



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the Plymouth Mission Circuit and Methodist Central Hall for September Synod 2018. We pray that you will have an exciting time at the formal meetings and are able to sample some of the delights of Plymouth.

Unlike many of the Methodist Central Halls around the country, which have become isolated from the retail and business hub of the city, in recent years the centre has come to us. We are situated between Drake Circus and the University, where, along with ecumenical partners, we have a chaplaincy presence. We have a thriving youth and children's work, in particular a youth club which reaches many of the young people who would otherwise be hanging around the shopping centre. There is also a daily pre-school, a toddler group which meets two days a week, and a new Soft Play Café which is open five days a week. The Discovery Café is open six days a week and provides a place of welcome and hospitality. Sunday worship at Central Hall is of a distinctive evangelical spirituality, holding together the best of traditional and contemporary worship, and based around a Biblical teaching ministry.

The circuit has two other centres. The Oasis Project in Stonehouse serves one of the most deprived areas in the country. It runs a cafe, a variety of courses, meeting the needs of those who are disadvantaged both socially and economically. It is also the hub of the Plymouth Foodbank, providing thousands of food parcels to needy families each year. Keyham Methodist Community Project, not far from the Dockyard, ministers to a neighbourhood comprised largely of the elderly and young families. The luncheon club meets a continuing need, and there are children's groups on a weekly basis.

Please find enclosed details of how to find us. Unfortunately, car parking at PMCH will need to be restricted on the day of Synod to the local team, Synod officers and any visiting speakers. You are asked to use the nearby city centre car parks next to Central Hall. There is the Drake Circus shopping mall car park, as well as an open car park in Mayflower Street.

On behalf of all the team here, we pray you will experience the presence and blessing of God during your time with us.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gareth Higgs'.

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