

The Methodist Church Northampton District



Chair of District
The Rev'd Canon Helen D Cameron

Synod Secretary
Derek Beaumont

July 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Representative Synod of the Northampton District will convene on Saturday 14th September at:

Milton Keynes Christian Centre
Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook,
Milton Keynes, MK6 2TG

Refreshments will be available from 9.30am and the session will commence at 10.15am. Details of the venue, together with directions, can be found on their website: www.mkcc.org.uk. As is our custom, please bring lunch with you. There is ample parking on-site and we are asked to avoid parking in the surrounding streets out of courtesy to those who live in that area.

We continue to express our care for God's good creation by considering the following three simple steps:

- If travelling by car, have at least three people in each car
- Bring a reusable cup and/or water bottle for your refreshments
- If possible, avoid printing Synod agenda and papers (at least, not on new paper).

Please send any feedback including 'green' ideas and suggestions for this and future Synods to Howard Warrener, District Advocate for Carbon Reduction: howard_warrener@hotmail.com

In preparation for the Synod, nomination papers are enclosed for the District's Representatives to the Methodist Conference of 2020, which will meet 25 June - 2 July in Telford, Shropshire.

We plan to make the 2019-20 District Directory available on-line by the end of August with paper copies available at the Synod to those who request them. If you would like a paper copy but have not yet notified the District Office, please do so now. The draft Directory will be available to be viewed and checked on the District website on the Synod page from 18th July until 1st August. The link for the draft is:-

<http://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/synod-admin/>

Please visit your entry and make sure that the details are correct. Amendments and corrections may be sent by email to Jenny or Susie at the District Office at:

northampton.distoffice@gmail.com.

Only amendments received by 1st August will be incorporated into the printed version of the Directory. The on-line version will be updated throughout the year.

The President and Vice-President of the Conference, Rev'd Dr Barbara Glasson and Prof Clive Marsh, have chosen as their theme for the coming year "*So What's the Story...?*" in order to encourage every Methodist to reflect on their own life story and how that meshes with and is inspired by the Christian story. To that end they have co-written a book of the same title, the standard price of which is £9.99 but was on offer at the Methodist Conference for a reduced price of £5.00. The District has secured 50 copies that will be on sale at Synod at this reduced price, on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment can be made in cash or by cheque made out to 'Northampton Methodist District'.

With all God's blessing,

Yours sincerely,



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