

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

**13 July 2023 at 7.30pm at
Haydon Bridge Methodist Church**

1. **WELCOME:** Rev. Jenny Porterpryde opened the meeting in prayer. She thanked Rev Beard for chairing the last two meetings in her absence.
2. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Rev. Porterpryde (in the chair), Rev. Marie Beard, Rev. Michael Holland, Rev. Fiona Calveray, Deacon Anne Taylor, Tom Dodds, Bob McAlpin, Norman Fullard, Elaine Goy, Sheila Holland, Brian Japes, Christine Thompson. Ian Warburton, Robin Charlton, Carol Davies, Brian Elstob, Sandra Martin, Jackie Cameron, Margaret Bogie. Daryl Ralston.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Rev Tony Buglass, Ruth Johnson, Vicky Herod, Julie Woodford, Roger Anthony, Valerie Anthony, Margery Burgess.
4. **PASTORAL MATTERS:** We welcomed Carol Davies, who is transferring her membership into our Circuit and will join our team of Local Preachers. We celebrated the Long Service of Valerie Anthony and Ian Warburton at a special evening service at Prudhoe on 21 May. Retired Preacher Raymond Rutherford passed away on 19th May 2023 at the age of 99 at a care home in Gateshead. Representatives from Hexham West End, where Raymond was a member, attended the funeral service at Saltwell. Brenda Mearns has moved into Burn Brae Care Home at Farnley. Mo Lucas, former reader, is in the RVI following surgery. Margaret Weatherson and Evelyn Charlton will celebrate Long Service next year - Rev Holland will enquire of them how we will mark these achievements. Rev. Roberta Ritson will be ordained into the URC at 2pm on Saturday 22 July at Bellingham.
5. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 23 April 2023 at Hexham West End Methodist Church, previously circulated, were accepted as a true record.
6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** not otherwise on the Agenda:
 - a. a: Jacqui Cameron: Explore Group will run every six weeks or so from September. TD will circulate an email nearer the time.
7. **NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS** not otherwise on the Agenda:
 - a. None
8. **PREPARATION FOR SERVICE:**
 - a. Seeking a Note to Preach:
 - i. None
 - b. Preachers On Note:
 - i. Daryl Ralston: Is making some progress.
 - 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.
9. **FUTURE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES::**
 - a. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training: Work is ongoing to come up with training sessions. TD will resend link.
 - b. Safeguarding: Laura coordinates this for us. TD will circulate some notes.

10. **PEER REVIEW:** reminder.
11. **NEWS FROM CHURCHES:** Allendale will be installing a large screen tv screen. Catton this Sunday at 3pm Open Air service on The Green with Hexham Brass. If wet, in the village hall. A preaching series is happening in September in Wylam. Some preachers did Revelation during June Bible month.
12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** as notified at 7 above:
 - a. None
13. **FUTURE MEETINGS:** (all at 7.30pm, *volunteer for devotions*):
 - a. Thursday 5 October 2023 at West End: *Devotions: Marie Beard*
 - b. Thursday 18 January 2024 at West End: *Devotions:*
 - c. Thursday 18 April 2024 at West End. *Devotions:*
 - d. Thursday 11 July 2024 at Allendale. Rev. Holland will book this. *Devotions: Communion.*
14. **DEVOTIONS:** We concluded the meeting with a short service of Communion.