



**METHODIST MINISTERS' HOUSING SOCIETY**

**IT ALL BEGAN WITH THE GENEROUS  
GIFT OF A MANOR HOUSE IN BARROW  
ON TRENT.**

**WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN CONTINUE  
TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR RETIRED  
METHODIST MINISTERS, DEACONS AND  
THEIR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS**

Where now? Is a question that many ministers ask as retirement approaches and the manse is no longer available

With your support the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society is able to help

Our work depends entirely on voluntary support

## **The ways in which we help**

We try to provide accommodation when it is needed and, whenever possible, within a preferred geographical area.

We act quickly with a home for widow(er)s and families when a minister dies in the active work.

We provide housing when a minister retires early because of ill-health.

We help with pre-retirement courses and will always give general advice relating to retirement housing.

We provide the opportunity for tenants to move when their property is no longer suitable.

## **The ways in which you can help**

Please think about remembering the Society in your will. The following are acceptable forms of wording:

### **Gifts of money:**

'I bequeath to the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society of 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR, for the general purposes of the said Society the sum of £..... free of taxes'.

### **Bequest of property:**

'I give to the Methodist Ministers'; Housing Society of 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR, ..... All my share and interest in the (freehold/leasehold) property known as ..... or such other principal dwelling house (whether leasehold or freehold)( in which I have a share and interest at the time of my death free of all taxes and of all charges thereon for the purposes of the said Society'.

Linda Jefferies and Revd Keith Jefferies were married in 2003. They spent many happy days in Kings Lynn, staying in the bungalow which had been bequeathed to her and her first husband. It was on one such visit that Linda suggested that ‘if anything ever happened to her’ she would like the bungalow to go to the Housing Society because she thought that retired ministers would enjoy the area and feel at home among the warm hearted Methodist people of Norfolk. Linda died in January 2005 and Revd Jefferies honoured her wish – the bungalow was given to the Society.



Revd David Blacklock retired in 2007 and now lives with his wife, Kathleen, in the bungalow in Kings Lynn. They say: We were delighted to hear from MMHS and felt it was an answer to prayer in our retirement. The bungalow in Kings Lynn near to our daughter and grand-children was one of a number of requests we had made known to the Lord. Through the generosity of the giver of this gift we are within minutes away from our family. That is special when the nearest we have ever been in ministry has been hours away. We praise God for his goodness to us.



**Olwen and Bob decided many moons ago now, to leave their bungalow in their will, to Methodist Ministers Housing Society, because they realised that many of the deacons and ministers at the end of their ministry, having served the Church long and faithfully, would find it difficult to get somewhere to live in retirement. Whether the bungalow is used or sold on, it doesn't really matter, because it becomes an asset to the Society one way or the other.**

For further information on the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society and how you can help, please visit our website: [www.mmhs.org.uk](http://www.mmhs.org.uk)

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