**St George's Christian Union Club/Society Constitution**

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1.0 **Name**

1.01 The Society's name shall be St George's Christian Union

 2.0  **Aims and Objectives**

*2.1* The object of the Christian Union shall be to unite Christian students regardless

of denomination or church affiliation in their common profession of faith and

witness to other members of the University.

 2.2 The common faith of the Christian Union is defined by the following basic truths

of Christianity as revealed in Holy Scripture:

1. *There is one God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*
2. *God is sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.*
3. *The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible
Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of
belief and behaviour.*
4. *Since the fall, the whole of humankind is sinful and guilty, so
that everyone is subject to God's wrath and condemnation.*
5. *The Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on
the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth.*
6. *Sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty, and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all
time of their representative and substitute, Jesus the only mediator between them and God.*
7. *Those who believe in Christ are pardoned all their sins and
is accepted in God's sight only because of the righteousness of
Christ credited to them; this justification is God's act of
undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in him and not by
their own efforts.*
8. *The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to
individual sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin
and to trust in Jesus Christ.*
9. *The Holy Spirit lives in all those he has regenerated. He makes
them increasingly Christlike in character and behaviour and
gives them power for their witness in the world.*
10. *The one holy universal church is the Body of Christ, to which
all true believers belong.*
11. *The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, to judge everyone, to execute God's just condemnation on those who have not
repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory.*

 *2.3* The aim shall be achieved through weekly meetings and occasional events.

**3.0 Membership**

3.00 Membership of the Christian Union will be open to all members of St George's

University who in good conscience are willing to be united with the common

profession of faith and witness of the Christian Union.

3.1 Members of the Christian Union shall act in accordance with SGSU

Constitution and Policy.

3.2 Applications for membership shall be made in writing by signing a form which

shall state the object of the Union as set out in clause 2 of this constitution.

3.3 Membership carries with it the right to vote at General Meetings and the right to

propose motions for debate.

3.4 A student may join or leave the Christian Union at any time

**4.0 Subscriptions and Finance**

4.1 There will be a £0.01 membership fee to join the Christian Union in which the

committee will be responsible for collecting.

 4.2 The Christian Union financial matters shall be dealt with in accordance with

SGSU Constitution and Policy.

4.3 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Christian Union.

They shall keep accurate accounts of all income and expenditure on behalf of

the Union.

**5.0 Club/Society Officials**

5.1 An elected committee will conduct the running of the Christian Union.

 5.2 The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

 5.3 The committee shall ensure that the Christian Union abides by this

Constitution.

5.4 The committee will consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other

officers as the General Meeting shall from time to time resolve. No person shall

hold more than one of the three named offices above at any one time.

5.5 The committee shall hold office for one year and for no longer than 15 months.

6.0 Duties of Club/Society Officials

 6.1 The Christian Union President is responsible for overseeing the running of the

CU and events, including the running of the CU Committee.

6.2 The Christian Union Secretary is responsible for the ongoing administration of

the CU and Committee.

6.3 The Christian Union Treasurer is responsible for the finances of the Christian

Union. They shall keep accurate accounts of all income and expenditure on

behalf of the Union and will be responsible for liaising with the SU on financial

Matters

**7.0 Meetings**

7.1 The Christian Union Committee shall meet regularly during term time, with a

minimum of one meeting per week.

7.2 Regular Committee meetings are required to discuss all Christian Union

matters. Minutes shall be made available to SGSU for ratification.

**8.0 Voting**

8.1 This will take place for Committee Members and any other issue that

The Christian Union deems of importance.

8.2 Only Christian Union members will be entitled to vote.

8.3 Candidates for Executive Committee positions shall be nominated by at

least two other members of the Christian Union. A member may be

nominated for more than one office. The nominators shall provide in

respect of each candidate a statement in support of their nomination to

be circulated with the notice for the General Meeting at which the

election is to take place. Each candidate must declare in writing their

assent to the common faith of the Christian Union as defined in clause 2

above and their willingness to serve as an office-holder. For the

avoidance of doubt, an Executive Committee as a whole may nominate

and support candidates.

8.4 The results of any election shall be passed to the Societies Officer and

the General Secretary of SGSU at the earliest opportunity.

**9.0 Changes to the Club/Society Constitution**

 9.1 Changes can be implemented if a two-thirds majority is obtained at an

annual or extraordinary general meeting of the Christian Union, which

majority shall represent at least 50% of the current membership.

9.2 Any changes shall be deemed provisional until passed to the Societies

Officer and the General Secretary of SGSU at the earliest opportunity

and subsequently ratified

**10.0 Clubs/Societies Complaints Procedure**

 10.1 Any complaints shall be dealt with in accordance with SGSU Constitution and

Policy.

**11.0 SGSU Commitments**

 11.1 The Christian Union shall adhere to SGSU Constitution and Policy

**12.0 Discipline**

12.1 Any disciplinary matters shall be dealt with in accordance with SGSU

Constitution and Policy.

**13.0 Advisory Committee**

13.1 The Christian Union shall maintain an informal Advisory Committee of

at least three local people who, if they were registered as students at the

University of St George's, could be members of the Christian Union Committee.

13.2 Members of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed, or may be removed,

by the General Meeting on the nomination of the Christian Union Committee.

13.3 Members shall normally be appointed for a term of three years, indefinitely

renewable.

13.4 The Committee shall consult with the Advisory Committee as it sees fit.