leigh, Charity Madenyika, Farai Mapamula, R Margaret K Mwailu, Nicholas A Oborski, Stephen Penrose, David M Shaw (A), Kate Strange, Mmasape Thathane-Tyolweni, Ruth E Whittard, Stuart Wild, Linda M Woollacott

Deacons Myrtle Poxon, Stephen F Roe

Ms Trudi Awuku, Miss Joan Ball, Mr Malcolm Bell, Ms Charlotte Boaitey, Mr David M Chandler, Mr Leo Cheng, Mr Peter Dawe, Mrs Eve DeGraft, Mr Daniel Djaba, Mr David Kendrew, Mr Chris Kitchin, Miss Kathryn Larrad, Mr David Laycock, Ms Betty Maynard, Mrs Nwabueze Nwokolo, Mrs Jean Schroeder, Mr John Scott.

Connexional Panel for Review Groups (SO 291)

The Revd Dr Sheryl Anderson, Janet Arthur, the Revd Paul Booth, Mark Braithwaite, the Revd Deborah Caulk, Peter Gregson, the Revd Richard Hall, Carolyn Hothersall, the Revd Elaine Lindridge, the Revd Charity Madenyika, Val Mayers, Deacon Lemia Nkwelah, Keith Norman, Hellen Okello, Deacon Andy Packer, the Revd Romeo Pedro, the Revd Julian Pursehouse, the Revd Dr Jonathan Pye, Deacon Ruth Richey, Sandie Smith, the Revd Howard J Stringer, the Revd Timothy A Swindell, the Revd Caroline Weaver.

Connexional Panel on Deliverance Ministry

Vacant (Chair), the Revd Robert Birnie, Ms Sarah Chadwick, the Revd Dr Neil Cockling, the Revd William Davis, the Revd Dawn Saunders

Discipline, Pastoral and Appeal Committees

Connexional Complaints Officer: Professor Diane Rowland, the Revd James A Booth (deputy).

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Advocates: Mr Stephen Allinson, the Revd Jennifer M Dyer, Mr Adrian Turner, the Revd Stuart Wild.

Conveners: Discipline, Appeals and Pastoral: The Revd C Mary Austin, the Revd Andrew Cordy, Mr David Kendrew, Mr Chris Kitchin, Mrs Shelagh Morgan, the Revd Ian S Rutherford,

The Revds Derek A Aldridge, C Mary Austin, Peter E Barber, Inderjit S Bhogal, Neil A Bishop, Nick Blundell, Jill B Bowden, Kathleen M Bowe, Dr Stuart J Burgess, R Graham Carter, David Clowes, John A Cooke, K Hilary Cooke, Judy M Davies, Paul H Davis, Dr Valentin Dedji, Christine A Dybdahl, Jennifer M Dyer, Stuart Earl, Hazel M Forecast, Albert Gayle, Anne E Gibson, Dr Barbara C Glasson, Yvonne Haye, John Hellyer, David A Haslam, Sonia M Hicks, Brian R Hoare, Helen R Hollands, Kenneth G Howcroft, Jimione Kaci, Jacob Kaiga, Prof Teddy Kalongo, Saidu Kanu, Ermal Kirby, Christina Le Moignan, Julie A Lunn, Charity Madenyika, Paul Martin, Loraine N Mellor, William R Morrey, Siperire Mugadzaweta, Dr Paul Nzacahayo, Nicholas A Oborski, Hayford Ofori-Attah, R Stephen Penrose, Dr David W Perry, Stephen J Poxon, Dr Kathleen M Richardson, Dr Neil G Richardson, J Roger Roberts, John D Robinson, Ian S Rutherford, Calvin T Samuel, D Paul C Smith, Ian Souter, Kenneth Stokes, Thomas J Stuckey, Richard J Teal, G Jeff Thomas, Graham Thompson, Alison Tomlin, Martin H Turner, Dr Mark H Wakelin, C Norman R Wallwork, Dr Roger L Walton, Peter Whittaker, Julia M Wiktorska, Sharon Willimott, Ian Yates.

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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

The Revd Moses Agyam, Deacon Angela Allport, the Revd Jonny Bell, the Revd Yanyan Case, Ms Anna Clough, Mr Dudley Coates, the Revd Dr Graham Edwards, Prof Alan Gillies, the Revd Dr Kennedy Godongwe, the Revd Dr Catrin Harland-Davies, the Revd Kevin

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JDS Scrutiny Group

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- Conference Office
- Ministries and Learning
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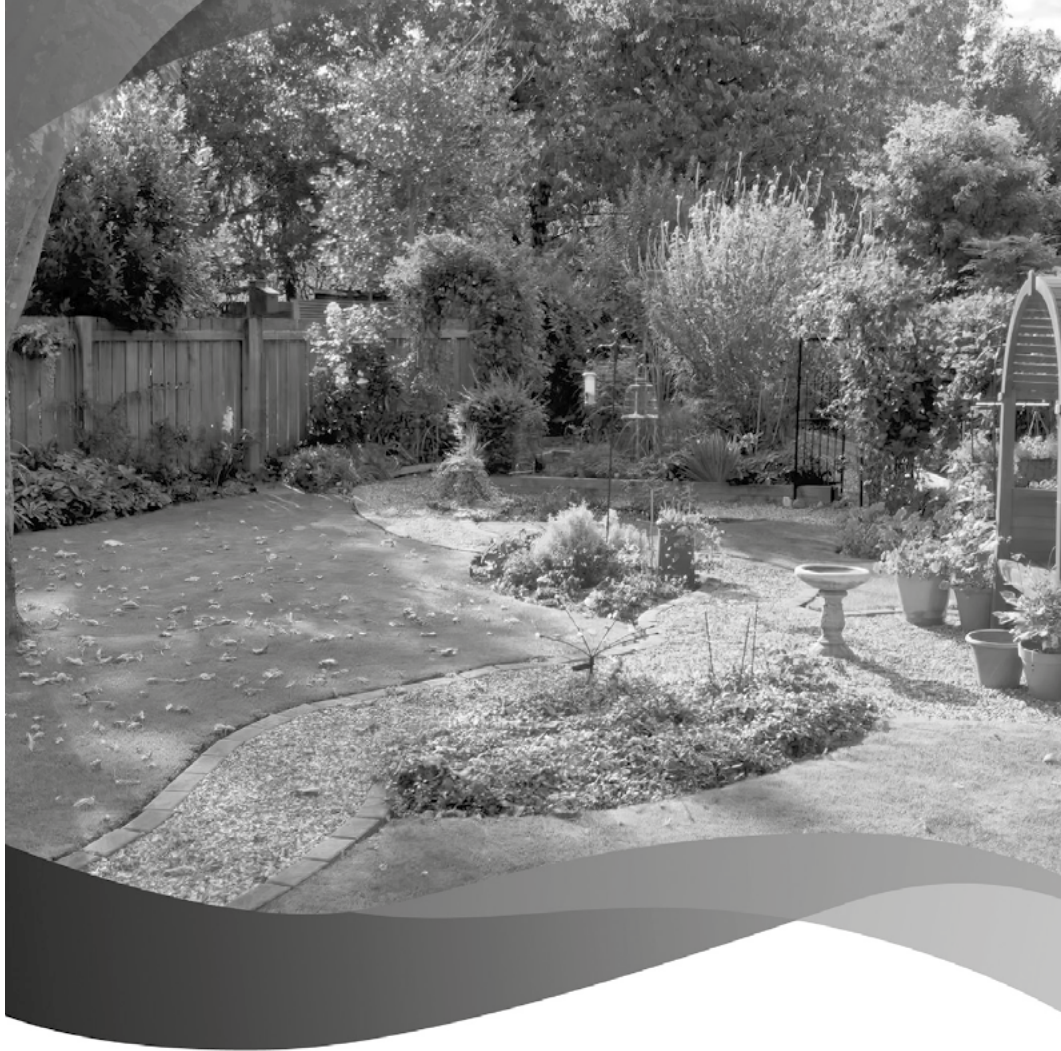
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John Hayton (AP)
Stella C Hayton (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Robert J Blackhall
Elaine E Halls
Graeme J Halls
David G Hawkes
David Murfin
David J Perkins
Sobanathasar Sinnathamby
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

Stations

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
Grace M Parry (D)
Neville Pugh
O Patrick Rudden
John W Wiggall

2/27 Vale of Glamorgan

Andrew Charlesworth (S)
R Paul Martin

Supernumeraries:

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

3 THE WEST MIDLANDS DISTRICT (122)

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

3/1 Anchor

A Stephen Willey (S)
Ben R Haslam
Kathryn R Darby (*Hospital Chaplain,
University Hospitals Birmingham*)

3/2 Birmingham

† Farai Mapamula (S)
Cleopas Sibanda (S)
Quophie Anochie Ababio
Ping Ting Chen
Molly Chitokwindo
Julie Clark
Caroline J Hague
Joseph S Ribeiro
Karen Webber
Kenneth M Hawkings (AP)
Christine M Dutton (*Connexional
Team*)

Melinda T Bell (*University Chaplain*)
James A Cruddas (*Civil Service*)
Neil W Johnson (*Street Ecclesial
Community – NPNP*)
Lemia Nkwelah (D) (*Permission to
Study*)
Elaine C Russell (*Bracknell Forest
Council*)
Andrew J Smith (WA)
Irene N Tafirenyika (D) (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Peter K Bates
J Roy Boffey
Brian J Brown
Barbara A Calvert
Helen D Cameron
Nigel T Collinson
Jennifer Edmondson
Martin K Freeman
Alison M Geary

Stations

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
Israel Selvanayagam
G Mark Stobert
Stanley Webb

The Queen's Foundation

Angela P Allport (D) (*Tutor*)
George P Bailey (*Tutor*)
Sylvester O Deigh (*Tutor*)
Catrin L Harland-Davies (*Tutor*)
Julie A Hudson (D) (*Tutor*)
Nicola V Price-Tebbutt (*Tutor*)
Judith A Rossall (*Tutor*)

3/3 Birmingham (Sutton Park)

Nicholas W Jones (S)
Sarah Butcher
† Collins O Frimpong-Manso
Jennifer Parnell (D)
Marilyn O S Slowe (D)

Supernumeraries:

Jean C Fletcher
David S H Hulme
Alan Smithson
Freddy Y Z Takavarasha

3/4 Birmingham (West) and Oldbury

Mucharutya Chisvo (S)
Ilidio Christino de Oliveira Junior
(RR)
Ann M Varker

Supernumeraries:

Peter F Featherstone
Phillip A Rees
Brian D Taylor
J Nicholas H Thompson

3/5 The Black Country

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

Supernumeraries:

Patricia A Davies
Carole J Holden
Philip J Thomas

3/6 Bromsgrove and Redditch

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

Supernumeraries:

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

3/7 Cannock Chase

Samantha Hagerman (S)
Susan W Culver (D)
Elizabeth A Dunning

Supernumeraries:

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

3/8 Coventry and Nuneaton

Jill Marsh (S)
Christine Crabtree
Doreen E A Koffie-Williams
Rebekah J Stennett

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

3/9 Dudley and Netherton

David J Alford (S)

3/10 Herefordshire (South and East)

Phillip J Warrey (S)

Supernumeraries:

Kathleen C Baldwin

Malcolm Brookes

Roy P Crew

Ruth J Eldridge

Mary E Jolly

Andrew D Pantland

Susan Keegan Von Allmen

Nigel A Williams

3/11 Hidden River

Gary P Hall (S)

Nancy N Ndoho

Helen Webster (D)

L Denise Yeadon

Supernumeraries:

Beverley D Boden

Michael J Claridge

Colin S Gardner

Raymond J Goode

Patricia M Horton

3/12 Kidderminster and Stourport

Novette Headley (S)

Rebecca L Lovatt (D)

Verity J Phillips

Supernumerary:

Hazel Ratcliffe

3/13 Shropshire and Marches

H Richard Hall (S)

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

Neil G Richardson

Pamela E Rush

Ruth I Shoreman

Brian Spencer

Kim J Stilwell

3/14 South Warwickshire

Iain M Ballard (S)

Tina Brooker

Sally A Jones

Jane E Mills (D)

Mark Rowland (*Connexional Team*)

David M Butterworth (WA)

Samuel E McBratney (WA)

Supernumeraries:

James Dobson

Gordon J Gatward

John K Harris

Rachel A Hextall

Margaret P Locke-Wheaton

John R Lusty

Stations

E Brian Mason
Rosamy Murphy
Eric T Potts
Audrey E Simpson
Richard W Wilde

3/15 South Worcestershire

Elizabeth M Harris (S)
Corinne A Brown (D)
Patricia Mukorombindo
Sarah Bruce (D) (*Hospice Chaplain*)
Stephen D T Froggatt (*Teacher*)
Beverley Ramsden (*Hospital 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

3/16 Stafford

David J Bintliff (S)

Supernumeraries:

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

3/17 Tamworth and Lichfield

Joanna L Thornton (S)
Mark C Stennett
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

3/18 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
Suzanne Newton

3/19 Vale of Stour

Jeremy R Hawkins (S)
Michael Payne
Christine Watson (AP)

Supernumeraries:

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

3/20 Wolverhampton

Rosemary A E Nash (S)
Paul Nzacahayo (S)
Linda Gilson (D)

† Ildiko Haraszti
Stephen Jackson
Teddy Siwila

Supernumeraries:

Kenneth H Collins
Margaret E Heim
Trevor J Pratt
Robert A Readshaw
Donald H Ryan
Stephen G Singleton
Ivor K Sperring
Betty Vaughan (D)
David J Wheeler

Stations

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
Emma L Langley (AP)
Sharon Lovelock
Leigh A Maydew
Aboseh Ngwana (RR)
Martin Slocombe
S Sally Spencer
Patrick D Stonehewer
Samuel Uwimana
David A Hull (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Caroline A Carter
Harold S Clarke
K Hilary Cooke
David G Deeks
R Dilwyn Edwards
John C A Emmett
C Michelle Hamilton (D)
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)
Mark G Read
David G Weeks
Sandra D Williams

7/7 Gloucestershire

Jayne E Webb (S)
Amanda G Briggs
† James J Cullingford
Michelle J Ireland

Rachel H Leather
John McNeil
Suzanne Peat (D)
Wendy J Tucker
Peter Clarkson (AP)
Esther J Mason (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Norman J Baker
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
Rachel L Hope
Kath Hutton (D)
John A G Kime
David King
Ian D McKenzie
Philip J Morse
Peter Muff
David G Nash
Stuart G Radford
Robert G Riddell
T John W Sampson
Carolyn Seaton
Martyn P Smith
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

Stations

Elizabeth Harfleet (D)
John Hayes
David B Winstanley
Mark F Pengelly (*Chaplain, Bath NHS Trust*)
Kathryn Thomas (*Chaplain*)
Philip S Turner (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

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

7/15 Gordano Valley

Russell G Herbert (S)
Nicholas O Moxon
Sally A Ratcliffe
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

Andrew Prout (S)
Andrew J Bell
Collin L Moore (RR)

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

7/20 Wiltshire United Area

H Craig Manley (S)
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

Stations

7/22 North Wiltshire

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

Supernumeraries:

Anthony Barnes
 Janet L Evans
 Geoffrey D Floyd
 Roy E Howard
 Susan D M Howe

A Ward Jones
 Mark Barrett
 Jonathan R Musselwhite
 Pamela F Stranks

7/23 Upper Thames

Shirlyn Toppin (S)
 Ian P Mead
 Sarah C Simpson (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Margaret W Livingstone
 Janette Partridge
 Donald F Symonds

10 THE 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
 Anne M Richardson
 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
 Deborah G Poole
 Henry F Le Ruez

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)
Claire E Rawlinson
Suzanne M Sale (D)
J Neil Stacey

Supernumeraries:

Helen M Caine
John Carr
John F Clarke (D)
David H Copley
D Graham Evans
David J Gallimore (D)
Lynda J Gallimore (D)
Anne E Gibson
Claire M Heald
Roger C G Hutchings
Christine M Jones
Stephen L Kingsnorth
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)
Allen Moyo
Shirley D Hassall (D)
Timothy A Coleman (D)

Supernumeraries:

Helen Hoe
Andrew E Pratt
Annie Trembling (D)
Patricia A Billsborrow

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
Carolyn Lawrance
Eliska Mulliner
† Obeth Thevanesan
David J L Willis
L Eric Kirkman (AP)

Supernumeraries:

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

Stations

11/14 Market Drayton

Helen Kirk (S)

Supernumeraries:

Roger A Baker

Paul J Clapham

Robert C Cotton

11/15 Potteries Mission

Joseph N Lightfoot Adams (S)

J Paul Parker

William R Porter

Pamela A Roberts

Rachel M Thomas-Prasad (D)

Susan E Edwards (*Royal Stoke & Stafford Hospitals NHS Trust*)

Supernumerary:

Stuart Hickerman

11/18 Stoke-on-Trent Mission

Kathryn Stephens (S)

Ruth Jeffries

Supernumeraries:

A Peter Hancock

Stephen G Hatcher

John M Hibberts

W Arthur Wakelin

11/22 North Staffordshire

Elizabeth J Singleton (S)

James Pritchard

Joy R Ventom

Simon C Sutcliffe (*Chaplain, Keele University*)

Supernumeraries:

Chris J Ambler

Derick Chambers

Richard J Parkes

John Taylor

11/24 Staffordshire Moorlands

Julie Hassall (S)

Denise E Williamson

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
Richard M Andrew (Chair of the District) There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod

13/1 Darlington and Teesdale

David Hinchliffe (S)

Graham A Cutler

Gavin R Hume

Catherine L Minor (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

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

Stations

John C Howard-Norman
Rachel L Williams (*Mental Health Chaplain*)

Supernumerary:
Anne R Coates

13/3 Stockton

Vincent M Jambawo (S)
Kundai Katiyo (RR)
Martin F Ramsden
Sarah Ramsden (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:
Timothy C Boocock
Roy D Burley
Margaret Fleming
Eric Mason
Neville Simpson

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 (S)
Graham P Peacock (*Mental Health Chaplain*)

13/7 Cleveland and Danby

Richard V Sharples (S)
Mary E G Peters (RR)

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
Suva Catford (WA)

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

Bruce J Sawyer (S)
Elizabeth Catford
Liesl C Warren (D)

Supernumeraries:
David R Hall
Francis R Neil
Joyce Wilson (D)

13/19 North Yorkshire Dales

Joanna M Brown (S)

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

Thomas J Osborne (S)
Stephen Cullis
Matthew A Olanrewaju
Mary Sachikonye
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
Sharon L Willimott
Pauline A Wrenn

14/2 Ipswich

Vivienne G Smith (S)
Paulson Devasahayam Leela
Stephen T Mann
Saul Tadzaushe

Supernumeraries:

Michael J Allen
Beverley A Barclay
Mark R Booth
Jane K Cassidy
Michael G Cassidy
Malcolm Clark
Guy R Goodall
Yvonne M Haye
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
Rose A S Westwood

14/7 Lowestoft and East Suffolk

Martin L Keenan (S)
Alan G Palmer (*Chaplain, James Paget Hospital*)
Supernumeraries:
Pamela M Bayliss
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)
Katy R Adams (WA)

Supernumerary:

Leslie E Wallace

14/13 North Norfolk

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

Supernumeraries:

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
Neil M Vels (RR)

Supernumeraries:

Pauline Barnett
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)
Judith H E Bell
Jacqueline S Goddard
Richman Ncube
Michaela Sorensen (AP)

Supernumeraries:

David Blacklock
Frederick R Day
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

14/25 St Neots and Huntingdon

J James Bamber (S)
Latika Singh
Nicholas H W Witham
Matthew R Finch (*Connexional Team*)

Supernumeraries:

Barbara E Garwood
R Blair Kirkby
Kathryn E Pawlett
Susan M Roberts (D)
Pam H Siddall
Alan M Taylor
Heather M Walker

Stations

14/26 Cambridge

Kevin R Highfield (S)
 Ian H Murray (D)
 Jennifer R Pathmarajah
 Charity Tozivepi-Nzegwu
 William J Miller (AP)
 C Philip Nevard (AP)
 Simon W Coleman (*Chaplain*)
 Jane Leach (*Principal, Wesley House*)
 Nicola Vidamour (*Director of Reflective Supervision, Wesley House*)
 Carole Irwin (WA)

Supernumeraries:

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

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)
 Christvin Edbarg
 Rebecca J Ingrouille
 Stephen P Ingrouille
 Johanna C Smart
 Bryan A Yardy

Andrew G Fishburne (*Connexional Team*)

David Shirtliff (*Retreat House Warden*)

Supernumeraries:

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

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
 Cedric R P May (D)

17/2 Lincoln

Richard P Mottershead (S)
 † Helen Gardner (D)
 Juliet E Wriglesworth
 Alan J Robson (*Also District Agricultural Chaplain*)
 Peter G Reast (D) (WA)
Supernumeraries:
 Martin J Amery

Stations

Alan M Barker
Alan W Barker
Stephen J Brown
Margaret F Doughty
Christine S Farley (D)
Margaret S Harrison
Christine J Jewitt
David R Lawton
Ian P Kemp
Lindsay D Kemp
Terence M Nowell
Sandra E Osgerby
F Margaret Roe
Lynne E A Ward

17/5 Grimsby and Cleethorpes

Neil Vickers (S)
Susan Chambers
Kathleen R Deakins
Mark A Hutson (AP)

Supernumeraries:

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

17/6 East Lincolnshire

Graham P Miles (S)
Margaret J Asiedu

Supernumeraries:

Geoffrey C Boxer
Norman E Carr
Ivor Haythorne
Cecil Mundy

17/11 Barton, Brigg and Wolds

Robert L Roberts (S)
John C Schofield

Supernumeraries:

Nigel J Clements
Enid M Knowles
Ruth Simpson
Tony Simpson
David J E Woodward

17/12 Sleaford

Angela J Long (S)
Gabriele E Britton-Voss

Supernumeraries:

Denise Bulloss
Henry Dubois
Colin J Martin
T Manville Wiles
William Wilson

17/15 South Holland

Angela J Long (S)

Supernumeraries:

Margaret Barnes
David J Curran
John Furniss
Maurice L Perry
Robert G Pritchard
Geoffrey W Tamblin (D)

17/22 Boston

Valerie J Ogden (S)

Supernumeraries:

Julie Doddrell
I Marie Greenwood

Stations

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)
† William D Topping (D)
Helen White
Julie Mooney (AP)
Tracey J Hume (D) (*District
Community Engagement Enabler*)
Kathryn M Reader (*MHA Chaplain*)
David A Wilkinson (*University of
Durham*)
H Barrie Morris (WA)

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 D Woolley (S)
Lynda Coulthard
Andrew J Sterling

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
Elaine M Lindridge (*Minister for the
Mother House*)

Supernumeraries:

J W Wesley Blakey
David Bolton
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

20/6 South East Northumberland

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

Supernumeraries:

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

20/8 Tynedale

Marie L Beard (S)

Stations

Fiona Calverey
Michael P Holland
Gareth Sherwood
Rachel E Parkinson (WA)

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
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

Supernumeraries:

Cynthia R Hardiman
Judith W Oldroyd
Paul J Worsnop

20/15 South West Tyneside

Janet Capstick (S)
David Charter
Stephen J Lindridge
Brigitta Steele
I Neil Cockling (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

J Trevor Capstick
Jennifer M Gill
Martin P James
Moirá 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)

Supernumeraries:

Christine E Kettlety
Alfred Waite

20/20 Chester-le-Street

Jennifer M Porterpryde (S)
Anne R Kilvington
Linda Watkin (D)
Elizabeth A Kent (*University of Durham*)
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

Supernumeraries:

Terence Hurst
Deborah Wainwright

Stations

22 THE NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY DISTRICT (65)

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)
† Claire Sutcliffe
John Wiseman
Supernumeraries:
Alan R Boyd
Robert W Gollins
David Monkton
F M Ruth Orton
Michael J Redshaw
Lawrence E Sharp
David R Speed

22/2 Nottingham (South)

Mark D Roberts (S)
Helen J Fyall
† Naomi F Sparey
Supernumeraries:
Hilary M Cheng
Marian Crawford
Michael W Lees

22/4 Nottingham (Trent Valley)

Anthony G Malcolm (S)
Andrew G Checkley
Sian M Street (D)
Lewis J Greaves (*Hospital Chaplain*)
Supernumeraries:
Stuart A Bell
Peter Dawson
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
Jacqueline D Quarmby
Paul Desborough (AP)
Kevin P Jones (AP)
Jason G Kennedy (AP)
Robert Foster (*Belper Baptist Church*)
Supernumeraries:
Edward J Ager
Douglas R Allen
Paul H Ashby
Rosemary Bell (D)
Moira J Biggins
Christopher P Briggs
Colin J Emerson
David G Greenaway
Robert L Hawkins
Ivan R Homer
Raymond Lunt
Patricia A Moore (D)
David R Owen
Jane Rice (D)

22/11 Ashbourne

Nicola A Briggs (S)
Arnold M O Dixon (WA)
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

Stations

Supernumeraries:

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

22/13 Borders Mission

Robert Hurley (S)
Peter D Taylor
Simon A Rose
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
Barbara C Glasson
David H Glasson
Colin P Mark
Stella F Mills
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

Dawn F Brown (S)
Neil A Maynard

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

Supernumeraries:

Ann M Bolas
David H Bonny
Lynda M Coates
C John Hartley
Derek Morton
David G Palmer
Susan L Rolls
Robert Russell (RR)

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
Alan W Swann
Rodney E Warden
John Williams
Linda Williams

22/26 Newark and Southwell

Langley A J Mackrell-Hey (S)
Peter W Hibberts

Supernumeraries:

Peter T Bates
David C Gibson

Stations

Gaynor L Hall
Kevin M Hart
Derek G Holtom
John N Hucknall

Colin M Membery
Barrie Morley
Ian M Worrall

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*)

Supernumeraries:

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

23/2 Wantage and Abingdon

Georgina F T Bondzi-Simpson (S)
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
Katherine J Pickering
John E Stanfield

23/3 West Oxfordshire

Andrew P Biggs (S)

Jason Cooke
Kathryn A Flynn
† Susan N Jacobs
Supernumeraries:
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:

David C P Haseldine
Michael Langley
Roger Lee

Stations

23/7 Leicester (Trinity)

Sonia M Hicks (S)
Kim Alexander
Christopher Andam (RR)
Liam B Dacre-Davis
Sharon Dilley (D)
Andrew S Farrington
Ian J K Hu
Derek J McLean
Ivan N Bennett (AP)

Supernumeraries:

David Bosworth
Kathryn Cook
Albert W Mosley
Anthony Pick
Vincent J Price
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 Charnwood and Mowbray

Karen A Beecham (S)
Nina J Austin
Calvin Cheung

Supernumeraries:

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

23/11 Hinckley

M Andrew Lomax (S)
Edward Sakwe

Supernumeraries:

Vivienne R D Atter
Stephen A Hoggar
Graham J Miles

23/13 Northampton

David J Speirs (S)
Samantha J Gillard
Ian J Forsyth (AP)
Rachael D Warnock (AP)
Daniel J Pratt Morris-Chapman
(*Wesley House Cambridge*)

Supernumeraries:

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

23/14 East Mercia

Nathan S Falla (S)
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)

Stations

23/15 Stamford

Andrew J L Hollins (S)
Rebecca H Wright

Supernumeraries:

Richard T Baggott
J Christopher Bamber
William P H Booker
Paul Cockburn
Nigel J Coke-Woods
Julia T Dowding
E Barry Gent
Maureen E Jones
C Peter Lemmon
Brian Lewis
Christine M Pocock

23/21 Peterborough

Colin Sherwood (S)
Sarah C Gower (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Raymond F Garfoot
David R Parkes
Dale S Sherriff

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)
Kofi D Tekyi-Ansah

George Mwaura (AP)

Alison M Facey (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Christopher R Batten
Margaret A Goodall
Stephanie J Hibberd
Barry D Lotz
David Marshall
Elizabeth Morris
Stephen J Peck (D)
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

Stations

25 THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT (59)

Victoria J Atkins (Chair of the District)
Sean C C Adair (Secretary of the Synod)

25/1 Sheffield

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

Supernumeraries:

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

Gillian M Tutt
John J Vincent
J Graham Wassell
Michael J Wildgust
David F Willie
Elizabeth R Wills
Frances M Young

25/2 Derbyshire North East

Mark Carrick (S)
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
P Ann Gilson (D)
Kim Teck Goh
Deborah A Hodgson
John B Job
Paul R King
M Alan Morton
Daniel M Mwailu
R Margaret K Mwailu
Pamela J Webster
John W Young

25/13 The Peak

Timothy Morris (S)
Joanna R Rand (WA) (*Permission to Study*)
Gillian M Sharpe (*MHA Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Martyn D Atkins
May McK Gladwin
Frances E Johnson
Julie A Letts

Stations

Cliff College

Jeffrey A Conklin-Miller (RR) (*Learning Lead and Tutor in Evangelism and Missiology*)
 Graham M Edwards (*Cliff Year Lead and Teaching Fellow*)
 Andrew J Stobart (*Principal*)

25/14 Doncaster

John P Henry (S)
 Thomas D Read
 Jonathon D Bellfield (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumerary:

Jonathan K Gichaara

25/15 Barnsley

Lyn P Gregg (S)
 Andrew J Atkins
 Mark Attwood (D)
 Constance M Taylor (AD)

Supernumeraries:

Harold R Bowes
 Louise M Dawson
 Michael A Neal

Geoffrey C Reid
 Eileen A Sanderson

25/17 Rotherham and Dearne Valley

Andrew M Fox (S)
 A Louise Makin
 Lynn Broadhead (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Joyce Barrass
 Jennifer E Park
 Richard M Styles

25/19 Trinity

Julie I Coates (S)
 S Emily Hoe-Crook (D)
 Angela Potheary
 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

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
 Rachael L Hawkins
 Timothy A Searle (AP)

Supernumeraries:

John J A Archer
 Gregory T Black
 Catherine M Bowstead
 Bryan F Coates
 John H S Crossley

Stations

Robert J Kitching
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
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

26/6 Meon Valley

Philip J Griffin (S)

26/7 East Solent and Downs

Elizabeth C van Aart Goddess (S)
Pauline A Crispin
David D Faulkner
Ray H Goddess
Janice C Hacon (D)

David J Muskett
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
Geoffrey R Senior
Martin J Stillwell
Christine Walters (D)
Beryl Wright

26/8 Dorset South and West

John D Yarrien (S)
Helen J Harrell
Kate E Konrad
Jane M Wilson

Supernumeraries:

Catherine Campbell Hyde
Soon Cheol Choi
Gordon A Close
Deborah A Cornish
Charles J Crane
C G Ruth Farrantt
Stephanie J Jenner
Christina Le Moignan
Ruth Lownsbrough
Gwyneth M Owen
Margaret A Oxenham
Jean A Quick
David J Reep
Judy M Turner-Smith
John D Walker

26/9 Poole Bay

Karen E James (S)
Sarah J Knebel (S)
Gillian H Le Boutillier-Scott
Gareth J Higgs (*Tutor at Moorlands College*)

Supernumeraries:

Paul R Arnold
Jane M Ashplant

Stations

Christopher Blake
Mark J Davenport
Cedric J Fellows
Sylvia M Garrett
David J Gynes
John Hainsworth
Sylvia Hawes (D)
Gillian Judge (D)
Christopher J Moreton
Brian Purchase (D)
Maurice Weatherup

26/10 Christchurch and Wimborne

Andrew R Pottage (S)
Susan J Baker-Maher
Mark J Kimber
Nicholas P Wood

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
Elizabeth Rundle
Glenda Sidding (D)
Thomas J Stuckey
Paul R Wayne (D)

26/11 Isle of Wight

Jane V Craske (S)
Gina A Hoff

Supernumeraries:

Frances E Balham
Linda Francis
David P Plumb

26/12 Salisbury

Mark Cheetham (S)
Denise Binks
Selina J Nisbett (D)
† Dorothy A Pipet
Anna Bishop (*Tutor at Sarum College*)
Stephen M Hawkes (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Barry J Allen
Derek R Chapman
Richard J Clarke
Judy M Davies
Peter W Ensor
Rosemary J Fletcher
David Hollingsworth
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

Stations

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)
Michelle Onyett
Rachel A Ward
Judith E Marshall (D) (*Chaplain to
Leeds City Centre (Leeds Sanctuary)*)
Timothy C Nicholls (*Chaplain to the
Universities of Leeds*)

Supernumeraries:

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

27/2 Leeds (North and East)

Tanya M Short (S)
Adelha Da Silva Kaka (D)
Janet Titterton
Nigel S Wright
Emily R A Young
George P Bailey (*Tutor at Queen's
Foundation*)
Steven 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)
Kevin A N Greaves (AP)
David J Hopkin (AP)

Supernumeraries:

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

27/15 Wharfedale and Aireborough

Timothy M Perkins (S)
Annie J M Baker-Streevy (RR)
Shannon C DeLaureal (RR)
M Cameron Stirk
Wendy Walker
Roberta R Topham (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Rita Armitage
Raymond Bassindale
Elizabeth J Day (D)
C Michael Faulkner
Peter R Gray
David Halstead
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)
Christopher J Holmes
Jacob Kaiga
Naomi N Kaiga
Thomas C K Phiri (RR)
Julian M Pursehouse
Kim Williams

Supernumeraries:

Ronald J Aitchison (D)
Trevor Grewcock

Stations

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
Helen J Shallow
Stephen G Normanton (*Peer Talk*)

Supernumeraries:

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

27/32 Bradford North

Philip N Drake (S)
Nicholas C Blundell
Lisa Quarmby
Joy Sykes (D)
Robert J Drost (*School Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Derek Hoe
Keith W Hunt
Sarah A Jemison
Keith Knight
Patricia A Malham

27/33 Bradford South

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

27/34 Calderdale

Nicholas Biggar (S)
† Godfrey Chikaviro
A Kathryn Heathcoat
Anthony J D Morling
Michelle D Petch (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Jill B Bowden
David V Briggs
Meredith J Evans (D)
David J Kennard
Graham R Kent
John B Saville
J Harry Scott
Graham S Smith

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
Susan M Burton
Helen Johnson
Jennet E McLeod
Richard W Oldroyd
Teresa Pearson
Annette Sharp (D)
Ann Sherratt
Brian J Snellgrove

Stations

Richard W Thompson
Colin Vere

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

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

Rosemary J Nicholls

Keith M Phipps
David W Smith (D)
Christopher Stark
Shaun Swithenbank
David E Wilkes
Rowland H Wilkinson (D)

29/2 The Bridge

Gareth P Baron (S)
Nicholas C Bentley (S)
Ann L Lett (S)
Leslie M Newton (S)
Francesca Rhys (S)
Sarah L Caddell
Ruth E Gilson-Webb (*who shall act in respect of ministerial duties under the direction of the Chair of District*)
Ian D Pruden

Supernumeraries:

Robert M Amos
Stephen Caddy
Peter Cross
Geoffrey Dougill
Marie G Dove
Janet E Durbin (D)
David R Emison
A Diane Finch
John A Fisher
J Barry Lumley

29/16 Tadcaster

Ann Fox (S)

† Abi Alex

Supernumerary:

Kenneth W Marshall

29/23 Thirsk and Northallerton

Kim Hurst (S)

Supernumeraries:

Richard J Bradshaw
Geoffrey T Bruce
Kenneth C Carveley
Ruth M Crompton
Ian D Johnson
Sandra K Marshall
Jane Paine (D)
John Sadler
J Malcolm Sellers
Gordon E Webster
Michael Webster

Stations

29/26 Nidd Valley

Benjamin P Clowes (S) (*Deputy Chair*)
† 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)
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
Leonora J Wassell
G Michael Wearing
Peter Whittaker
T Mervyn Willshaw

29/31 North Yorkshire Coast

Graham R Morgan (S)
Gareth P Phillips
Janet E Rossall
Loren P Whetsell (RR)
Supernumeraries:
Martin W Calver
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
Ann Staton
John E Staton
Terry Street (D)
Harold Stuteley
Maureen Thorpe (D)
Pamela R Ward

29/32 South Holderness

Leslie M Newton (S)
Ian C Greenfield
Eric G Raygor (RR)
Supernumeraries:
Randall J Barlow
Susan Langdale (D)
Mary Lloyd
Susan Sowden

29/33 York

John T S Hayward (S)
Elizabeth Cushion
Rory J Dalgliesh
Alexandra D Middleton-Laing
† Kate Paterson (D)
Jill M Pullan
Graham R Jones (*Connexional Team*)
Gillian M Newton (*Connexional Team*)
Supernumeraries:
David B Archer
R Graham Carter
Michael A Chester
Ruth C Duck
Graham A Evans
Andrew Foster
Helen M Freeston
Louise E Grosberg
Ann M Haith
Hazel G M Hanson
David L Jones
F Leonard Karn
Roy Kilner
Joan Patton (D)
David A Priestnall
Geoffrey W Revett

Stations

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
Jane Brown (AP)
Melanie Burnside (AP)
Mark P Haynes (WA)

Supernumeraries:

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

29/35 Driffeld-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)
Joseph N Kwallah

Supernumeraries:

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

29/37 Hull (Centre and West)

Louisa J Haynes (S)
Helen E Hickson

† Alison Hyde (D)
Emma R Morgan

Andrew Orton
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)

31/1 Scotland

Adam J Stevenson (S)
A James Patron Bell
David R Bidnell
Andrew J Bryer
Natalie M Clark (D)
Jonathan Garde
† Daniel George
Douw Grobler (D)
Brain Magadzire
Imran Malik
Laurent R Vernet
Helen M Garton (AP)
Marc Kenton (AP)
S Robinson Paisley (AP)
Elizabeth M Allison (*Hospital Chaplain*)
Eunice Attwood (D) (*Connexional Team*)
Christopher Blackshaw (*Agricultural Chaplain for Church of Scotland*)
Helen E Jenkins (WA)
Marian A Taylor (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Elizabeth J B Adam
Ian G Anderson
Margaret C Anderson
T Alan Anderson
John N Attwood
Walter Attwood
Linda Bandelier
Andrew M Baker
Nigel F Barton
John T Beadle
A Derek M Bibb
James A Booth
D Gerald Bostock
Roger F Brown
Clare E M Burl

David J Collinson
Timothy M Cooke
Raymond Cummins
Marian Dixon
David P Easton
Gillian M Evans
David M Firth
Christopher R D Foxon
Colin J Groom
R Michael Harland
Robert Henderson
Michael J Hill
J Richard Jackson
Susan Jansen
Christine Jones
Gareth P Jones
James W Jones
David Key
Clive J Larrett
Grahame Lockhart
Allan Y Loudon
Andrew G Mackenzie
Malcolm J McCall
Elizabeth A McDowell
Jennifer M McKenzie
Linda K McMurray
Robert G Morton
Lorna H Murray
Elizabeth A Oliver
Mary M Patterson
Keith R Pearce
John B Potter
Joan Pretorius-Lougheed
Melanie Reed
Ann Rigby-Jones
Christopher J Shreeve
Geoffrey Shutt
Robert A Stoner (D)
Philip J Taylor
Timothy J Thorpe

Stations

Hilda M Warwick
Alan Whitson
Robert O Whorton

Mark Wynn (D)
Joyce M Yendole

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*)

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

Silas J Wood (S)
Leslie J Noon
Christopher L A Sandy
Sydney Sichilima (RR)
† Paulette R Tedd
Terry C W Wright (*Other Appointment*)
Christine M Howe (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Richard E G Barrett
Nigel S Bibbings
G David C Bown
Julie A Bradshaw
Douglas J Ford
C James Gorringer
Sandra M Howes
Alan Kirk
Vera Pearson (D)
David J Winwood

34/4 South Bedfordshire

Patrick G Kandeh (S)
Seung-Wook Jung

Claudia Lupi Ricco
Margaret A Newman
Joanne Sherwood
Michael Anokye (AP)
Jennifer A Spouge (WA)

Supernumeraries:

G Wallace Edwards
Keith R Underhill

34/6 Colchester

Christine P Preece (S)
Hannah M Chun

Supernumeraries:

David J Moody
Ron Smith

34/7 Tending

Luke G S Smith (S)
Angela Shereni (D)
Steven Sutton
Trevor M Hahn (AP)

Supernumeraries:

John L H Allison

Stations

Marion A Cole
Derek Lang
Glanville J Martin
Roger J Parsons
Alec J H Potter

34/9 Chelmsford

Asif Karam (S)
† Jennifer K Walters
David Sebley (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Olufemi R W Cole-Njie
Anne M Davies
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:

Velma Campbell
Margaret L Deans
Brenda E A Gutberlet
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
Sheelah M Stevens

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
Caroline E A Douglas (AP)
(*Queenswood School*)
Paul E Seymour (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Marion L Bright
E John Churcher
Alan J Combes
Peter Hudson
David H Mullins

34/14 West Hertfordshire and Borders

Caroline Wickens (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
Michael G Giles
Sally J Long
Stephen M Sankey
John W Smith
Brian N Tebbutt
Caroline A Weaver

Stations

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)
Faith M Nyota (Chair of the District)
There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod

35/1 City Road

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

Supernumeraries:

John A Cooke
John S Lampard
R Stephen J Penrose
Ian Yates

Methodist Church House

The following shall act under the direction of the Warden of the Diaconal Order:

Laura J Evans (D) (WA)

35/2 West London Mission

Peter J Cornick (S)
Tessa J Bennett (D)
Ruth B J S Yorke (D)
Linberg J Y Wong (RR)

Supernumerary:

M John Swarbrick

35/3 Westminster

Anthony D Miles (S)
Alison McMillan (D)

† Joyce Popoola

Supernumeraries:

Gordon D Newton

Myrtle A Poxon (D)
Stephen J Poxon

35/4 Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham

Faith M Nyota (S)
Ilesinga Vunipola

Supernumerary:

Rosamund V Hollingsworth

35/5 Battersea and Wandle Valley

Jennifer A Matthews (S)
Japhet K Kabilu
Saidu Kanu

35/6 Lambeth

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

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Dani M Wright

35/7 Southwark and Deptford

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

Stations

35/9 Tower Hamlets

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

35/10 Hackney and Stoke Newington

Jonathan Dean (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 (RR)
Karen McBride (D) (*Warden of the Diaconal Order*)

35/13 Notting Hill and Harlesden

D Paul Wood (S)
Sang Woo Seo
Ian J Worsfold (*City, University of London Chaplain*)

Supernumerary:

Shameela M Samuel

35/20 Newham

Michael J A Long (S)
Charity D Madenyika
Elizabeth O Osei
Catherine H Bird (*Permission to serve another Church*)
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Supernumeraries:

Sara E Coggin
Paul E Regan

35/22 New River

Thurairajah Samuel (S)
Christopher M Haines

Matthew Lunn
Francis M'Itiiri
Michelle L 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)
Simon Madhiba (RR)
Michaela A Youngson (*Connexional Team*)

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*)

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Allison Waterhouse

35/26 Wimbledon

Paul D Timmis (S)
Dawn N Canham (D)
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Stations

35/28 Blackheath and Crystal Palace

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35/30 Lesnes Abbey

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Chellaian Lawrence
H Patrick Eggleston (AP)
Jonathan Macy (AP)
Miriam de Gallo (AP)

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35/31 Barking, Dagenham and Ilford

Mmasape T Thathane-Tyolweni (S)
Jacqueline Jones (RR)
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Gill College
Vera Nicholls (D)

35/32 Romford

Eleanor G Jackson (S)
Rohama Asif
Robert J Maginley
† Rachel Read
Sarah J Rigby (D)

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John B Chambers
Roy McP Jackson
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Diane Smith
Rupert L A Weekes

35/33 Forest

Michael J A Long (S)
Susan J Creighton
Kong Ching Hii
Stephanie Njeru

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Norman A Grigg
Tony Holden
Dorothy M Poingdestre (D)

35/34 Enfield

Paul J Weary (S)
Valentin Dedji
Papa K B Owusu
Nigel Cowgill (*Connexional Team*)

35/35 Barnet and Queensbury

Martin Wellings (S)
Alberta Konadu-Yiadom
Ben Twumasi
Danny Wheadon
Alec S Corio (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Judith M Chapman
Philip I Chapman
David C Newton

35/36 Harrow and Hillingdon

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

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Donghwan Kim
Ronald Hunter

35/37 Teddington

David A Innes (S)
Supernumeraries:
Vida D Foday
Nicholas J Skelding

Stations

35/38 Kingston upon Thames

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

Supernumeraries:

Graham G Cocking
Eric W Murray
Andrew Pakes
Denis L Vernon

35/39 Sutton

Catherine Hutton (S)
Hendry Ponniah
Ung Soon Nguang (RR)
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
Suzie G B Viana (D)
Roberto Viana (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Ermal B Kirby

Jennifer-Ann Kirby
Stephen R Mares

35/41 Croydon

Richard A J Grocott (S)
Gyula F Fiak
Allyson Henry (D)
Richard M Lowson

Supernumeraries:

Pamela A Clews
Leslie J Griffiths
A Cameron Kirkwood
Andrew H Lyons
Jennifer M Potter
Juliet C Ushewokunze

35/42 Widmore

Karen M George (S)
Duncan J MacBean (S)

†

Eric Bediako
Hannah C Faal-Heim
Laura MacBean (D)
Janet E Verrier (*Chaplain: Farringtons School*)

Supernumeraries:

David J Gillman
David Morris
Derek N Stanworth
Gillian Walsh
Anthony Windsor

Stations

36 THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT (77)

Conrad J Hicks (Chair of the District)
Nicholas A Oborski (Secretary of the Synod)

36/1 Blackwater Valley

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

Supernumeraries:

David F Ashby
Graham W Hindle
Gisela A Lawson

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

Lansford H Penn-Timothy (S)
Jacqueline A P O Esama-John (D)
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
Simon Butler (AP)
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)
Dawn R Carn
† Owen G Carney
Steven D Donnison
Tongayi J Matamba (RR)
Helen M Higgin-Botham (AP)

Supernumeraries:

Geoffrey P Bell
Anthony Brazier
Donald Frith
Steven W Hill
Douglas R Hopwood
John R Jennings
Kavula J John
J Raymond King
Phyllis M King (D)
Michael J Lewis
Graham R Locking
Andrew Reed
Kathleen L Rhodes
Timothy J Ross
John Scrivens
Billy Slatter
Robert Sneddon
Nigel J Stapley
Janet M Tanner
Richard J Tanner
Anthony G Trevithick
Gina Upton

Stations

Richard F Westwood
John D H Wren

36/10 Gatwick and Mole Valley

Antony J Cavanagh (S)
Gillian R Baalham
Daniel J Balsdon
Elisabeth K Brooks
Clive W McKie
Sarah Pitkeathly (D)
Stephen Richardson (D)
Benjamin Scrivens
Christine A Millwood (*School Teacher*)

Supernumeraries:

Norma Browning
Susan B Conroy
Asif Das
Hazel M Forecast
Jan H Hofmeyr
David M Shaw
Kok Kong Yap

36/12 Brighton and Hove

Andrew Lowe (S)
Karen J Bell
Heather Leake-Date (*HIV Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

Cynthia A Park
Kathleen M Richardson
Julia M Wiktorska

36/13 Central Sussex United Area

Barbara T Evans-Routley (S)
William E Fletcher
Andrew S C Melvin (RR)
Paul Tabraham
Vicky A Welsh (D)
Memon Shahbaz (AP)
Stuart J Dyer (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Lynda A Cook
Sheila Foreman
Gordon W Harrison
Jacqueline A Horton
Edmee W Hurst
Roger M Leslie

Roger McAvoy
Peter W Shilling
Patricia M Williams
Jennifer Woodfin (D)

36/15 Gibraltar

David J Barrett (S)
Conrad J Hicks (S)
Nicholas A Oborski

36/16 Malta

Conrad J Hicks (S)
Beata Thane (AP)

36/17 Hastings, Bexhill and Rye

Ian R Couchman (S)
Crawford J Logan

Supernumeraries:

Jean F Duckworth-Lloyd (D)
David L Freeland
Jonathan M Todd
Robin E Roberts

36/18 Weald of Kent

Jane E Braund (S)
† Helen Cook (D)
Kirsty S McGhee
Dermot J Thornberry
Katie L Osweiler (AP) (*Chaplain, Kent College, Pembury*)

Supernumeraries:

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

36/21 North Kent

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

Stations

Supernumeraries:

Victor N Downs (D)
Geoffrey D Gordon
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)

Supernumeraries:

Alan B Hewitt
John A Makey
Malcolm Peach
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36/27 Canterbury and East Kent

Peggy M Kabonde (S)
Rosemary Bending

Ruth L Armstrong (AP)
Alison E Walker (*Chaplain, Kent College, Canterbury*)

Supernumeraries:

Emmanuel Aggrey-Ogoe
Deborah J Borda
Raymond J Bradshaw
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Christopher J Esgate
Gavin P Hancocks
Christine Jones
Richard D C Jones
Jeanette M Lambrick
John L Lines
Roger North
Stephen J Poole
Harvey S Richardson
Brenda Rogers
Lynda C Russell
Hugh-Nigel Sheehan
Michael J Walling

37 THE SOUTH WEST PENINSULA DISTRICT (112)
Daniel R Haylett (Chair of the District) There is a Lay Secretary of the District Synod

37/1 Camborne, Redruth and Hayle

Simon J Clarke (S)
D Mark Richards
Kathryn J Brooke (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

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)
Wayne Grewcock
Donna A Leigh
Stephen P Santry
Sungil Han (AP)
Leon A Dundas (*Managing Chaplain, HMP Exeter*)

Stations

Derek M Boswell (WA)
Mark J Gilborson (WA)

Supernumeraries:

M Glennys Bamford
David J Bryon
W Graeme Butler
Malcolm Carter
Paul A Collings
Susan Fytche (D)
Barbara Greenwood
David J Greenwood
Brian J Hadfield
Jean M Hughes
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)
† Rebecca J Marshall
Brenton R Prigge
Amanda S Roper
John D Mills (*Hospital Chaplain*)
J Alistair Sharp (*Charity Worker*)
Nicola Slateford (WA)

Supernumeraries:

Edgar D Daniel
Terence M Higgins
Mark M Roper
David E Youngs

37/5 Falmouth and Gwennap

Jonathan H Froggatt (S)
Paul K A Harold

Supernumeraries:

Andrew J Mumford
Celia M Phillips

37/6 Tavistock

Christopher P Brown (S)

Supernumeraries:

John M Haley
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
Nigel J Young

37/8 Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge

Nichola G Jones (S)

Supernumeraries:

John A Harrod
Gwendoline Wills

37/9 West Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Carole M Holmes (S)

Ralph H Ward (S)

Supernumeraries:

Stephen D Bales
Christopher Burgoyne
Sylvia Burgoyne
John H Grice
Marion C Lumbers
Neil J Whitehouse
Steven J Wild

37/10 South Devon

Kevin P Hooke (S)

37/11 Bude and Holsworthy

Margaret C M Slingo (S)

Deborah Marsh (D)

Supernumeraries:

Graham J Slingo
Joy C Wilson

Stations

37/12 St. Ives (Fore Street)

Mark Dunn-Wilson (S)

37/14 The Lizard and Mounts Bay

Daniel P Reed (S)

Matthew L Fugill

Rebecca E Fugill

Supernumeraries:

Nicola Martyn-Beck

Andrew J Hill

Mary Jones

Anthony W Pudner

Amanda Stevens

Geoffrey R Thorpe

N Beverly Turner

37/15 Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor

Deborah Kirk (S)

Annie Deche (RR)

Supernumeraries:

Anthony C Cox

M Peter Crew

Robin E Hutt

Anthony G Huxtable

Stuart A Innalls

Lynne Mayers

Robert Ormesher

Michael R Parsons

Peter Thomas (AP)

37/16 Tiverton and Wellington

Nicholas P Lakin (S)

David J Coppard (*Hospital Chaplain*)

Supernumeraries:

John R Izzard

Anthony J Smith

E Gerald Stoddern

W John Young

37/17 Launceston Area

David C Miller (S)

Oseias Barbosa Da Silva

Ruth M Richey (D) (*District Mission Area Lead*)

Supernumeraries:

Catherine E Arscott

C Anne Curnow

Howard Curnow

John J Richey

W Keith Roberts

Doreen M Sparey-Delacassa

37/18 South Petherton and Crewkerne

Andrew P Longshaw (S)

Supernumeraries:

Gordon H Davis

Ruth A Goodland

37/19 Ilfracombe and Barnstaple

Tracey A Darling (S)

Sheralee A Devitt (D)

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

37/20 Torridge

Anna Flindell (S)

Andrew T Vidamour

Supernumerary:

Paul H Booth

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

Stations

R Jeremy H Cook
Nigel C A Deller
Geoffrey L Dunbar
C David J Moss
Valerie Price
Philip Seaton
Graham F Shaw
William H Tardy
Jane Verrall (D)
Peter B Williamson

37/24 Mid Cornwall

Clare Anderson (S)
Mark Dunn-Wilson (S)
Aubin De Gruchy
Morwenna L Lawson-Wills

Supernumeraries:

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

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Helen R Byrne (*Chaplain*)

37/25 West Somerset

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

Supernumeraries:

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

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)

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Denys H Bament
Malcolm J Benton
Stephen Caddick
Vincent G Canning
John C Newton
Catherine M Wagstaff
Philip Wagstaff
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

37/30 Coracle

Darren Middleton (S) (*District NPNP Coordinator*)

Stations

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Sarah E A Lowe (Guyana)

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Wesley Daniel (United States)

Ramona Dinard (D) (Antigua)

Eden J Fletcher (Hong Kong)

Keva L Green (United States)

Trevor Hoggard (New Zealand)

A Kaleem John (Pakistan)

Christopher J Kirk (United States)

Jonathan E Mead (United States)

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Roger O Bayliss (Spain)

Raymond Borg (France)

Andrew P Burrows (France)

Laurence H Churms (Ireland)

Helen Croft (United States)

Michael P Dye (New Zealand)

Martin H F Forward (United States)

Keith V Garner (Australia)

Augusto Giron (Guatemala)

Henk Greenway (Germany)

Richard O Griffiths (Australia)

Ann C Hall (New Zealand)

Knut M Heim (United States)

Ronald W C Hoar (New Zealand)

Caroline M Homer (Spain)

Ian Howlett (New Zealand)

H Elaine Joseph (Trinidad)

Jeongsook Kim (Korea)

Margaret L MacAskie (United States)

Bernadino M Mandlate (Mozambique)

John R Marriott (Germany)

Peter R Mooring (Australia)

Robert Mpanduki (Zimbabwe)

Robert S Nambinarayanan (United States)

Harold K Nel (United States)

Simon M Oliver (Ireland)

Ivor W Pearce (Australia)

Manivasagan N Pillay (Australia)

Linda M Rettenmayer (United States)

Stephen J Robinson (Ireland)

Alwin Samuel (Pakistan)

Calvin T Samuel (Malaysia)

Fraser A Smith (Germany)

Graham Sturdy (Australia)

M Peter Taylor (New Zealand)

Robert E Thomas (Ireland)

Palo V Y Tshume (South Africa)

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Seija M Wallace (Ireland)

W John A White (Canada)

M Jill Wiley (United States)

Heather A Wilson (Canada)

Stations

Permission to Serve Another Church

Nigel Bishop (Independent
Pentecostal Church)
Robert Foster (Belper Baptist 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) (31/1)
Melanie Beaven (D) (35/36)
Steven R M Cooper (35/1)
Nigel Cowgill (35/34)
Christine M Dutton (3/2)
Matthew R Finch (14/25)
Andrew G Fishburne (15/1)
David M Goodall (35/36)
David I H Hardman (ASA)

Jonathan R Hustler (35/36)
Graham R Jones (29/33)
Gillian M Newton (29/33)
Nicola V Price-Tebbutt (1/8)
Carla S H Quenet (25/1)
Mark Rowland (3/14)
Kerry R Scarlett (D) (3/17)
Andrew D Wood (34/14)
Michaela A Youngson (35/23)

THE METHODIST DIACONAL ORDER

Karen McBride (D) (Warden)

Michelle L Legumi (D) (Deputy
Warden)

FORCES CHAPLAINS

(a) Royal Navy

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

Richard M Smith
John M Swanston
Amy Walters
Gary D Watt

(b) Army

Robert J Birnie
Hannah M Bucke
Timothy A Flowers
Josefa R Mairara (RR)
Leigh A Maydew (Reservist Chaplain)
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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Jan H Bisschoff (34/12)	Andrew J Pearce (7/17)
Christine Brown (1/10)	Andrew J Pearce (2/24)
Clifford D Chonka (2/19)	Trevor Pitt (13/10)
John R Claydon (29/36)	David E Pountain (37/14)
James F Coleman (13/1)	David Rees (14/2)
Jane Day (35/24)	John G Riley (1/10)
Donna L Dodson (14/10)	Lesley A Riley (1/10)
Adam J Earle (14/2)	Iain H Robertson (26/7)
Gwynfor B Evans (1/42)	Nicola A Robinson (27/2)
Barbara S Exley (1/42)	Martyn S Saunders (3/10)
Ian Fellows (1/5)	Lissa M Scott (13/10)
David G Fidler (17/2)	Michael R Sheard (17/11)
Colin E Foreman (2/7)	Thandeka Q Sibanda (14/1)
Robin M Gill (36/15)	Alistair G Smeaton (1/10)
Lindsay D Gray (1/10)	Deborah J Smith (26/8)
Kenneth Hague (17/1)	M Paul Spurgeon (29/26)
Timothy L Haines (34/4)	Joanne Thorns (13/11)
Marcus P Hargis (13/12)	Eleanor L Trimble (1/22)
Eileen Harrop (13/1)	Caroline H Vodden (13/7)
Roger Hoath (22/2)	Alan T Wakeman (14/1)
Elaine M Hodge (2/7)	Helen A E Warmington (36/18)
Heflin Jani (35/25)	David A Warrington (29/23)
Margaret Jones (1/28)	Kevin Watson (13/10)
Timothy Kelly (29/2)	Richard Webb (36/25)
Samuel Kennedy (29/16)	David W Whitehall (1/26)
Betty McNiven (2/24)	Catherine A Wilson (34/1)
Andrew M Micklefield (36/1)	Petra Yates (34/1)
Alan Middleton (13/11)	John T Yaxley (1/42)
Joy E Osborne (17/5)	Diana Zanker (27/2)

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Serving under the terms of SO 733A

David A Bean (25/19)	Constance M Taylor (25/15)
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Changes in the Stations

The following list details those presbyters and deacons who are moving circuit in September 2025. The person who is 'moving in' to the circuit may or may not be replacing the person identified as 'moving out' in the preceding column.

Please note that this list does not indicate the type of appointment in which the minister is serving (or whether they are appointed to the circuit in which they are stationed), and does not include those ministers whose status or type of appointment is changing but where they are remaining in the same circuit.

Any questions about the content of the list should be addressed to the Conference Office (conferenceoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk).

The following abbreviations apply:

(P)	Probationer
(S)	Supernumerary
(D)	Deacon
(RR)	Recognised and Regarded as if in Full Connexion
(WA)	Without Appointment

Circuit	Circuit Name	Moving Out	Moving In
North West England			
1/1	Alderley Edge and Knutsford	J Nicholas H Thompson	Peter J Brazier
1/4	Bolton Mission		Alan R Bradley
1/5	Bramhall and Wythenshawe	David Warnock	Deborah Brazier (D) (P)
1/5	Bramhall and Wythenshawe	Geoffrey H E Barnard	
1/7	Bury	Kathryn A Selby	
1/8	Chorley and Leyland		Nicola V Price-Tebbutt
1/9	Clitheroe	Kathryn A Flynn	Gail I Morgan (D) (S)
1/10	Cumbria	Timothy M Cooke	Julia I Reid
1/10	Cumbria	Mark Attwood (D)	Nigel Rodgers
1/10	Cumbria	Nicola V Price-Tebbutt	Alan M Thompson (S)
1/10	Cumbria	Melanie J Greenall	Marie-Anne Kent
1/10	Cumbria	Andrew J Sterling	Rosalind Watson (S)
1/10	Cumbria	Joanna R Rand	Emma C Holroyd
1/10	Cumbria	Paul K A Harold	
1/12	Farnworth and Worsley	Darren A Garfield	Nutan Sandhya J Suray

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Circuit	Circuit Name	Moving Out	Moving In
1/15	High Peak		Georgine M Brooks (D)
1/15	High Peak		Jennifer M Dyer (S)
1/18	Lancashire West	Alexandra D Middleton-Laing	
1/21	Macclesfield	Graham M Edwards	Deborah M Lucas
1/21	Macclesfield		Stephen M Dallin
1/22	Manchester	Caroline Wickens	Joanne H Cox-Darling
1/25	North Lancashire	Emma C Holroyd	Melanie J Greenall
1/26	North Liverpool and South Sefton	Neil A Stubbens	
1/26	North Liverpool and South Sefton	Ian J K Hu	Darren A Garfield
1/27	Oldham	Suva L Catford	Jongikaya Zihle
1/30	Rossendale		J Robin E Fox
1/32	Sankey Valley		Kathryn A Selby
1/36	Southport	Marie-Anne Kent (WA)	Christopher C Humble
1/36	Southport	Rosalind Watson (S)	Neil A Stubbens (S)
1/36	Southport	Ann C Hall (S)	Geoffrey H E Barnard (S)
1/38	United Stockport	Catherine H Bird	Janet L Tate
1/39	West Pennine Moors	Elizabeth A Catford	Joseph Basappa Suray

Wales Synod Cymru

2/1	Cymru	Jonathan Miller (D)	
2/6	Bridgend United Area		Gareth J Edwards
2/9	Cardiff	Laura J Evans (D)	William R Morrey (S)
2/10	Ceredigion	Malcolm S Peacock	Tina F Swire
2/13	Gwent Hills and Vales		Raymond F B Borrett
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Gordon W Sollis (S)	
2/19	Newport and Lower Wye		Gordon W Sollis (S)
2/19	Newport and Lower Wye		Catherine L Lewis
2/20	South West Wales		Robert J Blackhall (S)
2/20	South West Wales		Sobanathasar Sinnathamby (S)
2/26	Wrexham	Stephen L Kingsnorth	
2/27	Vale of Glamorgan	Catherine L Lewis	

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Circuit	Circuit Name	Moving Out	Moving In
West Midlands District			
3/-	Chair of the District	Rachel E Parkinson	Rachel D Deigh
3/1	Anchor	Joseph Suray	Kathryn R Darby
3/1	Anchor	C John Hartley	A Stephen Willey
3/1	Anchor		Ben R Haslam
3/2	Birmingham		Joseph S Ribeiro
3/2	Birmingham		James A Cruddas
3/2	Birmingham	Eunice Attwood (D)	
3/2	Birmingham	John N Attwood (S)	
3/2	The Queen's Foundation	Melanie Beaven (D)	Angela P Allport (D)
3/2	The Queen's Foundation	Jane V Craske	Sylvester O Deigh
3/2	The Queen's Foundation	Gary P Hall	George P Bailey
3/2	The Queen's Foundation	Paul Nzacahayo	Nicola V Price-Tebbutt
3/3	Birmingham (Sutton Park)	Emily R A Young	Collins O Frimpong-Manso (P)
3/3	Birmingham (Sutton Park)	Jimmy Dube (RR)	Sarah Butcher
3/4	Birmingham (West) and Oldbury	Nutan Sandhya J Suray	Ann M Varker
3/4	Birmingham (West) and Oldbury		J Nicholas H Thompson (S)
3/6	Bromsgrove and Redditch	Latika Singh	Ruth G S Fry
3/6	Bromsgrove and Redditch		Nicholas Collison (S)
3/7	Cannock Chase	Chris J Ambler	
3/7	Cannock Chase	Helen Hoe (S)	
3/8	Coventry and Nuneaton	Kathryn R Darby	Rebekah J Stennett
3/8	Coventry and Nuneaton	A Stephen Willey	
3/11	Hidden River	Jeremy R Hawkins	Gary P Hall
3/11	Hidden River		Michael J Claridge
3/12	Kidderminster and Stourport	Nicholas Collison	Verity Phillips

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Circuit	Circuit Name	Moving Out	Moving In
3/13	Shropshire and Marches	Paul R Arnold	
3/15	South Worcestershire	Nigel J Coke-Woods	Patricia Mukorombindo
3/15	South Worcestershire	Ian P Mead	
3/15	South Worcestershire	Katherine J Pickering	
3/17	Tamworth and Lichfield	Wendy Walker	Mark C Stennett
3/19	Vale of Stour	Alan J Combes	Jeremy R Hawkins
3/20	Wolverhampton	Joanne H Cox-Darling	Ildiko Haraszti (P)
3/20	Wolverhampton	Christopher P Parkes (S)	
3/20	Wolverhampton	M Glennys Bamford (S)	
Bristol District			
7/2	Bristol and South Gloucestershire	Michael Belfield	
7/2	Bristol and South Gloucestershire	Amanda G Briggs	
7/2	Bristol and South Gloucestershire	David Bolton	
7/7	Gloucestershire		Amanda G Briggs
7/13	North East Somerset and Bath	Janet L Tate	
7/16	Somerset Mendip	Tina F Swire	
7/20	Wiltshire United Area	Peggy M Kabonde	
7/23	Upper Thames	Joseph S Ribeiro	Ian P Mead
Channel Islands District			
10/1	Bailiwick of Guernsey	Stephen M Dallin	Anne M Richardson
Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District			
11/1	North Cheshire		Claire E Rawlinson
11/1	North Cheshire		Stephen L Kingsnorth (S)
11/4	Mid-Cheshire		Helen Hoe (S)
11/8	Cheshire South	Sarah Butcher	Eliska J Mulliner
11/8	Cheshire South	William R Morrey (S)	

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11/8	Cheshire South	J Robin E Fox	Obeth Thevanesan (P)
11/14	Market Drayton		Robert C Cotton (S)
11/15	Potteries Mission	Jennifer M Dyer	
11/22	North Staffordshire		Chris J Ambler (S)
Darlington District			
13/1	Darlington and Teesdale	Timothy C Boocock (S)	David Hinchliffe
13/2	Middlesbrough and Eston	R Michael Harland (S)	Rachel L Williams
13/3	Stockton	Rachel L Williams	Kundai Katiyo (RR)
13/3	Stockton		Neville Simpson (S)
13/3	Stockton		Timothy C Boocock (S)
13/7	Cleveland and Danby	Kevin R Highfield	Mary E G Peters (RR)
13/10	Bishop Auckland and Shildon	Sheelah M Stevens (S)	Suva Catford (WA)
13/12	West Durham	Christopher C Humble	Elizabeth Catford
13/19	North Yorkshire Dales	Julia I Reid	
East Anglia District			
14/1	Norwich	Andrew Burrows	Thomas J Osborne
14/2	Ipswich		Vivienne G Smith
14/5	Ely and Newmarket		Rose A S Westwood (S)
14/10	Norfolk Broads	Judith H E Bell (P)	
14/10	Norfolk Broads	Sheralee A Devitt (D)	
14/13	North Norfolk	Pauline Barnett (S)	
14/15	Central Norfolk		Pauline Barnett (S)
14/15	Central Norfolk	Anne M Richardson	Neil M Vels (RR)
14/20	West Norfolk		Judith H E Bell
14/22	The Fens	R Blair Kirkby (S)	
14/25	St Neots and Huntingdon	Susan J Baker-Maher	Latika Singh
14/25	St Neots and Huntingdon		R Blair Kirkby (S)
14/26	Cambridge	Rose A S Westwood	Kevin R Highfield
14/26	Cambridge	Daniel J Pratt Morris-Chapman	

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Circuit	Circuit Name	Moving Out	Moving In
14/26	Cambridge	Donghwan Kim (S)	
Isle of Man District			
15/1	Isle of Man	Sean C Turner (RR)	Christvin Edbarg (P)
Lincolnshire District			
17/2	Lincoln	Jennifer A Matthews	
17/5	Grimsby and Cleethorpes	Nigel Rodgers	Janet Morley (S)
17/11	Barton, Brigg and Wolds		Ruth Simpson (S)
17/11	Barton, Brigg and Wolds		Tony Simpson (S)
17/11	Barton, Brigg and Wolds		John C Schofield
17/15	South Holland	Vivienne G Smith (WA)	Maurice L Perry (S)
17/15	South Holland	Luke G S Smith	
17/22	Boston	Maurice L Perry (S)	
Newcastle upon Tyne District			
20/1	Newcastle upon Tyne (Central and East)	Gail I Morgan (D)	William D Topping (D) (P)
20/2	Newcastle upon Tyne (West)		Andrew J Sterling
20/5	North Shields and Whitley Bay	Stephen J Lindridge (WA)	Elaine M Lindridge
20/5	North Shields and Whitley Bay		David Bolton (S)
20/6	South East Northumberland		James Magee (S)
20/8	Tynedale		Rachel E Parkinson (WA)
20/12	Lindisfarne	James Magee (S)	
20/13	Bede	Deborah Wainwright	
20/15	South West Tyneside	Ann M Varker	Stephen J Lindridge
20/19	East Durham	Dawn F Brown	
20/20	Chester-le-Street	Elaine M Lindridge	
20/22	North West Durham		Deborah Wainwright (S)

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Nottingham and Derby District			
22/1	Nottingham (North East)		Claire Sutcliffe (P)
22/1	Nottingham (North East)		Michael J Redshaw (S)
22/2	Nottingham (South)	Tony Simpson	
22/4	Nottingham (Trent Valley)	Arnold M O Dixon	
22/6	Derby		Robert L Hawkins (S)
22/11	Ashbourne		Arnold M O Dixon (WA)
22/12	National Forest East	Robert L Hawkins (S)	
22/15	Grantham and Vale of Belvoir	Timothy Morris	Dawn F Brown
22/16	East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire	Helen J Harrell (WA)	David H Bonny (S)
22/16	East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire	Michael J Redshaw	C John Hartley (S)
22/26	Newark and Southwell	David H Bonny	Langley A J Mackrell-Hey
22/26	Newark and Southwell		Ian M Worrall (S)
Northampton District			
23/2	Wantage and Abingdon	Keith R Underhill	Katherine J Pickering (S)
23/2	Wantage and Abingdon	Selina J Nisbett (D)	
23/3	West Oxfordshire	Ian M Worrall	Kathryn A Flynn
23/6	Buckingham, Bicester and Brackley		David C P Haseldine
23/7	Leicester (Trinity)	David Bosworth	Ian J K Hu
23/10	Charnwood and Mowbray	Sandra K Marshall	
23/10	Charnwood and Mowbray	Ruth Simpson (S)	
23/11	Hinckley	Patricia Mukorimbindo	Edward Sakwe

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23/13	Northampton	John W Smith (S)	Daniel J Pratt Morris-Chapman
23/14	East Mercia	Georgina M Brooks (D)	
23/15	Stamford	David Bosworth (S)	Nigel J Coke-Woods (S)
23/21	Peterborough	Langley A J Mackrell-Hey	Colin Sherwood
23/21	Peterborough	Janet Titterton	
23/26	Milton Keynes	David C P Haseldine	Kofi D Tekyi-Ansah
Sheffield District			
25/-	Chair of the District	Gillian M Newton	Victoria J Atkins
25/1	Sheffield	Jill M Pullan (WA)	
25/1	Sheffield	Robert C Cotton (S)	
25/13	The Peak		Timothy Morris
25/13	The Peak		Joanna R Rand (WA)
25/13	Cliff College	Ashley R Cooper	
25/13	Cliff College	George P Bailey	Graham M Edwards
25/14	Doncaster		Jonathon D Bellfield
25/15	Barnsley	Claire E Rawlinson	Andrew J Atkins
25/15	Barnsley		Mark Attwood (D)
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Jonathon D Bellfield	
Southampton District			
26/2	Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey	Ruth G S Fry	Rachael L Hawkins
26/2	Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey		Catherine M Bowstead (S)
26/4	Berkshire and Hampshire Borders	Jeongsook Kim	
26/8	Dorset South and West	Linda Francis	Helen J Harrell
26/8	Dorset South and West		Deborah A Cornish (S)
26/9	Poole Bay	Antony J Cavanagh	Gillian H Le Boutillier-Scott
26/9	Poole Bay	Roberto A Viana (WA)	Paul R Arnold (S)
26/9	Poole Bay	Suzie G B Viana (D)	Gareth J Higgs

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26/10	Christchurch and Wimborne	Deborah A Cornish	Susan J Baker-Maher
26/11	Isle of Wight	John R Izzard	Jane V Craske
26/11	Isle of Wight		Linda Francis (S)
26/12	Salisbury		Selina J Nisbett (D)
26/12	Salisbury		Dorothy A Pipet (P)
26/12	Salisbury		Barry J Allen (S)
26/12	Salisbury		David Hollingsworth (S)
Yorkshire West District			
27/1	Leeds (South and West)	Peter J Brazier	Judith E Marshall (D)
27/1	Leeds (South and West)	David M Goodall	
27/1	Leeds (South and West)	Keith W Hunt (S)	
27/2	Leeds (North and East)	Mark C Stennett	Janet Titterton
27/2	Leeds (North and East)	Rebekah J Stennett	Nigel S Wright
27/2	Leeds (North and East)	Edward Sakwe	Emily R A Young
27/9	Denby Dale and Clayton West	Nicholas Biggar	
27/15	Wharfedale and Aireborough	Roger M Smith	Annie J M Baker-Streevy (RR)
27/17	Aire and Calder	Andrew J Atkins	Thomas C K Phiri (RR)
27/31	Airedale		Roger M Smith (S)
27/32	Bradford North		Keith W Hunt (S)
27/34	Calderdale		Nicholas Biggar
27/34	Calderdale	Colin Sherwood	Godfrey Chikaviro (P)
Yorkshire North and East District			
29/2	The Bridge	Jane Paine (D) (S)	Shaun Swithenbank (S)
29/2	The Bridge	Neville Simpson	
29/23	Thirsk and Northallerton		Sandra K Marshall (S)
29/23	Thirsk and Northallerton		Jane Paine (D) (S)
29/26	Nidd Valley	Shaun Swithenbank (S)	

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Circuit	Circuit Name	Moving Out	Moving In
29/31	North Yorkshire Coast	Emma R Morgan	Loren P Whetsell (RR)
29/32	South Holderness	Deborah M Lucas	Eric G Raygor (RR)
29/32	South Holderness	Andrew Orton (S)	
29/33	York	David R Bidnell	Jill M Pullan
29/33	York	John C Schofield	Alexandra D Middleton-Laing
29/33	York	Judith Marshall (D)	Kate Paterson (D) (P)
29/33	York		Gillian M Newton
29/37	Hull (Centre and West)		Andrew Orton
29/37	Hull (Centre and West)		Emma R Morgan

Scotland District

31/1	Scotland		Daniel George (P)
31/1	Scotland		David R Bidnell
31/1	Scotland		Alan M Thompson (S)
31/1	Scotland		Timothy M Cooke (S)
31/1	Scotland		R Michael Harland (S)
31/1	Scotland		John N Attwood (S)
31/1	Scotland		Eunice Attwood (D)

Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District

34/1	North Bedfordshire	Michael G Giles	Nigel S Bibbings (S)
34/1	North Bedfordshire		Sydney Sichilima (RR)
34/4	South Bedfordshire	Nigel S Bibbings	Keith R Underhill (S)
34/7	Tendring	Thomas J Osborne	Luke G S Smith
34/9	Chelmsford	Mark F Pengelly	Jennifer K Walters (P)
34/9	Chelmsford	Barry J Allen	
34/11	South Essex		Sheelah M Stevens (S)
34/13	St Albans and Welwyn		Alan J Combes (S)
34/14	West Hertfordshire and Borders	Rachael L Hawkins	Caroline Wickens

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34/14	West Hertfordshire and Borders		John W Smith (S)
34/14	West Hertfordshire and Borders		Michael G Giles (S)
London District			
35/-	Chair of the District	Jongikaya Zihle	Faith M Nyota
35/1	City Road	Stephen J Poxon (S)	Claire R Potter
35/1	City Road	Myrtle A Poxon (D) (S)	
35/1	Methodist Church House	Verity J Phillips	Laura J Evans (D) (WA)
35/1	Methodist Church House	Gareth J Higgs	
35/1	Methodist Church House	Debra Chidakwa-Akue (WA)	
35/2	West London Mission	James A Cruddas	
35/2	West London Mission	Kong Ching Hii	Linberg J Y Wong (RR)
35/3	Westminster	Lansford H Penn-Timity	Stephen J Poxon (S)
35/3	Westminster		Myrtle A Poxon (D) (S)
35/4	Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham	Rosamund V Hollingsworth (S)	
35/5	Battersea and Wandle Valley	Rosamund V Hollingsworth	Jennifer A Matthews
35/5	Battersea and Wandle Valley	David Hollingsworth (S)	
35/6	Lambeth	Andrew H Lyons	Paulo B Bessa da Silva
35/9	Tower Hamlets		David Warnock (WA)
35/10	Hackney and Stoke Newington	Paulo B Bessa da Silva	
35/20	Newham		Debra M Chidakwa-Akue (WA)
35/22	New River	Rupert L A Weekes	
35/23	Wembley	Nigel S Wright	Simon Madhiba (RR)
35/28	Blackheath and Crystal Palace	Richard A J Grocott	
35/32	Romford		Rupert L A Weekes (S)

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35/33	Forest	Oseias Barbosa Da Silva	Kong Ching Hii
35/34	Enfield	Jacqueline A P O Esama-John (D)	
35/35	Barnet and Queensbury		Danny Wheadon
35/36	Harrow and Hillingdon	Claire R Potter	David M Goodall
35/36	Harrow and Hillingdon		Melanie Beaven (D)
35/36	Harrow and Hillingdon		Donghwan Kim (S)
35/40	Purley		Suzie G B Viana (D)
35/40	Purley		Roberto Viana (WA)
35/41	Croydon	Karen M George	Richard A J Grocott
35/41	Croydon		Andrew H Lyons (S)
35/42	Widmore		Eric Bediako (P)
South East District			
36/-	Chair of the District	David Hinchliffe	Conrad J Hicks
36/1	Blackwater Valley	Sobanathasar Sinnathamby	Wesley Hampton
36/1	Blackwater Valley	Catherine M Bowstead	
36/5	Staines and Feltham	Andrew Reed	Lansford H Penn-Timity
36/5	Staines and Feltham	Kofi Tekyi-Ansah	Jacqueline A P O Esama-John (D)
36/8	West Sussex (Coast and Downs)	Ian R Couchman	Owen G Carney (P)
36/8	West Sussex (Coast and Downs)		Andrew Reed (S)
36/10	Gatwick and Mole Valley	Gavin P Hancocks	Antony J Cavanagh
36/13	Central Sussex United Area	Janet Morley (S)	
36/15	Gibraltar		David J Barrett
36/17	Hastings, Bexhill and Rye	Philip P Wagstaff	Ian R Couchman
36/18	Weald of Kent	Gillian H Le Boutillier Scott (WA)	Helen Cook (D) (P)

Stations

Circuit	Circuit Name	Moving Out	Moving In
36/21	North Kent		Ohi Lok Chan (P)
36/25	South Kent	Stephen J Poole (S)	
36/27	Canterbury and East Kent	Danny Wheadon	Peggy M Kabonde
36/27	Canterbury and East Kent	Wesley Hampton	Stephen J Poole (S)
36/27	Canterbury and East Kent	Catherine M Wagstaff	Gavin P Hancocks (S)

South West Peninsula District

37/1	Camborne, Redruth and Hayle	Christopher A Jackson	Simon J Clarke
37/1	Camborne, Redruth and Hayle		Raymond F P Borrett
37/3	Exeter, Coast and Country	Ben R Haslam	M Glennys Bamford (S)
37/4	Plymouth and Devonport	Gordon H Davis (S)	
37/5	Falmouth and Gwennap		Paul K A Harold
37/6	Tavistock		John M Haley (S)
37/8	Bodmin, Padstow and Wadebridge	Morwenna L Lawson-Wills	
37/9	West Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly	Neil J Whitehouse (S)	
37/16	Tiverton and Wellington		John R Izzard (S)
37/17	Launceston Area	John M Haley (S)	Oseias Barbosa Da Silva
37/18	South Petherton and Crewkerne		Gordon H Davis (S)
37/19	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Stephen Caddick	Sheralee A Devitt (D)
37/20	Torridge	Robert J Blackhall	Anna Flindell
37/24	Mid Cornwall		Morwenna L Lawson-Wills
37/28	Teignbridge		Catherine M Wagstaff (S)
37/28	Teignbridge		Philip Wagstaff (S)
37/30	Coracle		Darren Middleton

Forces Board

Army Chaplains	David J Barrett
Army Chaplains	Stewart B K Young
Army Chaplains	Paul J Gallucci (RR)

Stations

Circuit	Circuit Name	Moving Out	Moving In
Service in other Conferences and Churches			
	Appointed to Serve Abroad	Rachel D Deigh	
	Appointed to Serve Abroad	Sylvester O Deigh	
	Appointed to Serve Abroad	Matthew A Laferty (RR)	
	Permission to Reside Abroad		Andrew P Burrows (S)
	Permission to Reside Abroad		Neil Whitehouse (S)
	Permission to Reside Abroad		Jeongsook Kim (S)
	Permission to Reside Abroad		Ashley R Cooper
	Permission to Reside Abroad		Ann C Hall (S)
Connexional Team			
	Connexional Team	Claire R Potter	Gillian M Newton
	Connexional Team		David M Goodall
	Connexional Team		Melanie Beaven (D)

PART IV GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Presbyters' and Deacons' Stipends and Allowances

1.1 Basic Stipend £31,980

1.2 Superintendent's Allowance £3,198

1.3 Separated Chair's Allowance £7,995

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 are not required to register with the Charity Commission. 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.

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The Charity Commission no longer provides dispensation from registration for Methodist charities whose gross income exceeds £100,000 for one year only due to a one-off event, such as a receipt of a large legacy or grant. Registration is compulsory as soon as the charity's gross annual income exceeds £100,000 for whatever reason.

Guidance on how to register is available on the Methodist Church website:
www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/governance/charity-registration/

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.

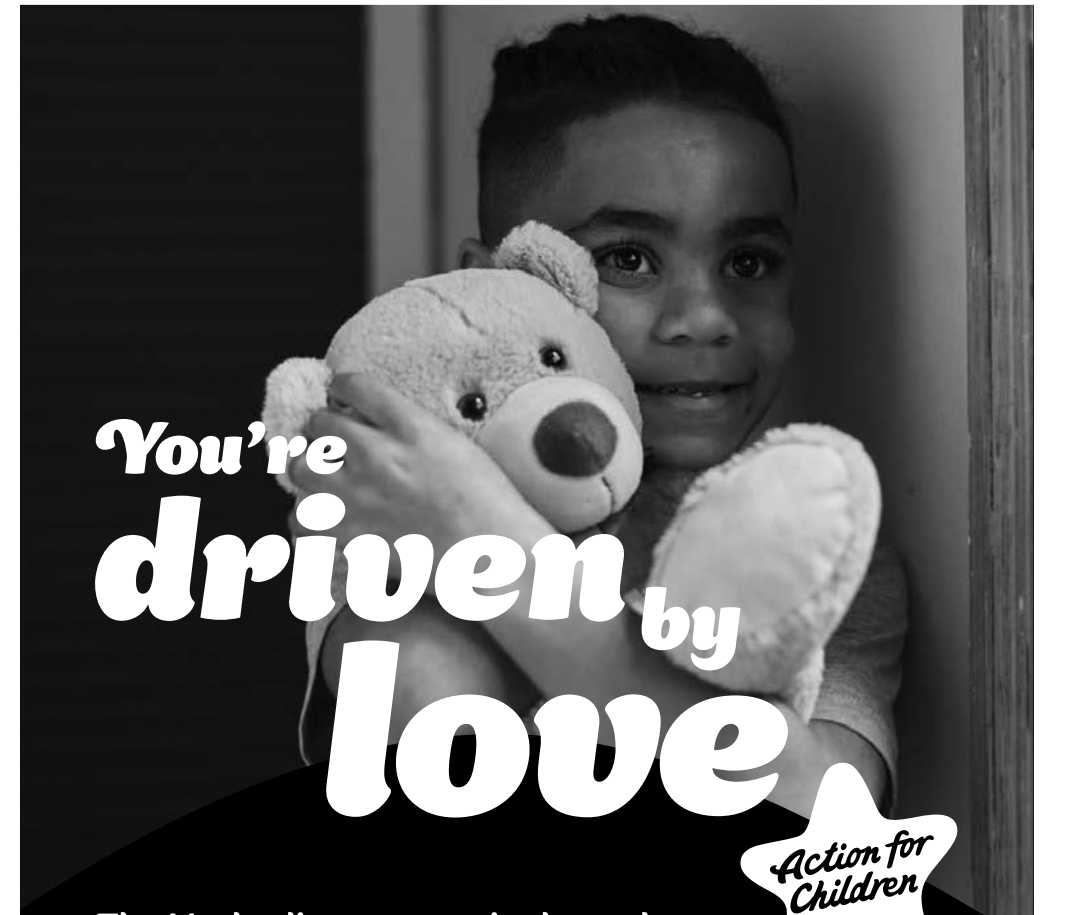
Methodist charities in Scotland and Shetland are all registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Charity law and regulations are different in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

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.

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3. Calendar of Connexional Committees and Other Events

2025

SEPTEMBER

12	Resourcing Committee
15	Connexional Council Induction
16-18	Chairs' Meeting

OCTOBER

3-5	3Generate
7	Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
10	Connexional Council
16	Law and Polity Committee
20	Ministries Committee
22	Stationing Committee
23	Mission Committee

NOVEMBER

7	Resourcing Committee
10-13	Stationing Matching Group 1
17-18	DOV2 Committee Training
18-21	DOV2 – Transfer Committee (MOCC applicants)
29-30	Faith and Order Committee

DECEMBER

6	Connexional Council
8	Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee
11	Law and Polity Committee

2026

JANUARY

13	Mission Committee
14-15	Stationing Matching Group 2
16	Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
22	Resourcing Committee
29	Stationing Committee
30-31	Mission Committee
30-1 Feb	DOV2 Committee Discernment panels

FEBRUARY

10	Connexional Council
14-15	Ministries Committee
28	Faith and Order Committee

MARCH

4	Law and Polity Committee
6	Resourcing Committee

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14	Faith and Order Committee
19	Stationing Committee
21-23	Connexional Council

APRIL

15	Law and Polity Committee
20	<i>Connexional Leaders' Forum tbc</i>
21	Authorisations Committee
21-22	Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee

MAY

5-8	Convocation of the Methodist Diaconal Order
14	Mission Committee
15	Resourcing Committee
18	Memorials Committee
26	<i>Ministries Committee tbc</i>

JUNE

5	Connexional Council
18	Stationing Committee
25-26	The Conference, Presbyteral Session
27-1 July	The Conference, Representative Session
29	Stationing Committee at the Conference

JULY

14	Faith and Order Committee
17	Resourcing Committee
21	Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee

4. Place and date of next Conference

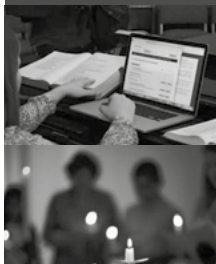
The Conference of 2026 will meet in Telford beginning with the Presbyteral Session from Thursday 25 to Friday 26 June. The Representative Session will meet from Saturday 27 June to Wednesday 1 July.

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5. Allocation of District Representatives to the Conference of 2026

The allocation of District Representatives to the Conference of 2026 will be as follows:

	District	Presbyters or Deacons	Deacons	Lay Persons
1	North West England	7	2 *	11
2	Wales Synod Cymru	2	1	4
3	West Midlands	4 *	2 *	6 *
7	Bristol	3		4
10	Channel Islands	1		1
11	Chester and Stoke-on-Trent	1	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	1 *	*	3 *
22	Nottingham and Derby	2	1 *	4
23	Northampton	3		5 *
25	Sheffield	2		3
26	Southampton	3	*	4
27	Yorkshire West	3	1 *	6
29	Yorkshire North and East	3		4
31	Scotland	2	1 *	4
32	Shetland (included with Scotland)			
34	Bedfordshire, Essex & Herts	2	*	4
35	London	5	2 *	9
36	South East	4 *	1	5
37	South West Peninsula	3	1	6
	Totals	57	13	95

Asterisks denote changes from the 2025 allocation.

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6. Connexional Central Services Budget 2025/2026

The Conference adopted the Connexional Central Services Budget for 2025/2026 as shown below:

Connexional Central Services Budget: overall income and expenditure

Activity	2024/25 Forecast £'000	2025/26 Forecast £'000	2026/27 Forecast £'000	2027/28 Budget £'000
Income				
Central Income	30,157	30,076	30,118	30,086
Income Generating Centre	2,008	2,100	2,100	2,100
Others – Pensions	2,377	2,348	2,245	2,153
Evangelism & Growth	1,350	1,918	1,769	1,640
Global relations	1,762	1,914	1,781	1,685
Governance	146	1,227	1,227	1,226
Ministries	833	1,168	1,135	1,116
Central Functions	795	826	778	760
Property	529	581	572	564
Children & Youth	164	186	196	206
Learning Network	5	7	7	6
	40,126	42,351	41,328	41,542
Expenditure				
Evangelism & Growth	10,954	18,308	15,421	13,955
Central Functions	8,825	8,588	8,439	8,546
Ministries	6,029	6,771	6,869	6,968
Governance	4,773	6,301	6,337	6,454
Children & Youth	2,199	2,752	2,936	3,058
Learning Network	2,515	2,537	2,581	2,625
Global relations	2,426	2,421	2,344	2,238
Others – Pensions	2,210	1,810	210	210
Building communities	1,590	1,642	1,787	1,824
Property	985	1,113	1,126	1,152
Total	42,506	52,243	48,050	47,030
Net deficit	(2,380)	(9,892)	(6,122)	(5,488)

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Methodist Church Fund Budget: income and expenditure

Activity	2024/25 Forecast £'000	2025/26 Budget £'000	2026/27 Budget £'000	2027/28 Budget £'000
Income				
Central Income	18,941	19,073	19,003	18,937
Governance	146	1,227	1,227	1,226
Central Functions	682	672	627	611
Property	185	209	205	201
Children & Youth	164	186	196	206
Evangelism & Growth	6	18	13	14
Ministries	2	2	2	2
	20,126	21,387	21,273	21,197
Expenditure				
Central Functions	6,065	6,259	6,331	6,427
Governance	4,553	6,075	6,105	6,216
Learning Network	2,515	2,537	2,581	2,625
Children & Youth	2,033	2,340	2,524	2,645
Ministries	1,732	1,963	2,029	2,100
Evangelism & Growth	1,360	1,248	1,261	1,278
Building communities	1,239	1,144	1,162	1,187
Property	697	752	766	792
Global relations	492	532	542	552
Total	20,686	22,850	23,301	23,822
Net deficit	(560)	(1,463)	(2,028)	(2,625)

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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
1960	Liverpool	Edward Rogers	Thomas George Thomas

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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 Moulit
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
1992	Newcastle upon Tyne	Kathleen Margaret Richardson	Edmund Ian Marshall

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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
2025	Telford	Richard Mark Andrew	Matthew Alexander Forsyth

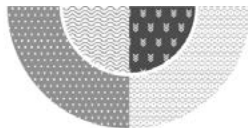
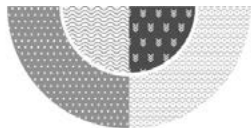
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Secretaries

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

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