

Park Baptist Church Members Meeting

27.9.17 7.30pm

Agenda

Chair: Rev. Peter Timothy

1. Opening Worship

ADMINISTRATION

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting** Approval of minutes from meeting dated 12.7.17.
3. **Apologies for Absence** Please let the Church Secretary know in advance.
4. **Membership Matters** Updating the membership role, including approval of applications.
5. **AGM Reports** Details given of reports due before the Church AGM on 22.11.17.

MINISTRY

6. **Baptism & Membership** A formal resolution brought by the leadership team to amend the Church Constitution, clause 7:2. *See attachment 1.*

MISSION

7. **The Living Room** Request for the church to be used to host The Living Room project this winter on Sunday nights from December 1st - March 31st 2018.
Declaration of interest from Peter Timothy (trustee of The Living Room) - Maxine Corrigan to chair discussion of this item.
8. **Soul Sisters** Introduction of a new women's group at church.
9. **Community Outreach** Feedback on recent outreach day with Chris Duffett and outlining of plans to develop this in the future.

Closing Prayer



Attachment 1

Baptism and Church Membership

Following recent conversations and times of prayer in leadership and church meetings, we (the leadership team) propose an amendment to clause 7:2 in the church constitution to read:

Closed membership so that the persons seeking membership must have been baptised in the manner described in the Union's Declaration of Principle, with the Church Members' Meeting exercising discretion in exceptional cases.

The amendment removes the words:

where people cannot be baptised because of illness or disability.

For further details about this discussion please refer to 'Baptism and Membership - Final Reflections' and to the church document 'Declaration of Baptism and Membership' from the previous Church Meeting (12.7.17).

