

St Luke's Church, Lodge Moor

Registered Charity No: 1136795

Membership Policy

Context

The Constitution of the Charity provides as follows:

Membership of the Charity

- 4) The duly authorised ministers for the time being of the LEP (whether ordained or lay) are Members by virtue of their office.
- 5) Other persons shall be entitled to membership of the Charity if entitled to membership of the LEP in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule.
- 6) The Trustees must keep a roll of Members, which must be made available to any Member upon request. The roll must record the name, address and denominational affiliation within the LEP of each Member.
- 7) Membership of the Charity shall be terminated if the Member concerned:-
 - a) gives written notice of his or her resignation to the Trustees;
 - b) ceases to be entitled to membership of the LEP (including as a result of any disciplinary procedure conducted by one or more of the Participating Denominations conducted in accordance with paragraph 13 of the Schedule); or
 - c) dies.
- 8) Membership of the Charity is personal and not transferable.

The Schedule attached to the Constitution states:

- 9) Preparation for believer's baptism and for confirmation and admission to the full responsibilities and privileges of membership of the LEP shall be undertaken jointly and shall include specific denominational teaching and instruction. Confirmation and reception into membership of the LEP or a transfer and/or extension of membership shall normally be administered at a joint act of worship according to a rite authorised by the Sponsoring Body, and agreed by the confirming ministers.
- 10) Those received into membership of the LEP by joint confirmation in consequence become members of all the Participating Denominations, as well as members of the LEP.
- 11) Those received into membership of the LEP by transfer and extension of membership in consequence become members of all the Participating Denominations which have received them, as well as members of the LEP.
- 12) Baptism of believers will not normally be administered to those who have previously been baptized as infants. If, however, a candidate who has been baptized as an infant holds a strong conviction about being baptized as a believer, the matter should be referred to the ministry team and the appropriate authorities of the Participating Denominations for consideration in the light of nationally agreed policies. Anyone so baptized shall be eligible for membership of the LEP as a Baptist only.
- 13) Membership discipline shall be in accordance with the procedures of the Participating Denominations. Members affiliated to more than one of the Participating Denominations shall be subject to the procedures of only one of them, as agreed by the Sponsoring Body and the appropriate authorities of the Participating Denominations on the proposal of the Trustees. The standing of any such member with the other Participating Denomination(s) to which they are affiliated shall be reviewed by them in the light of the outcome of that procedure.

Notwithstanding these provisions of the Constitution and Schedule, St. Luke's Church, Lodge Moor is free to determine its own local membership policy and procedures in so far as they are compatible with the Constitution and Schedule. The Trustees have therefore formulated the following policy and procedure: -

St. Luke's Church, Lodge Moor Membership Policy and Procedures

1. For the purpose of clarity, all members on the common roll of St. Luke's Church, Lodge Moor on the 24th April 2010 shall be deemed to be members of the Charity following the adoption of the new Constitution on the 25th April 2010 and the common roll shall be regarded as the membership roll for the purpose of Clause 6 of the Constitution.
2. Any person aged 16 or over who: -
 - a) is resident in the parish of St. Luke's Church, Lodge Moor or
 - b) has habitually attended public worship at St. Luke's Church, Lodge Moor for a period of at least 6 months immediately prior to his/her membership application or
 - c) wishes to transfer his/her membership according to the rules of his/her denomination(s) and with the agreement of the Minister in charge of his/her previous Church may apply to become a member of St. Luke's Church, Lodge Moor (by completing a membership application in the form annexed hereto) and have his/her name entered on its membership roll. He/she will be welcomed into membership at a morning service of public worship as soon as possible after his/her membership has been approved.
3. Retired ordained ministers of any of the denominations normally excluded from voting membership may be included as voting members if they apply in writing and their membership is confirmed by the Trustees or by the Annual Congregational Meeting
4. A member who ceases to attend St. Luke's Church, Lodge Moor and has no regular contact with it (i.e. contact through the Minister or through one of the Pastoral Workers or Trustees) for a continuous period of 12 months, but fails to formally resign their membership as provided for above **may** be removed from the roll of members if agreed by the Trustees, provided that written notice of St. Luke's Church, Lodge Moor's intention to remove him/her from membership is first delivered or sent by ordinary first class post (or by recorded delivery or registered post) to his/her last known address and no response is received within 4 weeks of such delivery/posting. If a response is received during such 4 week period and the member wishes to remain on the membership roll, the Trustees may only remove him/her from membership if they have first given him/her the opportunity of attending before them to explain why he/she wishes to remain a member.
5. The roll of members will be revised once every year immediately prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting and updated periodically as decided by the Trustees.
6. The Anglican tradition requires re-application for membership on the membership roll every six years meaning that a new list of members is created and all previous membership is cancelled. St. Luke's Church, Lodge Moor will follow this procedure for **all** members irrespective of denominational membership in accordance with the Anglican requirements.
7. Members shall be encouraged to play a full part within their own denominations e.g. maintaining their status as Lay Preachers or serving on Denominational Bodies. In addition, representatives of St Luke's Church, Lodge Moor shall be appointed to Denominational Bodies in accordance with their respective Constitutions.
8. On leaving St Luke's Church, Lodge Moor members may have their membership transferred to another congregation of their choice if this is in accordance with the denominational practice of the receiving Church.

This Policy was approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 21st day of July 2010 and adopted by the Autumn Church Meeting on 3rd day of October 2010.

Signed John D Stride Chair of Trustees

ST LUKE'S CHURCH, LODGE MOOR

(A Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches in Lodge Moor)
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APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON ST LUKE'S CHURCH, LODGE MOOR'S MEMBERSHIP REGISTER 2010

I,
(Dr,Mr,Mrs,Miss, full Christian Name(s) and Surname)

(preferred first name:)

of
(Full postal address with postcode)

Tel (incl STD)

am baptised, I am sixteen years of age or over,
and (*tick one of three*)

..... I am resident in the parish **or**

..... I have habitually attended public worship at St Luke's for at least the past six months **or**

..... I am transferring my membership according to the rules of my denomination and with the agreement of the minister in charge of my previous Church,

and

I hereby apply for entry onto St Luke's Membership Register* as:

..... an Anglican member * You should tick only one, **unless** you have been confirmed at a joint

..... a Baptist member Confirmation Service at St Luke's, then you should tick all four

..... a Methodist member **or** you have transferred as a multi-member from another Local Ecumenical

..... a URC member Partnership, then you should then tick two, three or four as appropriate

I have read the St Luke's Membership Commitments set out below and the attached Membership Policy.

Date.....Signed.....

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Further details, if required, may be obtained from Rev. John Stride.

Please return this form to Keith Bomford, Common Roll Officer, via the B pigeon hole in the Church Foyer.

Commitments of membership of St Luke's Church, Lodge Moor

As a member of St Luke's Church, Lodge Moor I will endeavour (so far as I am able) to:

- **Worship** within the local church, including regular sharing in Holy Communion, and through personal prayer
- **Learn** through attendance in Church, Bible study and meeting for fellowship, so that I may grow in faith and support others in their discipleship
- **Serve** by being a good neighbour in the community, challenging injustice and using my resources to support the Church in its mission in the world
- **Evangelise** through working out my faith in daily life and sharing Christ with others.

St Luke's Church, Lodge Moor is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches in Lodge Moor and, as such, seeks to benefit from each of these four traditions.