



## Volunteer Role Outline

Role Title: **Pastoral Team Member**

Responsible to: Pastoral Lead and The Minister

Purpose: To work alongside the Minister, Lay Workers and the pastoral lead and the pastoral team, in the provision of pastoral care for the people associated with Leatherhead Methodist Church. To maintain Pastoral records.

### **Responsibilities:**

Working as a team, oversee pastoral care of the church community, through:

- inhabiting LMCs principles of pastoral care
- conversation, welcome and pastoral presence during Sunday worship and other LMC events and activities
- Encouraging and empowering the whole church community to care for one another
- ensuring appropriate welcome is offered to those new to LMC, including signposting to information and key people as appropriate -e.g. time for tea, connect groups or children and youth activities
- Praying regularly for the life of the church and its people and community.
- being willing to make contact with individuals you or the pastoral team identify as needing additional contact (e.g. personal circumstances, bereavement etc)
- sharing concerns with the pastoral team, pastoral lead or minister
- engaging with the team in team meetings and through the pastoral team WhatsApp group
- undertaking training in pastoral care, safeguarding and other relevant areas, as appropriate.

### Principles of Pastoral Care at LMC

#### **We care, because God cares for us**

Pastoral care at LMC is integral to living as a community of God's people, journeying with one another, and with God, in the joys and challenges of life. This can encompass the personal, physical, emotional & spiritual. Safeguarding is a central component to our care for one another.

#### **The work of pastoral care is a collective ministry**

We empower the whole LMC community to care for one another, and to know where to go for help, conversation, prayer or support if they need it.

#### **Pastoral care is missional**

Our care seeks to reach out with open hands – offering invitation to pathways and entry points to people to belong, to discover, and to encounter Jesus.

**God does not call us to 'fix' people, but to love, care, and walk alongside.**

We will not be afraid to signpost to professional support where required, or when we feel out of our depth.

Other requirements:

Have a DBS check – renewed every 5 years

Attend Foundation Safeguarding Training– renewed every 4 years

Undertake any other training considered appropriate by the Methodist Church.

I have read and understood this Role Description, the Church Safeguarding Policy and the Guidance on Recording of Pastoral Work and Confidentiality

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_