

Agenda

1. *Welcome*
2. *Devotions*
3. *Pastoral Matters*
4. *Minutes of Meeting of 8 October 2020.*
5. *Matters Arising from Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda.*
As notified at the Meeting.
6. *Notification of Any Other Business not on the Agenda*
7. *Preparation for Service*
 - a. *Update on Robin Charlton's progress*
8. *Future training and development opportunities*
 - a. *Online Alpha beginning 26 January*
9. *News from churches*
10. *Other Business as notified at 6 above.*
11. *Sharing on Mark 1: 4-11*
12. *Future Meetings (to await venues or Zoom, depending on lockdown rules)*
 - 29th April
 - 22nd July
 - 7 October

The closure of our buildings has meant that many people can't access some of the things they have relied on, especially Sunday services and regular access to ministers and preachers. This has cast us all on our own resources to some extent; we have had to take responsibility for our own discipleship. Some individuals have flourished; some have fallen away.

It's essential to Christian living that we develop our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and that we grow to maturity in our discipleship.

At our meeting in April I should like us to have some discussion about how we, as preachers, leaders of worship and readers, equip members of our congregations for the work of ministry (cf. Ephesians 4: 11-13) – how we might inspire and empower people to grow into maturity and take responsibility for their own discipleship, worship, service and witness in the world, so that when the difficult times come they are able not just to stand firm but to grow.

Please consider these things over the next weeks so we can help each other wrestle with this vital task.