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- Sintons LLP have been established for over 130 years and are a high calibre mid-size independent law firm based in a single office in Newcastle upon Tyne.
- Our commitment to and investment in modern technology means that we can provide legal services to Managing Trustees in any part of the country and we are of course happy to travel to meet should that be necessary. We work by email and telephone (including conference calls) and can work with video-conferencing when required.
- We have an outstanding reputation for being trustworthy, approachable and providing practical pragmatic, robust advice and exceptional personal service.
- Sintons LLP are a full service law firm which means we can deal with all of your legal needs, including all aspects of property transactions from large multi-million pound development projects to the sale of manses and church buildings. We regularly deal with licences and leases, construction advice, boundary issues, easements, first registrations and telecommunications leases. We advise on all commercial aspects of charity work including commercial contracts, service delivery contracts and issues around non-primary purpose trading, all aspects of charity law including matters pertaining to the duties of charity trustees. We can assist you in aspects of compliance, including those relating to fundraising, reputational risk, health and safety and data protection. We have specialists in employment law, civil litigation and safeguarding matters, legacies and contentious probate.
- We have a highly rated specialist ecclesiastical law team which means that we will be able to handle almost any legal issue on which the Managing Trustees require advice including ecumenical matters such as church sharing agreements
- We have been trusted legal advisers for many years to significant ecclesiastical charitable and public sector organisations including the Methodist Church, the Church Commissioners for England, Church of England Diocese of Carlisle, Church of England Diocese of Newcastle, Gurdwara Temple Newcastle upon Tyne, Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Auckland Castle Trust and Family Gateway. We are therefore particularly strong in relation to ecumenical matters.
- We have worked for Methodist Church Managing Trustees for many years and undertake work in several Methodist Church Districts. Our work includes dealing with sales and purchases of manses and Church buildings, commercial leases and licences of Church premises, licences for alterations and underletting, advising on boundary issues, opposing applications by third parties made to the Land Registry, development land sales including option agreements and conditional contracts, advising on easements and licenses, dealing with first registrations of title, giving advice on occupational arrangements, building sharing agreements, LEPS, trust deeds, advising on telecoms leases and shorthold and other domestic tenancies, and employment matters. We are familiar with TMCP, Methodist Church Practice and Procedure and applicable Charities Act requirements.

- Sintons have over 200 staff including 31 partners and over 100 specialist lawyers - we have the scale to respond to both large and urgent instructions and we have the depth and breadth of specialism to deal with your requirements.
- We have a dedicated team providing services for Methodist Church Managing Trustees led by:
- Laura Peace – Client Liaison Partner. Laura is a partner in the real estate ecclesiastical department at Sintons. She has over 15 years' experience specialising in real estate and landlord and tenant matters. Clients include churches, charities, companies, trust property investors and private individuals. She acts for the Methodist Church, and is the Deputy Diocesan Registrar for the Church of England Diocese of Newcastle and Diocese of Carlisle. Laura is lead partner for a number of our major client relationships and is experienced in managing teams having substantial volumes of instructions - email: laura.peace@sintons.co.uk
- Sue Hennessey – Client Liaison Manager. Sue is a Senior Associate in our ecclesiastical law team and has been a real estate specialist for over 35 years. She has substantial experience of ecclesiastical and charity law, and has acted for the Methodist Church since 2007 - email: sue.hennessey@sintons.co.uk



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"Many thanks for your kindness and super-efficient service. Documentation is exactly what I wanted"

"This exceptionally helpful team wins praise for its responsiveness and creative approach"

"Incredibly prompt and supportive... I think this reflects the culture of the organisation and the way in which they invest in their people and enable them to deliver consistently high levels of service"

"An extremely professional and prompt firm provides fantastic value for money"

"A stalwart player in the North which regularly attracts national clients to its office in Newcastle"
(Legal 500)

"Many firms could learn a lesson from Sintons' approach to understanding and meeting client needs"
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