



CHESTER ROAD

Baptist Church

Church Members Meeting

Sunday 12th July 2026
Minutes

1. ADMINISTRATION

Register and apologies

77 members were present, with 3 apologies.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on Sunday 17th May 2026, were approved.

2. VISION AND VALUES

Equal marriage consultation – Vote

Following a six month >Discover >Discuss >Decide ‘slow wisdom’ consultation (January – July 2026), a secret ballot of the Church membership was held to >Decide whether Chester Road Baptist Church should register the building to enable equal marriage. This would entail registering to be able to legally conduct same-sex marriages.

The Church Members’ Meeting voted decisively by majority vote - Yes.

This means Chester Road Baptist Church will seek to register for equal marriage.

3. PEOPLE

Prayer for people

We spent time praying for Members of the Church, both named and unnamed.

Membership

The following people were introduced and recommended for Church Membership. The Church Members’ Meeting voted unanimously for the two newest members. We’re delighted to have them part of our church family!

New Church Member	<i>Introduced/ Recommended by</i>
Kimberley Bembury	<i>Wendy Sharples</i>
Norah Mgawi	<i>Paula Warren</i>

4. ENABLING

Finance update 2026-2027

We were provided with an update on finances to date from Ewan, our Treasurer. There are some upcoming large jobs which will be reflected in the figures presented at the next Church Members’ Meeting. This includes the new boiler (main sanctuary). The independent examination is underway - our report will be back in mid/end August, ready for AGM in September.

We closed the Church Members’ Meeting with the Grace.