

TESSON CHAPEL

TRUST DEED INCLUDING DOCTRINAL BASIS

[This document has been prepared from the original Trust Deed. That Deed, as enrolled in the records of the Royal Court of Jersey, remains the only correct version for all purposes.]

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS Mr John Le Breton of 'Haut des Buttes' St. Mary, Jersey, is the owner of a Chapel known as Tesson Chapel, formerly known as The Rock Chapel, bordering Les Monts Groberts together with the car park on the East side of the road bordering Meadow Bank used in connection with the said Chapel, the whole hereinafter referred to as 'the Chapel' situate in the Parish of St. Lawrence, having a right thereto as devisee to the Will of the late Mrs. Hilda Anna Quérée, née Langlois, widow of Mr. George John Quérée of "Zephyr Lodge" in the Parish of St. Lawrence, Jersey, the said Will bearing date the 26th day of July 1964 and registered in the Rolls of the Royal Court of Jersey by an Act of the Royal Court dated 1st June, 1970.

In the said Will the said Mr. John Le Breton is called erroneously "John Philip" Le Breton.

The Chapel was purchased by Mr. Philippe Sorsoleil Langlois by contract passed in the Royal Court on the 10th day of October, 1925 from the Attorney of Mrs. Elsie Mary Pellier wife of Charles Hugh Harris Pitts (Reference Book 396 Folio 160.)

The said Mrs, Hilda Anna Quérée inherited the Chapel by the Deed of Partition of the Real Estate of the late Mr. Philippe Sorsoleil Langlois, her father, passed in the Royal Court of Jersey dated the 16th day of September 1933 (Reference Book 418 Folio 78).

The Chapel has been used for many years as a Meeting Place for Evangelical Christians in the form of an Udenominational Meeting of persons of a like mind believing the Bible to be the Word of God and the New Testament as a guide in matters of faith and practice joined together in the worship of God and in witness to their fellow men.

The said Mr. John Le Breton is of the opinion that the interests of the aforesaid Udenominational Fellowship in the present and in the future will be best served if the Chapel be held by Trustees and that Trustees should be appointed under the Provisions of the "Loi (1862) Sur Los Tenures en Fideicommiss et Incorporation d'Associations" which provides in Article 1 that it shall be lawful to take and hold immoveable estate in the Island in the name of Trustees Upon Trust subject to the disposition of the Law to serve the purposes of religious worship.

NOW THEREFORE this Deed Witnesseth:-

THAT the following persons have been named and have agreed to serve as the original nine Trustees: -

TRUSTEES:

1. Name: - John Le Breton
Address:- 'Haut des Buttes'
Occupation;- Farmer.

2. Name:- Philip Godel Le Moignan
Address:- Cardiff House, St. Peters,
Occupation:- Retired Banker.
3. Name: - David Carnegie
Address:- Les Crochenoles, St.Ouens
Occupation:- Senior Lecturer (London Bible College)
4. Name:- Philip Bichard Coutanche
Address:- Elmdale St. Lawrence
Occupation:- Farmer.
5. Name:- John Philip Poch
Address:- Cossipore, Millbrook, St. Lawrence.
Occupation:- Aliens' Officer.
6. Name:- Arthur Victor Bisson
Address:- Northdale, St. Lawrence.
Occupation:- Builder.
7. Name:- Kenneth John Le Breton
Address:- Haut des Buttes, St. Marys.
Occupation:- Gardener.
8. Name:- Stephen Le Feuvre Hotton
Address:- Les Cypres , St. Lawrence
Occupation:- Haulage Contractor.
9. Name: - Robin Langlois Coutanche
Address:- Maison de Haut, Ville Emphrie, St. Lawrence.
Occupation:- Haulage Contractor.

TO WHOM the said Mr. John Le Breton will convey the Chapel and the car park in perpetuity and for this purpose will appear before the Royal Court when requested so to do and convey to the said Trustees, or to a special Attorney nominated by them for this purpose, in accordance with the laws and customs of the Island of Jersey, TO HOLD the said property and car park and preserve and maintain the same for the purposes of the Trust in perpetuity.

NOW THEREFORE the above mentioned Trustees by their signatures hereto DECLARE that subject to and with the approval of Her Majesty's Attorney General for Jersey and of the Royal Court of Jersey, they intend to lodge this document in the Rolls of the Royal Court together with the draft contract of conveyance attached hereto both of which shall form the documents intended to be enrolled in the Records of the Royal Court of Jersey in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of the above Law.

THE Trustees (which expression during the continuance of the Trust shall include new and Continuing Trustees) will hold the premises Upon Trust subject and according to the following rules and provisions: -

PROVISIONS

1. That the Chapel and Rooms appertaining thereto shall not be used for any other purpose than the holding of gatherings of Christians for Worship and gatherings related thereto.
2. The Trustees shall have special power at any meeting called for that purpose of which seven days' notice in writing shall have been given to exclude, forbid or prevent any person or persons from preaching, expounding the Scriptures, or holding any religious meetings whatever upon the premises.
3. That all matters of dispute and difference of opinion arising in the carrying on the work of the Chapel shall be referred to the Trustees and that their decision shall be final.
4. That as a Christian Fellowship meeting together on an Undenominational Basis, the setting forth of Denominational or Sectarian teaching shall be precluded.
5. That the Fellowship or Membership shall consist only of those who are able to subscribe to the Doctrinal basis hereinafter set forth and that from these alone shall there be appointed officers or workers within the Fellowship for the furtherance of its objects.
6. That nevertheless there shall be a welcome given to all who desire to attend the Public Meetings arranged and any such visitors being Christian and desiring to have closer association with the Fellowship may express their desire to become Members and their request considered by the Trustees or duly appointed Elders with a view thereto.
7. That the following Evangelical Doctrines of Christianity form the basis of the Fellowship at Tesson Chapel and that all who desire to enter upon Membership shall be required to subscribe thereto.

DOCTRINAL BASIS

- (a) the plenary inspiration of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, and their final authority and sufficiency in all matters pertaining to faith and conduct;
- (b) one God, eternally existing in three persons — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — sovereign, holy and loving;
- (c) the Lord Jesus Christ as true God and true Man; His deity, incarnation, virgin birth and physical resurrection;
- (d) the work of Jesus Christ in His life and death as Representative and Substitute [*sic - Substitute*]; His atonement for sin whereby He secured righteousness, forgiveness and eternal life for all who are united to Him by Faith;
- (e) the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, His session and intercession at the throne of God. His coming again personally and visibly in glory and power;
- (f) the Holy Spirit's deity and personality and His essential work in conviction, regeneration and sanctification;
- (g) the creation of man in the image of God, his sin and fall, the consequences of which passed to all humanity, resulting in the guilt, sinful nature and punishment of all men;
- (h) the personality of Satan, his opposition to God and His purposes and his corruption and enslavement of man;
- (i) that salvation is solely by the Grace of God, accomplished by God the Son and applied by God the Holy Spirit. It is appropriated by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and includes regeneration, justification, sanctification and final glorification;
- (j) the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the one to eternal life and the other to eternal punishment;
- (k) the one holy, universal Church which is the Body of Christ and to which all true believers belong.

RULES

The administration of Trust shall be by rules as contained and agreed in the Schedule to these presents: -

CESSATION

Upon the cessation of the holding of gatherings of Christians for worship and gatherings related thereto upon the Church premises or if the Trustees shall be reduced to less than three then UPON TRUST to sell the said Chapel and convert the property into cash to hold the proceeds of such sale and conversion Upon Trust for the following alternatives: -

For the benefit in the absolute discretion of the surviving Trustee or Trustees of work similar to the religious work of Tesson Chapel in any part of the Island in such manner and in such proportions as the surviving Trustee or Trustees shall think fit.

Upon failure of this alternative then in the absolute discretion of the surviving Trustee or Trustees for the benefit of such evangelical work in this Island in such manner and in such proportions as the said surviving Trustee or Trustees shall think fit, bearing in mind the faithfulness of such work to the doctrine of the Evangelical Church.

The onus of deciding at which point the work of the Chapel shall have ceased shall be on the Trustees or the majority of the surviving Trustees at a meeting specially convened for this purpose of which seven days' notice shall have been given in writing to each of the surviving Trustee and the decision shall have been made by the majority of those Trustees present at the meeting.

In case of equality in the number of votes the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Trustees of Tesson Chapel Trust have hereunto subscribed their hands to this Trust Deed for Tesson Chapel Trust at Jersey this first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one.

SIGNED by the within named: -

SIGNATURES

1. *[signed]* John Le Breton
2. *[signed]* Philip Godel Le Moignan
3. *[signed]* David Carnegie
4. *[signed]* Philip Bichard Coutanche
5. *[signed]* John Philip Poch
6. *[signed]* Arthur Victor Bisson
7. *[signed]* Kenneth John Le Breton
8. *[signed]* Stephen Le Feuvre Hotton
9. *[signed]* Robin Langlois Coutanche

RULES

THE SCHEDULE HERETO

1. The Trustees will maintain and keep the property in good repair and decoration during the term of the Trust.
2. The Trustees will keep the property insured against the dangers of fire, storm and tempest and all other risks deemed necessary.

3. The Trustees will elect from among themselves a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The signature of the Treasurer and either of the other two will be sufficient for all monetary matters.

4. The Trustees will meet from time to time as they judge fit for all matters concerning the Trust but not less than once a year.

5. The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary will have authority at all times for and in the name of the said Trust, to settle all minor matters of an urgent nature immediately. All such matters *[sic]* to be minuted and endorsed at the next meeting of the said Trust.

6. At all meetings of the Trust one half in number or more Trustees personally present will form a quorum and the decision of a simple majority of Trustees present will be obligatory and binding with regard to all business which will have been brought before them. In case of equality of votes the Chairman of the particular meeting at which the vote is taken shall have an additional and casting vote.

7. Every year the Trustees will hold an Annual Meeting at which they will present a written report on the work undertaken throughout the year a statement of accounts and a balance sheet for the said year. At this meeting they will elect a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and appoint an auditor who shall not be a trustee for the coming year. They will discuss all other business properly brought before the meeting duly proposed and seconded.

8. All Annual Meetings and all other meetings of the Trust will be called by means of a letter sent through the post to each of the Trustees at least two weeks before a meeting to his home address or his last known address in this Island or delivered by hand and the said letter will state the time, place and date of meeting and, in general, the business to be discussed.

9. If any Trustees depart from the doctrines set out in Tesson Chapel Trust Deed Doctrinal Basis or should be censured by the other Trustees (he will be informed by letter) as being unfit to continue in the office of Trustee by reason of such a departure, or for reasons of immorality, mental incapability, continued absence from meetings of the Trustees without reasonable excuse for a period of at least one year, bankruptcy, insolvency or permanent absence from the Island of Jersey *[words deleted by unanimous decision of the Trustees 13 April 2018 – ‘or attains the age of eighty years’]* then the said Trustee will cease, ipso facto, to be a trustee of the Trust.

10. It will be possible for any one Trustee to resign from the said office by giving or sending through the post a month's notice in writing to this effect to the other Trustees, or to the Chairman of the Trustees, provided that after such a resignation there remain at least three Trustees.

11. Any replacements or nominations for additional Trustees shall be elected to the Trust by the Trustees, by a simple majority, at a properly constituted meeting of the Trustees in which meeting in case of equality of votes the Chairman will have an additional or casting vote.

12. These rules may be amended altogether or substituted in whole or in part from time to time by any meeting of the Trustees specially convened for that purpose of which seven days' notice in writing has been given and by a simple majority of Trustees present at the meeting in accordance with Rule 6 of these Rules.

13. All Vacancies on the Trust shall be replaced as soon as possible. If the number of Trustees be reduced to three these must immediately appoint sufficient new Trustees so that the number of Trustees never falls less than five who are prepared to hold office and support the Doctrinal basis herein set out and such new Trustee or Trustees shall forthwith be registered in the Royal Court in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the aforesaid Law.

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