

## Sherbourne Community Church CIO Draft Constitution

At the Church Meeting on 28 January 2026, it was agreed that we should register with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporate Organisation (CIO). This will require us to adopt a new constitution; a draft is attached.

The following points should be noted:

- We are using the template document which is available on the Churches Together in England website.
- As such, we are only able to amend the text shown in red.
- In these areas we have inserted the same text as was included in the previous constitution, approved two years ago, with the sole exception being the inclusion of the list of trustees.
- Where it says “deleted” this is because irrelevant text has been removed, for example relating to the Church of England or Methodist Church.
- This draft has been approved by representatives of the two denominations

We will be required to follow a slightly complicated process to approve this document at the Church Meeting on 25 March 2026, as we have been advised that we need to record separate decisions for Hearsall Baptist Church and Holyhead Road United Reformed Church. Therefore, we will follow the following procedure during that evening:

- Firstly, we will hold the Sherbourne Community Church Meeting, which is our Annual General Meeting.
- Immediately after that, we will reconvene as a Hearsall Baptist Church Meeting to consider the draft constitution, when only former members of that church will be voting.
- Finally, we will reconvene as a Holyhead Road United Reformed Church Meeting to consider the draft constitution, when only former members of that church will be voting.

These meetings will run immediately after each other without any breaks, and nobody will need to leave the room.

If you have any queries in advance of the meeting about the document or the process, please speak to Steve Powell.