

**PRESBYTERAL SESSION**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

09:30 Morning worship

09:50 Administration

09:55 **Climate, Health and Church**

Presentation and discussion led by the Revd Professor Peter Byass

10:30 **Agenda Item 31: Statistics for Mission** (Agenda pages 283-288)

**Agenda Item 35: The Ministerial Covenant** (Agenda pages 379-402)

**Adoption of the obituaries (including the Additional Obituaries, Order Paper pages P12-P13, P15-P16)**

**Agenda Item 51: Presbyters and deacons becoming supernumerary or returning to the active work** (Agenda pages 486-487, Order Paper page P5)  
Resolutions 51/1, 51/2 (page 487)

Any Outstanding Business

Annual Inquiry

Presbyteral Character and Discipline:

Does each of us continue faithfully to discharge the obligations laid upon us by the ministry we have received from the Lord Jesus to testify to the grace of God?

Do we continue to believe and preach our doctrines and observe and administer our discipline?

Thanks to the President

11:30 Closing Worship including the service of thanksgiving

Motion for the Adjournment

Adjourn

## ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES

### Amendments to obituaries already published

#### **Order Paper, page P12, Derek William Wesley Jaggard**

*Amend list of Circuits to read:* Newmarket, Ipswich, Peterborough, Lincoln (South), and Romford.

#### **Booklet, page 39, Raymond Henry Tresize**

*Amend list of Circuits to read:* Pateley Bridge, Batley, Dewsbury, York South and Waltham Abbey and Hertford.

***The Conference is asked to accept these additional obituaries. If, when necessary checks are carried out, changes need to be made prior to publication in the Minutes of the Conference, the Conference gives permission for such changes to be made.***

**Alan Dawson:** Born in Cramlington on 15 June 1951, Alan's parents, Henry and Edna, were a devout Christian couple who nurtured him into faith. He had an older brother, John, who was also involved in the church until his death. Alan studied chemistry & physics at Newcastle University and became a teacher, working in several schools in the area, until in his late 20s he sensed God calling him to ordained ministry. He trained at Wesley College, Bristol and then spent a year in the USA as the senior Methodist minister in Dallas. (Only as a footnote would he add that this was a small prairie village, not Texas!) He then served in the following Circuits: Worsley, Sheffield (Ecclesall), Scunthorpe, National Forest East, and Derbyshire Dales. While stationed in Sheffield he met and married Chris, whom he treasured, and inherited a family. Afterwards he would say he went to Sheffield as a young bachelor and left as a grandfather with bifocals. He took his new family to heart and delighted in his grandchildren, chauffeuring them and helping with homework and careers advice. All were liberally sprinkled with bad jokes. As a minister, Alan had a pastoral heart and a practical mind. As well as caring for people, he had great expertise in developing buildings to meet the missional needs of the Church. He had a strong faith and confidence that God knew what God was doing. He knew that faith makes a difference in how we live together and so was committed to the 'social gospel'. Because of his faith and his sense of humour, Alan was a welcome preacher whom people looked forward to hearing. He sat down in 2016 and he and Chris moved to Wark in the Tynedale Circuit, where he continued to be supportive to the village chapel and to the Circuit. 'Just let me know if there's anything I can be doing to help', he said on countless occasions. Alan died on 8 May 2020, in the sixty-ninth year of his age and the thirty-eighth year of his ministry.

**David Dunn-Wilson** was born in Plumstead, London on 11 August 1933. His father and grandfather were Primitive Methodist Ministers. David trained at Handsworth College, Birmingham and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the University of Dubuque, Iowa. Returning to the UK, David was Minister on the Home Mission Department's Caravan. David and Elizabeth married, having three children, Anne, Mark and Abigail, of whom he was immensely proud. David served in the following home-based Circuits: Doncaster District Coalfield Mission, Liverpool (South-East), Romford, and Eastbourne. David's great passion was preaching the Gospel. He was never happier than when enabling, equipping, and encouraging others to share the good news of Jesus Christ. He wrote and taught extensively, gathering degrees as the natural outworking of his joy in learning. David was awarded BA, MA (Birmingham), MA (Kent), BD

(Nottingham), MPhil (Sussex), and PhD. (Leeds). He was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA). Despite his undoubted academic abilities, David's was a grounded academia, and he never lost touch with his love of practical ministry. David and his beloved wife Elizabeth, responded to a call to work overseas and were stationed to the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA), the Panama and Costa Rica District, where they served initially in the very tough setting of Rio Abajo and Paraiso. A second term saw service in the Valiente Indian Mission to develop a theological college serving Guaymi Indian evangelists. David returned to the UK to take up the Lewins Chair of Practical Theology at Hartley Victoria College. After six years, he was appointed as Head of the Department of Theology at Kenya Methodist University where academic work was combined with local church ministry alongside Elizabeth. On his return to the UK, The University honoured David as Emeritus Professor. Retiring to Eastbourne, David's ministry continued as writer, preacher, Bible teacher and local preachers tutor; he served Cliff College on its International Training Centre programme and was an external lecturer on the MA. David died on 12 May 2020 in the eighty-seventh year of his life and the sixty-fifth year of his ministry.

**George Allan Stanton:** Born in Netherton, Dudley on 7 March 1928, Allan was educated at the primary school in Netherton before progressing to Dudley Grammar School. After leaving school at the age of 16 with his School Certificate, he went to work at BSR in Birmingham, where he learnt how to calibrate wirelasses. Whilst still at school he joined Bert Bissell's Bible study class for young men at Vicar Street Methodist Church, Dudley. At the end of the war Allan served in the RAF as a nursing orderly and he became a local preacher whilst he was stationed at Horsham St. Faiths. He met Sheila Cater in 1948 in the Methodist Chapel and they were married at East Dereham Methodist Church in Norfolk on 4 July 1953. In 1956 Allan and Sheila's son Paul was born in South Wales and this was followed a few years later with the birth of their daughter Hilary. Allan trained for the Methodist ministry at Hartley Victoria College in Manchester and was ordained at the Conference in Stockport in 1955. Allan served a pre-collegiate year in the South Molton Circuit and, after his theological training, he served in the following circuits; Madeley, Rhymney Valley, Shrewsbury, Bolton Park Station, London (Finsbury Park), Colwyn Bay and Llandudno, Doncaster, and Norwich. Allan retired at the age of 64 after 40 years of service and he and Sheila moved to Norwich in 1992. Allan enjoyed his retirement, preaching at various churches across the city and leading a house group. After a period of ill-health Allan moved into Dussindale Park Care Home in Norwich where he died on 27 April 2020 in the ninety-third year of his age and the sixty-eighth year of his ministry.

## **PRESBYTERS WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO REST 2020**

Barrie A Allcott\*\*

John William Ansley

Thomas Peter Arnold\*\*

John Hilary Atkinson

Charles Banks\*

Edward Maxwell Bradley

Keith David Briddock

George Brigham

Gerald Stanley Broadbent\*

Edna Buggy\*\*

Glyn Gordon Collins

John Fillingham Cook

Alfred Wesley Cooke

Brian Dann\*\*

Alan Dawson

Julyan Drew

Ian Stewart Duncan

David Dunn-Wilson

Deanne Rona May Evans\*\*

David Wesley Fairhurst

William Farrell

Douglas Graham\*\*

James Neil Graham

John George Graham

Marjorie Grantham\*

Roger James Greene

Thomas Hall

Trevor Lewis Hancock\*

Elizabeth Daphne Hodgkiss

C Brian Holliday\*

Marjorie Regina Constance Hopp

John P Horner

John Anthony Howard

David Heighton Howarth\*\*

Arthur Hetherington Howell

David John Hudson

Derek William Wesley Jaggard

Keith Roy Jefferies\*

Raymond Lionel Jones

James S Kyle\*\*

Godfrey Kenyon\*

Geoffrey James Lear

Charles David Le Seelleur

John Philip Le Sueur

Alan Glynn Lister

Sarah Louise Lowe

Keith Marsden

Michael J Mason\*\*

John Jeffrey Morgan

Donald Moxon

Trevor Henry Payne

Timothy David William Pittock

John Platts

Derek Polgrean

Bernard William Price\*

Ronald David Priestley

John Stewart Pyke

Roy Henry Queripel

Kenneth Basil Renouf

Ronald H Rich\*\*

John Hugh Roberts

Ronald Roper\*

Dennis John Edward Salmon

David Miles Sharples

John Malcolm Simmonds

George W Simons

Colin Victor Smith  
Elizabeth Ann Smith  
Roger Harrison Smith  
Thomas Laurence Smith  
John Graham Snaith\*  
Heather April Snape  
William Hugo Squire  
George Allan Stanton  
Roger John Steward\*  
George E Stewart  
David Charles Stringer\*  
William Oswald Stubbs  
Tom Summersby\*  
Reginald Edward Tansey  
John Brian Taylor  
Raymond William Thompson

Peter Westbury Trembath  
Raymond Henry Trezise  
Graham Arthur Vickers  
Geoffrey Wainwright  
G Harry Walkley\*\*  
Kenneth S Walters\*\*  
Albert Ward  
Marie-Louise Whitcombe\*  
Herbert W White\*  
Thomas G Wilkinson\*\*  
Philip Michael Willson  
Colin Richard Wilson  
Margaret Christine Woodlock-Smith  
Donald Wright  
John Brian Wright

*\*Presbyters who had died before or during the Conference of 2019  
but whose Obituaries are presented to this Conference.*

*\*\* Obituaries for these presbyters will be presented in 2021.*