



Elections and Members Votes Policy

Walsgrave Baptist Church (WBC) conforms to the rules set out in its Constitution for elections and voting within the church.

Deacons Elections

1. Postal votes are allowed
2. Spoilt voting papers will be disregarded
3. Blank papers on a yes/no vote will be counted as not voting
4. Counting will be carried out by two scrutineers, appointed by the church meeting
5. Scrutineers will record all votes cast, including blank papers
6. The votes will be totalled and candidates that have received at least 66% of the valid votes cast will be deemed to be elected. If a member wishes to submit a blank voting form it will be deemed to be a valid vote
7. Scrutineers will sign the record sheet and pass it to the church secretary, for the results to be announced at the meeting

Members Votes

1. Where a secret vote is required, each member will be issued with a voting paper
2. The proposal will be set out with instructions as to how to vote, and if postal voting is allowed, and how the outcome will be determined. For the vote to appoint a Minister, members must attend the relevant church meeting to vote. The minister must receive at least 75% of the valid votes cast
3. Papers will be collected at the designated church meeting
4. Two scrutineers will be appointed by the church meeting
5. Voting papers will be recorded and the outcome will be determined, in the manner specified on the voting paper
6. The scrutineers will record and sign the sheet and hand it to the church secretary for the result to be announced at the church meeting