

CONSTITUTION

NAME Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship

1. The deepening of our fellowship in the Gospel
2. The furthering of the evangelical tradition of the Church of England particularly within the Diocese.
3. To seek to make a positive and constructive contribution to current problems in the Church.
4. To support the Anglican Evangelical Assembly of the church of England Evangelical Council.

MEMBERSHIP Membership shall be open to all in the Diocese who signify in writing their acceptance of the Constitution and pay the Annual Subscription.

AMENDMENTS Amendments to the Constitution or its Standing Orders can only be made at the Annual General Meeting. Notice of such amendments must be given in writing to the Secretary not less than 14 days before the Annual Meeting.

STANDING 1. THE Fellowship shall hold at least 3 meetings each year and in addition to a quiet day.

ORDERS 2. The Fellowship year will in future run from 1st October to 30th September. Membership shall be deemed to have lapsed if subscriptions remain unpaid after 18 months. Membership fees are renewable at the Annual General Meeting or within 3 months thereafter.

3. Annual Meeting. The following business shall be transacted at the Annual Meeting:

a. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting

b. Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer

c. Election of Officers:

i. **President:** to be elected from the members of the Fellowship for a period of 3 years and to be eligible for re-election.

ii. **Chairman:** to be elected from the members of the Fellowship. Election shall be initially for 2 years at the end of which time to be eligible for re-election. A vacancy shall be filled at the next Annual Meeting.

iii. **Vice-Chairman:** to be elected in the same terms as the Chairman. If the Chairman is a clerical member the Vice-chairman shall be a lay member. If the Chairman is a lay member, the Vice-Chairman shall be a clerical member.

iv. **Secretary:** to be elected annually by the Committee.

v. **Treasurer:** to be elected annually by the Committee.

d. Election of Committee members.

e. To fix subscriptions for the year.

f. For any other business.

4. **CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE:** The Committee shall consist of -

a. President.

b. Chairman.

c. Vice-chairman.

d. Eight elected members, four of whom shall be clerical and four lay members of the Fellowship. Members shall retire after two years and be eligible for re-election except that after four years service no member shall be eligible for re-election until after the lapse of one year.

e. Any members of the General Synod being at the same time members of the Fellowship.

f. The Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed by the Committee from its members.

5. **ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE:**

a. The Secretary shall give 21 days written notice of the A .G. M.

Nominations for Office Holders and Committee Members must be received in writing not later than 7 days before the Annual Meeting. if the number of candidates is greater than the number of seats to be filled the election shall take place on prepared voting papers. The electorate shall consist only of the members of the Fellowship.

b. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt not more than three members.