

Dear Friends,

At the last Church Council it was agreed to create more space in the Church for people in wheelchairs and their carers, mothers and babies in pushchairs and people who prefer to sit in a seat rather than a pew.

To enable this to be achieved, it was agreed to remove the pews that face inwards on either side of the Church. This will allow the current children's area to be expanded and the area around the piano to hold more chairs for people to sit comfortably, next to people in wheelchairs/babies in pushchairs etc, without feeling conspicuous or "in the way".

A working party is being arranged to work at removing the pews. The work will commence on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April and will hopefully last no more than 3 days.

If you would like to help with the removal of the pews then please speak to Stan Rimmer.

Also at Church Council there was a lengthy conversation on the use of Facebook, Twitter and other forms for Social Media to hold discussions regarding Church matters and how to limit their impact on the Church life.

It was agreed to publish a Code of Practice which can be applied to Social Media. The Code of Practice is to be used in conjunction with the Church's Social Media policy that was published last year and republished (in part) in this edition of The Link.

To prevent discussions from escalating into public disagreements that reflect negatively on the Church, any negative views will result in the following Code of Practice being posted in response and it is hoped that the next step would be for the poster to contact a member of the Leadership Team to discuss their concerns in person.

**"It is the policy of Marshside Road Methodist Church not to respond to any negative personal views and would encourage you to contact the Leadership Team in person."**

Thanks,

**The Leadership Team**