

Clarence Park Baptist Church  
AGENDA of AGM & Church meeting  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 – following Morning service

AGENDA

1. **Attendance & Apologies**
2. **Minutes of Church meeting:** 5th March 2023
3. **Deacons Elections**

As this is the first AGM since becoming a CIO – the constitution states that all current trustees are to step down at the first AGM. The whole leadership will then be reappointed and terms of office appointed so that over the next three years as equal as is numerically possible deacons period office come to an end and elections for those positions take place.

As a result there are 12 vacancies on the diaconate available. Nominees are:

**Jonathan BROWNETT, Kaye COOKE, John DAWKINS**  
**Ruth FULLER, Keith NEWPORT, David SEWELL**  
**Elizabeth SPEAKMAN, Frances WEDLAKE, Su WEEKS**  
**Avril WILSON**

Each nominee must attain at least 70% of the votes cast.

Scrutineers – will appointed and a time of prayer will follow before voting takes place by ballot.

4. **Children's Charter**

To be read out by a member of the Church Safeguarding Team.

5. **Finance**

- a) **Presentation of the Annual Church Accounts** Copies of the accounts will be available before the church AGM at the rear of the church, on the church closed Facebook group and sent by email to those on our mailing list. Please read them before the meeting so you can either bring questions to the meeting or if you prefer, please see Steve or Ruth before the church meeting.

6. **Secretaries item**

- a) Confirmation of church officers and representatives –  
Church secretary: Mrs Elisabeth Speakman assisted by Kevin Speakman for Admin  
Treasurer : Mrs Ruth Fuller assisted by Paul Fuller and Paul Salmons (Book keeper)  
A list of representatives is attached  
Please notify Steve of any updates or corrections to the list before the AGM.
- b) Membership items:
- c) Baptist Assembly - sessions are available from this weekend online for people to watch.
- d) GDPR – if you are new and would like your details (personal data) being added to mailing lists etc., please complete a form and return to Kevin Speakman.
- e) Appointment of minister in Training April 2023 to July 2024.

The Trustees would like to bring before you the following proposal.

**Proposal:**

**In partnership with Clarence Park and Milton Baptist Churches we will offer a student placement to Louise Luft and provide financial support to Louise during this time (as detailed below) providing a minister-in-training student placement for Louise Luft from 24th April 2023 until 31st July 2024 (approx 15 months).**

Louise who lives in Nailsea with her family spent 6 weeks working alongside Steve at CPBC last June as part of her college placement, is currently in her final phase of study at Bristol Baptist College as a minister in training and requires a placement to complete the requirements of her course and gain experience in all aspects of ministerial work and possibly mission based projects.

We have been prayerfully considering this opportunity and had discussions with Bristol Baptist College, the Regional Team and the other churches to ensure that we understand what time Louise would need to support her ongoing college commitments and study time, and what time she would have available to the churches; this does vary during term time and college holidays. We would need to commit to ensuring that she has the required management and pastoral support throughout her placement and firmly believe this is possible to achieve.

We would plan for Louise to do blocks of time with each church; during these blocks of time she would have a named church where she was primarily placed but would still be linked to all three churches.

In meeting our financial commitment to this partnership CPBC would fund £6k over the 15 month placement. The other churches will also be providing this level of funds. Whilst we would all have shared oversight of the placement, Milton Baptist Church are willing to lead on the financial administration it would involve.

The Leaders of Clarence Park Baptist Church have prayerfully considered this opportunity for Louise, for us as a church and for the Weston Baptist Churches. We all feel that it is God's plan for this to happen, as we further collaborate in our working together as a Weston Baptist Family in what we feel we could provide a wonderful opportunity for Louise and support her on her journey; we are committed to make this succeed.

We are therefore asking you as a church to approve that we use £6000.00 of our legacy fund to enable this placement to happen for Louise here in Weston. Minton Baptist and Worle Baptist Churches are also committing the same funds.

We are happy to answer all your questions at the AGM but we would like you all to pray into this idea and come prepared.

Liz Speakman  
Church Secretary

**7. Fabric update**

**8. Pastors Items**

- a) Ongoing support at this time to MBC

**11. Opportunity for sharing encouragement and open prayer**

12. AOB to be notified to the Chair before the start of the meeting.

13. Close

Appointment of Church Officers, representatives Clarence Park Baptist Church: May 2023

<b>Church Secretary</b>	Mrs Elisabeth Speakman
<b>Church Treasurer</b>	Mrs Ruth Fuller
<b>Admin Team Leader</b>	Mr Kevin Speakman
<b>Treasurer Assistant and book keeping</b>	Mr Paul Fuller (assistant) Mr Paul Salmons (Book Keeper)
<b>Gift Aid</b>	Mr Michael Wedlake
<b>GDPR Officer</b>	Mr. Kevin Speakman
<b>Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding Safeguarding Trustee</b>	Tori Harper Steven Christian Kaye Cooke
<b>Pulpit Secretary</b>	Mrs Maureen Price
<b>Fabric Group Leader</b>	Mr Paul Fuller
<b>Sunday Club Leader</b>	Mrs Amanda Hawkins
<b>So Crafty</b>	Ms Alex McIntosh
<b>Ladies Friendship Group Leader</b>	Avril Wilson & Maureen Price
<b>Ladies Time Out</b>	Julie Dawkins, Ruth Thomas & Kaye Cooke
<b>CPBC Men's Group Leader</b>	Mr R Thomas & Mr A Loveridge
<b>Tots and Toddlers</b>	Mrs Amanda Hawkins
<b>Community Coffee Morning</b>	Mr Mark Redman
<b>Church Magazine</b>	Mrs Maureen Tubb
<b>Messy Church Sundays</b>	Mrs Susannah Weeks & Rev. Steve Christian
<b>Church Diary for bookings</b>	Vacant – In vacancy Please contact Steve Christian
<b>Clangers (Hand Chines)</b>	Mrs Jane Ridge
<b>Organists</b>	Mr John Dawkins
<b>Nomads contact person</b>	Mrs Frances Wedlake
<b>Co-ordinator for Church Visiting</b>	Avil Wilson
<b>BMS Representative</b>	Mrs Jayne Goodwin
<b>BMS Birthday scheme</b>	Vacant
<b>Home Mission Representative</b>	Vacant
<b>Baptist World Aid Representative</b>	Vacant
<b>Churches Together</b>	Rev. Steven Christian