

The EMBA board of Directors wish to bring the nomination of Mr Andrew (Andy) Smallridge as the new EMBA Treasurer, to the member churches of the EMBA for consideration.

Mr Andy Smallridge

I have been a member of Melton Mowbray Baptist Church for 26 years and been part of the leadership team since 1997. Prior to moving to Melton, I moved around the country for work quite a bit, with longer spells in Bristol and Sudbury (Suffolk) where I was on the leadership teams of local Baptist Churches. My origins are in the West Country.

For a number of years, I have been the link between the finance team and the leaders at Melton, setting policy, budgets and having oversight of the finances.

My other roles in the Church are as trustee responsible for worship and I'm also the band leader.

In Church life there's very much an ebb and flow effect. At Melton we are in one of those moments of God's blessing and I am strongly of the view that while we can enjoy God's goodness, we need to grasp the opportunities that this provides to build for the future, and I am committed to playing my part in building the Kingdom in Melton and surrounding villages.

For nearly 30 years I worked for NatWest, so have a background in financial services particularly commercial lending but I also had senior roles with the bank in their regional operations departments and in project management.

Since leaving NatWest, I have run a commercial finance brokerage business providing principally commercial and business mortgages to individuals and companies on an investment or owner-occupied basis. I am registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.

Working for myself does give me some flexibility and the ability to manage my own diary, but I am still working and do have customers to service.

My wife, Denise, is also actively involved in Church life; running the large toddler group and overseeing the creche. We live in Melton and have 4 children and 3 grand-daughters.

