



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

18 January 2024 at 7.30pm at  
Hexham West End  
Methodist Church  
and via Zoom

1. **WELCOME:** Rev Beard opened the meeting.
2. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Rev Marie Beard (in the chair), Rev Michael Holland, Sheila Holland, Tom Dodds, Ruth Johnson, Norman Fullard, Margery Burgess, Ian Warburton, Rev Tony Buglass, Daryl Ralston, Brian Elstob, Elaine Goy.
3. **VIA ZOOM:** Jackie Cameron, Robin Charlton, Sandra Martin, Rev Fiona Calveray, Carol Davies.
4. **APOLOGIES:** Bob McAlpin, Rev Gareth Sherwood, Glen Smith, Julie Woodford, Brian Japes.
5. **DEVOTIONS** were led by Tom Dodds. Matthew 9:35 - 10:42: The importance of the role of Local Preachers, Readers and Worship Leaders in a large rural circuit..
6. **PASTORAL MATTERS:** Rev Gareth is on sick leave for at least the next three months. Rev Marie will be seeking cover, please offer additional appointments if you can. Brian: are any of our Supernumeraries able to return?
7. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 2 November 2023 at Hexham West End Methodist Church, previously circulated, were accepted as a true record.
8. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** not otherwise on the Agenda:
  - a. a: Jacqui Cameron: Explore Group will run every six weeks or so from the New Year. TD will circulate an email nearer the time. This has not started yet.
9. **NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS** not otherwise on the Agenda:
  - a. Arrangements for future LP Meetings.
  - b. Are people not on the Whatsapp group missing out? No.
10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - a. None.
11. **PREPARATION FOR SERVICE:**
  - a. Seeking a Note to Preach:
    - i. None
  - b. Preachers On Note:
    - i. Daryl Ralston: Jacqui Cameron is tutoring and Ruth Johnson is the mentor. Ruth reported that Daryl assisted with a service on 7 January, which was very well received. Assessment sheets have been completed. Rev Marie proposed that Daryl shall move to On Trial status on the next quarterly plan. The meeting agreed.
  - c. Progress of Preachers On Trial:
    - i. None.
  - d. Arrangements for preachers to be heard and a report prepared:
    - i. As Daryl has moved to On Trial Rev Beard noted that she will make arrangements for future Assessment.
12. **FUTURE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES::**

- a. EDI training opportunity on Wednesday 24 January.
13. **PEER REVIEW:** reminder. These happen on an 'ad hoc' basis, but we're always pleased to hear about them at this meeting.
14. **NEWS FROM CHURCHES:** Gareth is on sick leave. Dorothy Neal at Acomb has suffered a bereavement. Sam Myers thanksgiving service is on 21 January. Allendale is starting a series on Romans using the Bible Society material from 8 Feb on Thursday at 7pm.
15. **DISCUSSION:** Future arrangements for Worship in our Circuit: Rev Beard. This had been discussed at the Circuit Meeting.
16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** as notified at 7 above:
  - a. Lent Series using *Love Divine all Loves excelling*:. Rev Michael shared the info.
  - b. Arrangements for future meetings: We had a discussion. The next meetings will remain on Thursdays, but become hybrid, with Zoom links but will keep it in review.
  - c. Feedback from Circuit Meeting: Future arrangements for services: paper went to meeting.
17. **FUTURE MEETINGS:** (all at 7.30pm, *volunteer for devotions*):
  - a. Thursday 18 April 2024 at Hexham West End: *Devotions: Sandra Martin*.
  - b. Thursday 11 July 2024 at Allendale. Rev. Holland will book this. *Devotions: Communion and Reaffirmation*.
  - c. Thursday 3rd October 2024 at Hexham West End: *Devotions:*
  - d. *Proposed: Thursday 16 January 2025 at Hexham West End: Devotions:*
18. The meeting closed in prayer at 2105hrs