

Upton Methodist Church: Preacher's Brief

Facilities

Pulpit, Lectern, Flexible seating (chairs) and flat floor- can be rearranged.



Loop system, Clip on radio microphone.

Other fixed microphones for Pulpit, Lectern and front of chapel

Hand held radio microphone for elsewhere or if mobility needed

Whiteboard, flip chart.

Services are usually recorded (sound only) for potential use of those not able to attend.

Can play back tape/ CD.

Can borrow circuit projection equipment for power point/ dvd from pc or player.

Location

High Street, Upton, on right hand side, opposite Tanning Shop, just after and on same side as Post Office as road bends round to left when travelling through village from West to East.

Post code (eg for www.multimap.co.uk) is WF9 1HQ.



Introduction

This document's objective is to jointly help a preacher's ministry at Upton. It states something of what the congregation is used to, but does not preclude change and progress. We recognise the service is the preacher's, but we welcome and appreciate prior dialogue and an input if possible. It is obviously a snapshot- last updated November 2011.

Church Background

Only place of Christian Worship in village of 8500 folks. Rural, ex mining community. Village expanding as new housing built.

Congregation Outline

Not solely from Methodist background.

Average of 22 adults attending.

Children

Children are all related to congregation.

Number by age:

Under 5: 1 5-7yrs: 1 8-10yrs: 2 11-16yrs: 3

Worship Format

No specific introit, but music played and candle lit 5 mins prior to service.

Used to a variety of formats from formal to interactive.

If not All Age Worship, children usually in at beginning up to 2nd hymn.

Children usually leave during hymn. For communion children usually out at beginning and returning during the peace

We appreciate being able to choose collection song from Songs of Fellowship.

Notice sheet is printed, but we appreciate opportunity to read out extras/

amendments and provide a welcome to preacher.

The noticesheet states the scripture readings used during the service to assist folks to find in advance and follow from their pews. This and any other

noticesheet information to Nigel Storey please by Sat evening by phone (01977 644843), or email (nigel.storey@virgin.net).

Refreshments provided afterwards, 90% folks remain for this.

Worship Material

Methodist Worship Books and a limited number of Good News Bibles.

Participation

We welcome and appreciate the possibility of participation within the service.

Folks are available to read scripture, take part in drama etc. Useful though not essential to know in advance.

Worship leaders (Deb, Adrian, Nigel) available to help if required, worship time can be prepared.

Contact

Contact Nigel Storey- senior steward on 01977 644843 or see www.uptonmethodistchurch.org.uk

Intercessions

We can contribute to these, open or silent.

Music/ Worship Assistance

Keyboard (from organ to piano sound)

Violin

Clarinnet

Drums

To transpose for clarinet, useful to know music by Thursday to Adrian Howes 01977 642487

Singing group (circa 6 folks) can assist in leading worship and teaching congregation any new song/ hymn.

Available Singing Material

We have a CCLI licence (music and words)- can duplicate words onto sheets or onto back of noticesheet. Can duplicate/ write out for projection- short advance notice required.

Hymns and Psalms

Songs of Fellowship 1, 2, 3 and 4