

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
SUTTON CIRCUIT
LONDON DISTRICT 35/39**

Minutes of the Circuit Meeting Held on 18th May 2016
At CHEAM METHODIST CHURCH

Those present: Revd Dr Dave Dickinson (Chair), Revd Dr John Amankwatia, Revd Rosemary Richter, Revd Mark Wakelin Revd Nicola Wooller, Miss Shirley Breeden, Mrs Janet Angel, Mr Chee Hong Fui, Mr Richard Smith (Circuit Treasurer), Miss Raj Kalsi (Secretary) and 17 members whose names are recorded.

1. Opening devotions

Rev Dave Dickinson led the meeting in a reflection and prayer.

2. Meeting Membership - confirmation of membership list

The membership list was confirmed as accurate. The Chair welcomed Mrs Nellie Showers as an elected representative for Wallington. The Chair also welcomed Brian Smith who is Youth and Children's Coordinator for the London District.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Revd Gillian Long, Revd Philip Richter, Revd Ernest Yu, Revd Mark Williams, Revd Des Williamson, David Forty, Ravi Saravanamuttu, Jacqueline John, Geoff Gunton, Nick White, Sue Forty, Judith Yates, John Riley, Colin Batty, John Kingsnorth, Alan Jameson, Vernon Tucker, Gordon Fleming, David Gooch, Martin Trenaman, Caroline Cook and Eileen Rice.

4. Minutes of the meetings held on 1st March 2016 (previously circulated)

The meeting accepted the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2016.

5. Matters arising

None were brought to the meeting.

6. Leadership Team Report

The meeting received a report from the Circuit Leadership Team which was included in the agenda papers. The meeting accepted the report. Shirley expressed her thanks to Revd John Amankwatia for all that he has done and wished him and his family well in the future. The Chair was pleased to inform the meeting that Revd Dr Ung Soon Nguang is transferring into the British Connexion and will be stationed at Epsom as a Minister for the Chinese Congregation. We will be welcoming Dr Ung Soon Nguang and Revd Barnabas Alexander at the Circuit Welcome Service at 7.30pm on the 1st September at Wallington Church.

7. Tenancy Agreements

Both Wallington Church and Carshalton Church are seeking to open new tenancy agreements for the following:

- (a) Wesley Lodge, Shotfield, Wallington
- (b) Caretaker's Cottage, Ruskin Road, Carshalton

The meeting formally approved the requests for tenancy agreements on both properties.

8. Safeguarding

Raj informed the meeting of the next two dates for Safeguarding Foundation training as follows:
Saturday 4th June from 10.00am – 12.30pm at Epsom Methodist Church
Saturday 17th September from 10.00am – 12.30 pm at St Marks Church

9. Appointing a Circuit Invitation Committee

The Chair explained to the meeting that as we are drawing to the end of the existing invitation to Revd Nik Wooller into the Circuit, which comes to a conclusion in 2017. We will need to be in

conversation with Nik and the Churches of Cheam and Epsom to access the situation whether the invitation will come to an end or will be seeking invitation extension. The current composition of the Circuit Invitation Committee includes Staff, Circuit Stewards and Stewards from the Churches where the move will take place (Cheam and Epsom). The meeting accepted the composition of the Circuit Invitations Committee.

10. Inviting nominations for Circuit Stewards

The Staff and Circuit Stewards have agreed to be more open and transparent about the appointment of Circuit Stewards and will prepare and circulate Nomination Papers for members of local churches to nominate members to serve as Circuit Stewards. Appointments will be made at the September Circuit Meeting. There is no upper limit to the number of circuit stewards that will be appointed. Existing circuit stewards are willing to continue to serve and do not need to be nominated again.

11. Leaders of Worship and Preachers

Nick White sent his apologies to the Meeting. The Leaders of Worship and Preachers report is included in the agenda papers. The Chair also added that at the Preacher Meeting last night the Local Preachers agreed to give Angela Yahaya Note to Preach. The meeting accepted the report.

12. Open forum – Mixed Ages Junior Churches led by Brian Smith, London District Youth and Children’s Coordinator.

13. Date and place of next meeting

Thursday 8th September 2015, Epsom Methodist Church, Coffee at 7.30pm, meeting at 8pm.

14. Closing devotions

The Chair closed the meeting in prayer.