

1. Welcome: Rev. Marie Beard.
2. IN ATTENDANCE: Rev Marie Beard (in the chair), Rev Tony Buglass, Rev. Michael Holland, Deacon Anne Taylor, Bob McAlpin, Margery Burgess, Tom Dodds, Brian Elstob, Norman Fullard, Elaine Goy, Sheila Holland, Brian Japes, Ruth Johnson, Christine Thompson.
3. APOLOGIES: Rev Fiona Calverey, Rev Jenny Porterpryde, Rev Gareth Sherwood, Roger Anthony, Valerie Anthony, Jacqui Cameron, Robin Charlton, Sandra Martin, Daryl Ralston, Ian Warburton.
4. DEVOTIONS: were led by Ruth Johnson: Musings on country walks. 1 Cor 12 -14.
5. Pastoral Matters: Val Anthony is awaiting an operation - TD will send greetings and best wishes. John Adams? We rejoice that David Calverey has arrived. New Worship Leader at Catton Allen Valley.
6. MINUTES of the meeting held on 19 January 2023 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:
 - a. Email communications. TD reminded all that it is their responsibility to ensure that Laura has up-to-date contact information.
8. NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS not on the Agenda:
 - a. On line worship resources: Brian Japes
 - b. Alpha course: Anne
 - c. Bible Month
 - d. Circuit Day
9. PREPARATION FOR SERVICE:
 - a. Seeking a Note to Preach:
 - i. None
 - b. Preachers On Note:
 - i. Daryl Ralston: TD read from a written report submitted by Jacqui Cameron. The meeting agreed to continue Daryl's On Note period. TD will circulate details of the EXPLORE group.
 - c. Progress of Preachers On Trial:
 - i. Robin Charlton: Recognition Service: this will take place on Sunday 10 September, in an evening service at Hexham Trinity.
 - 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: TD had circulated a note from District. Face to face training will be available. We discussed the need for EDI Assessment Form before 'anything new'.
 - b. Safeguarding: Laura coordinates this for us.
11. PEER REVIEW: retired preachers can be encouraged to listen to us and provide feedback.
12. News from Churches: None
13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS as notified at 7 above:
 - a. On line worship resources: Brian Japes: can these resume. This was discussed at CLT and at the Circuit meeting. Noted that Trinity's morning service is live streamed. Will be raised again at CLT.
 - b. Alpha course: Anne. Starts Friday 21 April at Haydon Bridge, 6pm - 7.30pm with soup and pudding. Runs for 9 weeks.

- c. Bible Month: Revelation, TD will circulate a pdf of the booklet. Local Preachers are encouraged to follow the study during the four Sundays in June to support house groups who may be following the study.
- d. Circuit Day: is at Wylam on 14 May, on the theme 'Let's celebrate what God is doing'. Starts 1045 with all age worship; followed by lunch, Messy Vintage, a prayer walk, Bible study and other activities; there will be Communion, with the day ending by 3pm.
- e. Disposing of books: Corbridge is donating its H&P to churches in Ghana. If other churches wish to dispose of unused hymn books, please contact Marie.

14. Future Meetings (all at 7.30pm, volunteer for devotions):

- a. Thursday 13 July 2023 at Haydon Bridge: Devotions: Communion (Anne Taylor has booked the room)
- b. 5 October 2023 at West End: Devotions: Marie Beard
- c. Thursday 18 January 2024 at West End: Devotions:
- d. Thursday 18 April 2024 at West End. Devotions:

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