



The **Methodist** Church 

Strategic Guidance for the Use of Property in Mission


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Property and Mission

- Connexional Property Strategy 2018 – 2020
- Guidance notes approved January 2021
- Property enables calling of Methodist Church
- Calling of the Church
- Property vital for presence in communities



Key Priorities

- Mission Plans
- Development Plans (property portfolio reviews)
- Purchases & Disposals
- Environmental & Ethical Matters
- Partnerships



Benefits of Mission & Development Plans

- Strategic Overview
- Efficiencies
- Agility
- Innovation



Partnerships

- Redevelopment for social purpose
- Imaginative & Ecumenical
- Sharing buildings for social mission
- Sharing buildings for worship
- Redevelopment for commercial purposes



Redevelopment for social and commercial purposes King's Hall, Southall, London



Support for the Use of Property in Mission

Stephen Hetherington
Director of Property Support



Redevelopment and sharing for mission & social purpose The Spire, Poole



Meeting the needs for modern worship Trinity Methodist Church, Clitheroe



Sharing & redevelopment for worship and social mission St Martin's, Allenton, Derby



Sharing resources to create new worship and mission Cross Hills, Greetland, near Halifax



Elephants in the Room

- Resourcing – time, people & money
- Charity law & Model Trust 20
- Governance
- Scale for development such as affordable housing



Resources

- Connexional Property Team & TMCP
- District Property Secretaries
- Panel of solicitors
- Panel of surveyors



Impact of the Pandemic

- Chapel and other building closures
- Using buildings differently – online engagement
- Engagement with new needs and trends
- Opportunity for imaginative uses
- Feasibility funding

