

**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting
of Local Preachers, Leaders of
Worship and Readers**

**19 January 2023 at 7.30pm at
Hexham West End Methodist
Church**

1. Welcome: Rev. Marie Beard.
2. IN ATTENDANCE: Rev Marie Beard (in the chair), Tom Dodds, Rev Tony Buglass, Deacon Anne Taylor, Rev Fiona Calverey, Ian Warburton, Bob McAlpin, Norman Fullard, Brian Japes, Jackie Cameron, Sandra Martin, Brian Elstob, Robin Charlton, Sheila Holland, Glen Smith, Sylvia Waters, Gareth Sherwood. Ruth Johnson, Daryl Ralston.
3. APOLOGIES: Rev Jenny Porterpryde, Valerie Anthony, Roger Anthony, Christine Thompson, Elaine Goy, Margery Burgess, Rev Michael Holland, David Featonby, Julie Woodford,
4. DEVOTIONS: were led by Sandra Martin. Epiphany is a season, not a day.
5. Pastoral Matters: Graham Wilson has died a week past Monday. TD will send a card. Pray for David Calveray for visa. Stationing is in progress. Daryl and Ruth have a new arrival - Freddie. Communications: there appear to be issues with the email system in Chrestos. Laura is looking into this, TD will work with Laura to resolve the issue before the minutes are circulated. *People who didn't get it included: Marie Beard, Gareth Sherwood, Tony Buglass, Bob McAlpin, Brian Elstob, Glenn Smith, Sylvia Waters, Rev Calverey.*
6. MINUTES of the meeting held on 6 October 2022 at Hexham West End Methodist Church, previously circulated, were accepted as a true record.
7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES not otherwise on the Agenda: None.
8. NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS not on the Agenda: Brian Elstob. Jackie: Parking.
9. PREPARATION FOR SERVICE:
 - a. Seeking a Note to Preach:
 - i. None
 - b. Preachers On Note:
 - i. Daryl Ralston: awaiting official confirmation of his On Note Status. Has been out with Ruth.
 - c. Progress of Preachers On Trial:
 - i. Robin Charlton: Bob McAlpin and Rev Beard heard his Trial Service on 6 November at Stocksfield. We undertook his Final Interview at our meeting and recommended that Robin be admitted as a Local Preacher. Chose Wesley's Sermon 2: The 'almost' Christian. Recognition Service: tba by the Superintendent after the March circuit meeting.
 - d. Arrangements for preachers to be heard and a report prepared:
 - i. None.
10. Future Training and Development Opportunities:
 - a. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training: discussed. face to face training will be available. *TD needs to be on the NE District Training Network.*
11. Safeguarding: Laura coordinates this for us.
12. PEER REVIEW: retired preachers can be encouraged to listen to us and provide feedback. Fiona: Local flavour at local churches via WLs. Good communication is required!
13. News from Churches: Corbridge Midweek services: worshipping in St Andrews 2nd and 4th Thursdays.
14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS as notified at 7 above:
 - a. Brian Elstob: re Communications, the web site, the directory. We are aware of issues with these. Retired Preachers should have access.
 - b. Jackie Cameron: Car parking. Do we want to move the meeting around the circuit? Discussed. Zooming? Might exclude some. For the moment, we will meet face-to-face once a quarter, at West End, but will keep it under review.
 - c. Tom D: Travel Expenses for Readers reminder.
15. Future Meetings (all at 7.30pm, volunteer for devotions):
 - a. Thursday 20 April at West End: Devotions: Ruth Johnson
 - b. Thursday 13 July at Haydon Bridge: Devotions: Communion (Anne Taylor will book room)
 - c. 5 October at West End: Devotions: Marie Beard
 - d. Thursday 18 January 2024 at West End: Devotions:

16. We concluded the meeting in prayer with The Grace.