

The Church in Tickton

Constitution

1 Name This Local Ecumenical Project shall be known as Tickton Anglican and Methodist Church. (Subsequently amended to The Church in Tickton.

2 Area The formal area of this Project shall comprise that part of the parish of Beverley Minster which includes Tickton and is bounded by the River Huli. This area may be enlarged with the approval of the Tickton Church Council and denominational authorities.

3 Sponsoring Body This Project looks to the North Humberside Sponsoring Body as its Sponsoring Body for support and oversight.

4 Baptism, Confirmation & Membership

- Baptism shall be administered according to the rites and practices of either denomination, or according to an ecumenical rite which has been agreed by the Anglican and Methodist authorities.
- A service of Confirmation and Reception into full Church Membership shall be administered at a joint act of worship, according to an ecumenical rite which has been agreed by the Anglican and Methodist authorities. Those received into membership at a joint service will be regarded as members of both the Anglican and Methodist Churches, as well as of the local Anglican Methodist Ecumenical project in Tickton.
- There shall be a Common Roll, including joint members, and a separate list of members shall be kept for each denomination, dual members being included on each list.
- For the purposes of financial denominational assessments, the membership may be divided into its constituent parts, with joint members divided as if 75% were Anglican and 25% Methodist.
- Membership discipline shall be a matter for each denomination, following its own procedures.

5 Ecumenical Ministerial Team

- Overall pastoral oversight shall be provided jointly by the Vicar of Beverley Minster and the Superintendent of the Methodist Circuit, and those whom they may delegate. An ordained Minister from Beverley Minster will normally have delegated oversight of the Project, working closely with the person designated for this purpose by the Methodist Circuit Meeting. The job description for any Minister to be given delegated oversight shall include a description of the ecumenical work involved and the need for ecumenical sympathy on the part of the Minister.

6 Worship

- Worship shall be conducted in accordance with the rites and practices of the Methodist and Anglican Churches, and with any ecumenical rites which are duly authorised by the Anglican and Methodist authorities. The ordained Ministers will consult closely with the Tickton Church Council both in the determination of the shape and pattern of worship, and the involvement in its leadership of lay/local preachers and readers.

7 Joint Decision Making

- *A congregational meeting, to be known as the Annual General Meeting, which shall consist of members of the Common Roll, shall meet once a year.
- Special General Meetings may be called at other times, if required. Non-members may attend/speak, but not vote.
- Decision making for the Project shall be by means of an ecumenical Tickton Church Council. The Council shall consist of an agreed number of members decided upon at the

Annual General Meeting, elected by and from those on the membership roll of the Project, together with the Superintendent of the Methodist Circuit, and an additional member of his or her Ministry Team, and the Vicar of Beverley Minster and an additional member of the Minster clergy, appointed by him. The Tickton Church Council shall have the power to co-opt up to two additional members.

- The Council shall normally be chaired by a Minister from the ecumenical ministerial team, or by such deputies as the Council may elect.

- The Annual General Meeting shall elect a Secretary, a Treasurer, and two Wardens/Stewards, one of whom shall be nominated for election as a Churchwarden of the Parish of Beverley Minster, and one of whom shall serve as a representative to the Methodist Circuit Meeting.

- The Council shall meet at least three times a year.

- Through its Council, the Project shall maintain a proper relationship with the appropriate local and regional denominational bodies, fulfilling necessary constitutional arrangements. These bodies shall include: Beverley Minster PCC, the Beverley Methodist Circuit, Beverley Deanery Synod, Churches Together in Beverley & District, the North Humberside Sponsoring Body, the Diocese of York, and the York & Hull District of the Methodist Church.

- The Council may establish sub-committees, and may delegate powers to these committees.

8 Premises

- The premises comprise St Paul's Anglican Church, Tickton, and the Methodist Church, Tickton. They shall be subject to a Sharing Agreement under the provisions of the Sharing of Church Buildings Act, 1969. There shall be a Joint Council in accordance with the Act.

9 Finance

- The financial resources and income of the Anglican and Methodist Churches in Tickton shall be combined, and out of the combined income the buildings shall be maintained, the expenses of ministry met, and the balance applied to the administration costs of the Project and such charitable objects as the Council may determine. Accounts shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

10 Wider Participation

- Other Churches in or near the neighbourhood of the Project may at any time negotiate for participation in the Project, subject to the agreement of the Sponsoring Body and of the appropriate denominational authorities.

11 Review

- The Sponsoring Body shall ensure that the Tickton Local Ecumenical Project is reviewed every five years, with reference to its objectives as stated in the Declaration of Intent.

12 Continuity

- The Project may be terminated with the approval of the appropriate denominational authorities, after consultation with the Sponsoring Body.

13 Amendments

- The Constitution of this project may be amended by an Annual or Special General Meeting, with the approval of the Sponsoring Body and the appropriate denominational authorities.

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