

*Chair of District*  
The Rev'd Canon Helen D Cameron

*Synod Secretary*  
Derek Beaumont

24 July 2018

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Synod will meet in its Representative Session on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018. A letter of invitation is enclosed, as are travel directions. The Synod will commence at 10.15am with a Service of Holy Communion and we intend to complete our business by 3.00 pm.

In preparation for the Synod, nomination papers are enclosed for:

- Synod Elected Representatives to the District Executive
- The District's Representatives to the Methodist Conference of 2019.

The Conference is due to meet next summer in Birmingham. The Presbyteral Session will meet on 27<sup>th</sup> June and the Representative Session from the 29<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

We are deeply privileged and over-joyed to be joined on this occasion by the Secretary of the Conference, the Rev'd Canon Gareth J Powell. Our attention to the work of God in the District will be focused through an exploration of what is the nature of Our Calling led by the Secretary of the Conference, allowing us to consider our core identity as Methodist disciples of Jesus Christ and we will do so knowing that in Jesus Christ, in bread and wine, we meet the fullness of God made real among us.

In consultation with Howard Warrener, our District Advocate for Carbon Reduction, we invite you to express your care for God's good creation by making this next Synod more "green" and consider the following to be three simple steps:

- If travelling by car, have at least three people in each car,
- Bring a reusable cup and/or water bottle for your refreshments
- If possible, avoid printing Synod agenda and papers (at least, not on new paper).

Please send any feedback including related ideas for this and future Synods to Howard Warrener, District Advocate for Carbon Reduction: [howard\\_warrener@hotmail.com](mailto:howard_warrener@hotmail.com).

We plan to make the 2018-19 District Directory available on-line by the end of August with paper copies available to those who have requested them at the Synod. If you would like a paper copy but have not yet notified the District Office, please do so now. The draft Directory will be available to be viewed and checked on the District website on the Synod page from 25<sup>th</sup> July until 6<sup>th</sup> August. The link for the draft is:-

<http://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/synod-admin/>

Please visit your entry and make sure that the details are correct. Amendments and corrections may be sent by email to either Christine or Susie at the District Office at: [northampton.distoffice@gmail.com](mailto:northampton.distoffice@gmail.com)  
Only amendments received by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August will be incorporated into the printed version of the Directory. The on-line version will be updated throughout the year.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Beaumont". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'B'.