

APPLICATION FOR AN AUTHORISATION FOR A LAY PERSON OR PRESBYTERAL PROBATIONER TO PRESIDE AT THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER IN THE METHODIST CHURCH 2022-2023

Notes to Circuit Superintendents:

1	Please use alternative form for applications under the missional criteria.
2	Applications are made under SO 011 and the criteria are set out in Book VI of CPD. SO 011 asks that the DPC be provided with information about the suitability of the nominee. For probationer presbyters, this information is contained within the stationing profile. For lay people a note (possibly the minute of the circuit meeting at which the nomination was made) is required indicating her/ his general competence, gifts and graces in leading worship and understanding of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper (see CPD 2021, Book VI, Part 3, paragraph 5, p 776).
3	If a Circuit is making more than one application in the same year, the applications should be listed in a preferred order, and it should be assumed for the purpose of this calculation that the applicant(s) listed before this applicant has/have been approved.
4	Authorisations will not be granted for deacons.
5	Please complete each relevant box and email all necessary documents to the District Policy Committee Secretary as soon as they are completed. Please copy this email to the Conference Office conferenceoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk to enable tracking and so that the Conference Office can chase any forms which do not return via the District Office. Please do not submit paper copies.
6	Please enclose a copy of a recent plan with the Communion Services highlighted to aid checking.
7	Where Circuits are combining, please include a note of the Circuits involved.
8	Applications from the previous two years should not normally return to the authorisations committee for scrutiny. However their suitability should be re-examined by the Circuit Meeting to check for any change of circumstance, so that they can be presented to the Conference.

Notes to District Policy Committee (DPC) Secretaries and Synod Secretaries:

9	If the DPC approval is to be delayed (e.g. because of the date of the Policy Committee), please forward a copy of this form to the Conference Office, as below, as soon as possible.
10	Please enter any subsequent comments on the formal application immediately following the DPC.
11	If the Synod should make any further comments these should be relayed as soon as possible following the meeting of the Synod.
12	Authorisations for probationer presbyters and lay persons do not normally return to the authorisations committee for scrutiny until they have run for three years. In such cases the authorised person moves from List A to B and eventually to C. Applications return to the authorisations committee only if a change of circumstances is notified. However their suitability should be re-examined by the DPC so that they can be presented to the Conference.
13	Authorisations will not be granted for deacons.
14	Please forward this application form together with a circuit plan with communion services highlighted, a note about suitability and any supporting statements and documents no later than Friday 1 April 2022 to: conferenceoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk

Section One: Basic Details

1A	Is this application for a Lay person or a presbyteral Probationer minister? <i>Please enter L or P.</i>	L
	Is this a New application or a Renewal after an initial three years has been completed? <i>Please enter N or R in the box to the right.</i>	N
	If this application is for a lay person, please confirm that they are a Member in the Circuit? <i>Please enter Yes in the box to the right.</i>	Yes
	Are they a volunteer or an employee? <i>Please enter V or E in the box to the right.</i>	E

1B	Circuit Name	DONCASTER	Deprivation Figure <i>Please enter here the number you calculate below in Section 2C.</i>
	Circuit Number	25/14	
	Nominee's name <i>Write name as it should appear in the Conference Agenda</i>	Mr Sean Worsley	16.18

1C	Details of person making this application <i>usually the Superintendent of the Circuit</i>	
	Name	Revd Michael A Neal (Superintendent)
	Address (inc. post code)	99 Hawshaw Lane, Hoyland Barnsley S74 9ES
	Telephone number	01226 748402
	E-mail address	revmickneal@googlemail.com

Section Two: Deprivation Assessment

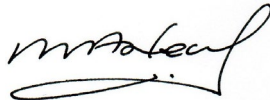
2A	(a)	Number of Sunday Communion Services required in Circuit Churches each quarter.	54
	(b)	Number of mid-week Communion Services required each quarter (where extended communion cannot be used).	3
	(c)	Number of Communion Services required in residential homes each quarter if not included on the Circuit Plan (where extended communion cannot be used).	5
	Total of (a) – (c) above. <i>(TOTAL A)</i>		62
	Does the number of services under (a) differ from the number on the Circuit Plan you are submitting with this application?		YES
	If 'Yes' please explain why.	Churches in the Circuit are continuing to rebuild following Covid and there is a strong desire to be able to share a Communion Service at least once a month. 1 Church has left the Circuit during the last year and another is expected to leave in August 2023 which reduces demand slightly but one of the people who currently holds an Authorisation has indicated that they are moving out of the Circuit in the summer of this year. Although the Circuit is slowly building to 1 Communion service per month in each church we are still some way from achieving this because of the number of churches and the shortage of ordained staff (only 2) in the current year.	
	Please provide brief information and context about figures (b) and (c). Please explain why extended communion is not appropriate	Some of the Churches in the Circuit have a pattern of worship that includes a monthly mid-week Communion Service. These have often been arranged around other activities in the church and have attracted visitors (building users) who are not usually part of the Sunday congregation. The pastoral contact and relationship with the minister is important in this context.	
	Is there any other information you would like the Committee to take into account in assessing your application? <i>For example: unusual circumstances in the circuit; provision for LEPs; other communion services not taken into account above.</i>	NO	

2B	Please list below the names of people expected to be presiding at communion services in the Circuit in the next connexional year (excluding the nominee). Insert in right-hand column the full-time equivalent number for each named individual; calculate this by dividing the average number of services they take each quarter by 26. <i>(For example: if a part time presbyter takes 4 appointments per quarter the figure to record would be 4 divided by 26; i.e. 0.15.)</i>		
		Presbyters working full-time within the circuit (count 1 for each in right-hand column)	
	(a)	Rev. John Henry Rev. Tom Read Rev. Jonathan Gichaara	1 1 1
	(b)	Presbyters working part-time within the circuit	
			0
	(c)	Other presbyters presiding at communion services in the circuit (e.g. supernumeraries, ministers in appointments not under the control of the Church)	
		Rev Keith Lackenby	.07
(d)	Anyone with an existing authorisation to preside (see Note 3)		
	Mrs Susanna Brookes Mrs Chris Ogley Mrs Alice Curry (currently has an authorisation but has indicated that she will be moving out of the Circuit before September 2023)	.46 .30 0	
		Total of right-hand column in section 2B (a) – (d) (TOTAL B)	3.83

2C	Calculation of deprivation figure	TOTAL A <i>from Section 2A above</i>	TOTAL B <i>from Section 2B above</i>	DEPRIVATION FIGURE <i>Total A divided by total B Please enter the calculated figure below, and again in the box in Section 1B above.</i>
		62	3.83	16.18
	If the calculation is 13 or greater, your deprivation assessment is complete.			
	If the calculation is less than 13, please indicate here any additional factors which contribute to deprivation.			

	<p>If the application relates to an ecumenical (LEP) situation please describe any circumstances relevant to the application.</p>	
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Section Three: Scrutiny By Circuit and District

3A	CIRCUIT MEETING APPROVAL (see SO 011(2)(b))		
	Has this application been considered by the Circuit Meeting?		NO
	If not, please explain why and give the date of the circuit meeting when it will be considered. This must be before the beginning of Conference.	This application will be considered by the Circuit Meeting on March 14th 2023	
	Is the person nominated a member in the Circuit?		YES
	Has the Circuit Meeting received a satisfactory report as to the suitability of the person nominated?		YES
	Has the Circuit Meeting received a note of agreement from the nominee to receive an authorisation? <i>Please include it with the papers for this application.</i>		YES
	Will the Superintendent ensure that the nominee receives adequate training?		YES
	<i>If this application has not been considered by the Circuit Meeting the authorisation committee can only make a conditional recommendation which will be made to the Conference after it has been confirmed that the Circuit Meeting has scrutinised the application and supports it, and answers to the above questions have been provided.</i>		
Superintendent's signature		Date	4 th February 2023

3B	DISTRICT POLICY COMMITTEE APPROVAL			
	Has this application been considered by the District Policy Committee?			
		If not, please give the date of the DPC when it will be considered. This must be before the beginning of the Conference.		
	Has the DPC received a note which commends the nominee's suitability from the Superintendent of the Circuit?			
	Has the nominee given written consent?			
	Taking account of both the assessment and the suitability information does the DPC recommend acceptance of the application?			
	<i>If this application has not been considered by the District Policy Committee the authorisation committee can only make a conditional recommendation which will be made to conference after it has been confirmed that the District Policy Committee has scrutinised the application and answers to the above questions have been provided.</i>			
	Signature of Chair of District or DPC Secretary		Date	

2023													
	5 March Lent 2	12 Lent 3	19 Mothering Sunday	26	2 April Palm	9 Easter	16	23	30	7 May Vocations	14 Christian Aid	21 Aldersgate	28 Pentecost
Farsi speaking	1.00	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA
Revd Tom Read thomas-read@sky.com													
Adwick HP SF1-4	10.45	Hepworth	OA	Read	OA WL	Ogley S	S Smith	OA WL	Read S	Brittain	LA	US @ Sprot	Beardsall
Sprotbrough StF	10.00	LA	Read	Banks F	SusBrookes	Read S	Hankinson	Cooke ¹	Banks F	LA	J Key	Read	Banks F
Scawthorpe HP SF1-2	9.30	Banks	Read	Worsley	Gichaara	US @ Bentley	Willimott	LA	Mears	Read S	Ogley	US @ Sprot	LA
Bentley HP MP1-2 SF 1	10.45	Banks	Read	Worsley	Gichaara	Hankinson	Willimott	LA	Mears	Read S	Ogley	US @ Sprot	LA
Mrs Susanna Brookes SusannaBrookes@aol.com													
Cantley StF HP SF1	10.00	OA Gift	Brittain	Hankinson	Beardsall	SusBrookes S	LA	S Smith	Willimott AAW	OA	SusBrookes S	SeBrookes	M Key AAW
Auckley HP JP MP1	10.30	NS	SusBrookes	NS	NS	US @ Cantley	NS	NS	NS	NS	US @ Cantley	NS	NS
	6.00	SusBrookes	OA	Read	SeBrookes	SusBrookes S	OA	Gichaara	Read	Hankinson	NS	SusBrookes S	Beardsall
Mr Sean Worsley seanworsley1@hotmail.co.uk													
St Andrew's HP MP Combined	10.30	Worsley	Banks	Beardsall	Worsley	S Smith	Parker	Mears	SOP LA	US @ StA's or AG	LA	Brittain	Lackenby S
Alder Grove HP SF1-2 MP1-3	10.30	Lackenby S	LA	Worsley	Bingham	Cooke ¹	Worsley	LA	Parker	US @ StA's or AG	Worsley	S Smith	Hankinson
Flintwood HP	10.45	Mears	Worsley	Gichaara	Lackenby	Worsley	Read	LA	Ogley S	US @ StA's or AG	S Smith	SusBrookes	Worsley
TKCC													
	10.30	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	S Smith
	6.00	OA	OA	OA	OA	S Smith	Ghamari	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA	OA
Revd Dr Jonathan Gichaara gichaara@yahoo.co.uk													
Hafflad Woodhouse HP MP Complete	3.30	NS	NS	Gichaara CaCh	NS	NS	NS	NS	M Key CaCh	NS	NS	NS	US @ Dunsville
	6.00	Gichaara S	Worsley	NS	Read	Gichaara S	LA	Worsley	NS	Gichaara S	SusBrookes	Read	NS
Stainforth HP MP Complete	10.45	LA	NS	NS	S Smith	NS	NS	NS	NS	Willimott	NS	NS	NS
	3.00	NS	Read	Gichaara	NS	Worsley	LA	Brittain	Gichaara S	NS	Brittain CA	Gichaara S	US @ Dunsville
Thorne StF HP MP SLW	10.45	Beardsall	Hankinson	Willimott	Read	Gichaara S	Mears	Gichaara B	LA	S Smith	Bingham	Gichaara B	US @ Dunsville
Barnby Dun StF HP MP	10.30	Gichaara S	LA	Willimott	Hankinson	LA	Gichaara S	Willimott	LA	Gichaara S	Mears	Ogley	US @ Dunsville
Dunsville SF1-3	10.45	SusBrookes	Gichaara S	Hankinson	Willimott	SeBrookes	Banks	Read	Gichaara S	Beardsall	LA	Parker	Gichaara
Mrs Alice Curry aliceomcurry@outlook.com													
Bawtry HP SF	10.30	OA	Curry	Parker	Curry S	Beardsall	OA	SusBrookes	OA	US @ Tickhill	Beardsall	OA	Curry S
Harworth HP MP StF	10.30	Read	Bingham	Curry	Brittain	Curry S	OA	Parker	Worsley	US @ Tickhill	Banks	Curry S	OA
Tickhill StF	10.30	Curry S	OA	M Key	OA	Lackenby S	Curry	Worsley	LA	Newton	Curry S	OA	Read

Please Note: ¹ means the preacher is responsible for arranging a car owner to collect the preacher.



The Methodist Church

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4th February 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

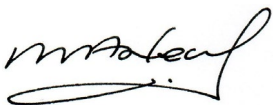
Donaster Methodist Circuit
Reference to Accompany Application for Authorisation to Preside – Sean Worsley

Sean Worsley has been a fully accredited Local Preacher and is currently employed as a Lay Pastor in the Doncaster Methodist Circuit. Sean joined the Circuit Staff Team in September 2022 having previously served for 3 years in the Norwich Circuit.

The Circuit Meeting is fully satisfied that he is a suitable candidate to have an authorisation to preside at Communion as he is a person who has proved himself to be of strong faith and deep spiritual insight. He brings this to his ministry in the Circuit and has touched many lives with his careful leading of worship and pastoral ministry since he arrived in Doncaster.

I hope this helps in responding positively to the accompanying application.

With best wishes,



Revd Michael A Neal
Superintendent Minister
Doncaster Methodist Circuit

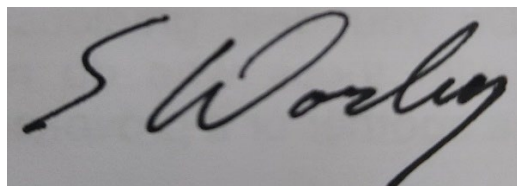
Sean Worsley
1 Windsor Court
Dunsville
Doncaster
DN7 4QE
4th February 2023

Rev Mick Neal,
Superintendent Minister
Doncaster Methodist Circuit
99 Hawshaw Lane
Hoyland
Barnsley

Dear Mick,

I hereby request Authorisation to preside at the Lord's Supper when nominated in the Circuit Plan and will readily undertake any instruction or training which the Connexion deems necessary.

Richest Blessings

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'S Worsley', on a light-colored background.

Sean Worsley