



Littleover Methodist Church

A vibrant Christ centred church at the heart of our community

Vacancies for Church Stewards & Church Council Members

There are two vacancies for the role of Church Steward for this year. Both Julian Pratt and Alma Tagoe are experiencing substantial transition at work currently and into the foreseeable future. Both have asked to step back from the important, yet demanding role of Church Steward, to enable them to navigate this period as straightforwardly as possible.

Church stewards are 'corporately responsible with the local Minister for giving leadership and help over a whole range of the church's life and activity. They are particularly charged to hold together in unity the variety of concerns that are contained within the one ministry of the Church.¹ Church Stewards, together with the Minister and the Youth 1 worker, Church Outreach Worker, Church Centre Manager and Pastoral Worker make up the Church Leadership Team.

The Church Leadership Team are looking for people with the following qualities:²

- Feel a sense of God's call to this role
- A mature and godly Christian enthusiastic to serve the church
- Is respected by other Christians (1 Tim 3:8)
- Live an upright life characterised by integrity (1 Tim 3:8)
- Be reliable and trustworthy (1 Tim 3:11)
- Expresses loyalty in relationships with others (1 Tim 3:12)
- Has the particular skills needed to compliment the existing leadership team
- Be able to maintain confidences

In order to compliment the existing leadership team and to effectively fulfil our shared responsibilities, we are looking for potential stewards with a calling to serve in at least two of the areas of youth, prayer, & discipleship. Alongside this we are seeking those: ³

- with skills in management and oversight
- who are a good team member who is able to challenge

¹Methodist Church S.O. 633 1

²The closest NT equivalent is the role of deacon (Acts 6, 1 Timothy 3:10ff). This should not be confused with the Order of Deacon within the Methodist Church which is a life long ministry to which candidates are ordained.

³The current structure is that each Church Steward hold two portfolios and shares each portfolio with another Steward.

Appointment

The role commences on June 1st 2017. Church Stewards are appointed annually for a maximum of six consecutive years. Appointment is by over a 50% vote at the General Church Meeting.

Those wishing to be considered need to be a member of the Methodist Church and nominated by two other church members (forms on welcome desk or from the church office). **Before nomination, it is essential that you have a conversation with Gareth.**

Church Council Members

The Church is led by the Minister and Leadership Team but governed by the Church Council. The Church Council consists of the Minister, circuit representatives, church officers such as stewards, treasurer, pastoral secretary and others and includes space for 15 representatives from the wider church membership. Such representatives are responsible for policy decisions across the life of the church. The Church Council are the managing trustees of the LMC and so this is a serious and important role responsible to the charity commission and other external bodies. Most church representatives to the Church Council also have a place on the Management Teams of one staff member.

If you are a mature Christian, who is a member of LMC then you are eligible for nomination to this role which is appointed annually for a maximum of six consecutive years. Appointment is by over a 50% vote at the General Church Meeting. Those wishing to be considered need to be a member of the Methodist Church and nominated by two other church members (forms on welcome desk or from the church office).

The first meeting of what will be the newly elected Church Council will be on Monday 19th June, 7:30pm.

Please prayerfully consider who God is calling to these important roles in the life of the church.

For any further information please speak with one of the existing stewards or see Gareth.

General Church Meeting Agenda

(in 3 Sections)

Section A:

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

2. Review 2016 – 2017

Minutes of GCM June 2016

Report 2017

Review of Priorities

Mission audit – key aspects

3. Nominations for Church Stewards and Church Council Representatives

Clarification on voting (only members can vote)

Appointment of Scrutineers

Section B:

1. Worship and Fellowship - to include the process of voting and opportunity for refreshments.

Section C:

1. Election results announcements

2. Vision for LMC

3. Closing Devotion and Prayer