



ROMSEY BAPTIST CHURCH – ADDENDUM TO CONSTITUTION

This Addendum includes decisions taken at Church Members' Meetings either where required by the Constitution or as necessary to record particular requirements that arise from the Leadership structure of the church.

Clause 3

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The Church also take due note of the fuller Statement of Faith as set down by the Evangelical Alliance:

We believe in:

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
5. The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the Virgin Mary, truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the firstfruit of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
10. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers—given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.

Clause 7.4

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Those who wish to become a member of the church should apply to the Church Secretary. The Fellowship Team shall appoint two members of the church to visit and report upon the candidate for membership to the Church Meeting. A person who has been recently (within six months) baptised in this church may, subject to acceptance at the Church meeting, be received into membership without need for visiting.

Clause 7.5

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Candidates elected into church membership shall receive the right hand of fellowship at the Lord's Table at the first convenient communion service following their acceptance as a member.

Clause 8.3

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The Fellowship Team is responsible for an annual revision of the Church Roll and shall be empowered, if membership has lapsed, to instruct the Minister or appoint a person or persons to visit the member, or write to any member residing outside the area and after visitation shall present a verbal report to the Leadership Team. Should the report not be favourable, the member's name shall be brought before the Annual Church Meeting with the recommendation that the member's name be removed from the Church Roll. If the Annual Church Meeting agrees to remove the member's name from the Church Roll, the Church Secretary shall inform the member in writing.

Clauses 11.2 and 11.3

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Because Church Members' Meetings generally fall on a Monday, three weeks notice shall normally be given for all Meetings.

Clause 13.11

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The minimum voting age shall be 18 years.

Clause 15.4

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The Team Structure is to function as follows:

1. The church leadership structure shall consist of:
 - the Minister(s) of the Church;
 - five teams with specific areas of responsibility:
 - Administration, Discipleship, Fellowship, Mission, Worship;
 - the Leadership Team.
2. The Leadership Team shall consist of Minister(s), five elected Team Leaders, the Treasurer and three additional elected members.
3. The Administration, Discipleship, Fellowship, Mission and Worship teams shall typically have between four and six members.
4. The Administration, Discipleship, Fellowship, Mission and Worship Teams' Members shall be of not less than one year's standing, chosen by each Team Leader. Membership of the teams shall be ratified by a meeting of the Leadership Team. Membership of a team will be for three years, after which the member may be asked to continue for a further term, to be ratified by the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team or Team Leaders may co-opt non-members onto a team for a limited time for a specific reason, e.g. to give advice, but co-opted members will not be able to vote.
5. Under normal circumstances Administration, Discipleship, Fellowship, Mission and Worship Team members may only serve on one team at any one time, unless they are members of the Leadership who will also attend Leadership Team meetings.
6. The Church Secretary and Treasurer shall be nominated by and from within the members of the Leadership Team and ratified by the Church Meeting.

Clause 15.8

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Recognising that eligibility to serve may not always be desirable, the Church Members' Meeting shall carefully consider the merits of each individual proposal to ensure that an acceptable balance is maintained within the Charity Trustees.

Clause 15.10

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The members recognise that after serving six years on the Leadership Team, Charity Trustees should be encouraged to consider taking a sabbatical of at least one year.

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