

Superintendent Minister: Rev. James Bamber

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Dear Friends,

It is a joy to welcome you on behalf of the St Neots and Huntingdon Methodist Circuit to our Spring Session of the Representative Synod 2024.

The circuit has an urban/rural mix of 10 churches in the 4 market towns of St Neots, Huntingdon, St Ives and Ramsey, and surrounding small or medium-sized villages. Our commitment is to continue to be a Circuit shaped for discipleship, and within each society faithful people are inhabiting what this means in their contexts through worship, service, learning, caring and evangelism. Our people are the greatest treasures we have and together they tirelessly resource a diverse range of outreach initiatives offering energy, vision, colleagueship, support and wisdom.

Our synod is being held in Huntingdon Methodist church, the central hub in the Circuit. Historically, Methodist Church buildings in Huntingdon can be traced back to 1768 with the current building being erected in 1878 with ancillary buildings being added over the years. Today, the site comprises a large suite of premises with high-quality technological, catering, restroom and gathering facilities. The most recent refurbishment was completed during the Covid-19 pandemic and has provided a new refreshment/ lounge area, a prayer room (which was added last year), an additional small meeting room and storage facilities, upgrading kitchen and toilet facilities and with a new heating and lighting system installed into the front premises including a new energy efficient boiler for the whole of the building. The building plays a significant part in helping people within the locality experience the love of God in tangible ways.

We will be pleased to serve you with refreshments when you arrive, at lunchtime and before you begin your return journeys. As regards lunch, please bring your own unless you wish to sample one of the many fine food options in Huntingdon town centre (a 5-minute walk from the church). There are also green spaces nearby, including a walk by the river, so you may like to explore these during our lunch break.

You are assured of a warm welcome on the 27th April whatever the temperature outside. A dedicated team of stewards will be on hand throughout the day, so please do ask should you need any help. Synod is being held in our prayers as we travel together in faith and fellowship seeking to discern God's direction, and joining in.

With every blessing,

James Bamber

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