

**Representative Session of Synod
Bolton Road Methodist Church, Bury Circuit
Saturday 10 September 2016, 9.30am – 1.00pm**

AGENDA

1. Opening Worship – Led by Kathy Selby
2. Welcome to Synod – John Illsley
3. Formal business:
 - a. Hours of session
 - b. Appointment of scrutineers
 - c. Dispensations
 - d. Correspondence
4. Welcome to ministers new to the District
 - Bolton:** Deacon Gill Atkinson-Heck
 - Farnworth and Worsley:** Rev Thandeka Sibanda
 - Rochdale and Littleborough:** Rev Ruth Jackson and Rev Deborah Hopkinson
 - Wigan:** Rev Sheila MacInally
 - Bury:** Rev Jez Hackett
5. Nominations for Conference 2017 (22-29 June 2017, Birmingham)
6. The Methodist Conference 2016 – Reflections
7. Finance:
 - a. General Report – Fiona Gorton
 - b. District Grants – Mike Anderson
8. Work of the Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network
9. District Vision and Policy
10. Safeguarding – Graham Kay
11. Reasoned Statement requesting the closure of Tontine Methodist Church – John Hilton
Coffee (visit the stalls and displays!)
12. **Focus on Chaplaincy and Vocation (including Bible study and conversations)**
13. Methodist Summer Fellowship
14. Achieving the Vision
15. Appointments
16. Dates of forthcoming Synods:
 - Presbyteral Synod:** Thursday 30 March 2017 - 9:30am at Stacksteads, Newchurch Road, Bacup, OL13 0NB
 - Representative Synod:** Saturday 8 April 2017 - 9:30am at Bedford, Breaston Avenue, Leigh, WN7 3DJ
 - Representative Synod:** Saturday 2 September 2017 - 9:30am Joint with Manchester and Stockport District
17. Courtesies
18. Closing Devotions