

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

**3 October 2024 at 7.30pm at
Hexham West End
Methodist Church**

1. **WELCOME:** Rev Beard opened the meeting.
2. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Rev Marie Beard (in the chair), Rev Michael Holland, Tom Dodds, Jacqui Cameron, Sheila Holland, Norman Fullard, Christine Thompson, Daryl Ralston, Rev Tony Buglass, Sandra Martin, Ruth Johnson, Glen Smith, Rev Gareth Sherwood, Bob McAlpin, Brian Japes, Elaine Goy, Rev Fiona Calveray, Margery Burgess,
3. **APOLOGIES:** Ian Warburton, Robin Charlton, Vicky Herod, Margaret Bogie, Valerie Anthony, Roger Anthony, Carol Davies, Brian Elstob.
4. Devotions: Bob McAlpin: *Larson's Calendar: Jewish New Year yesterday. Ps 22: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem... Peace be within you." Timothy: "Christ came into the world to save sinners... I was shown mercy." "Forgive our unbelief, and increase our faith."*
5. **PASTORAL MATTERS:**
 - a. Margaret and Peter Bogie and Robin Charlton are poorly.
 - b. We remembered Margaret Carr, who passed away on 6 September 2024. A service of thanksgiving took place at Prudhoe on 24th September.
 - c. Roger Bland: TD to refer to Ian W and Ann Chapman
6. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 11 July 2024 at Allendale Methodist Church, previously circulated, were accepted as a true record.
7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** not otherwise on the Agenda:
 - a. Prudhoe: thanks for responding early to requests for Orders of Service
8. **NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS** not otherwise on the Agenda:
 - a. None
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a. None. *TD to sort out why he's not getting emails from The Methodist Church.*
10. **PREPARATION FOR SERVICE:**
 - a. Seeking a Note to Preach:
 - i. None. What can we do to encourage people to examine their calling? Jacqui will start something for potential Worship Leaders in the New Year.
 - b. Preachers On Note:
 - i. None.
 - c. Progress of Preachers On Trial:
 - i. None. Daryl Ralston: Jacqui Cameron is tutoring and Ruth Johnson is the mentor. Jacqui reported on progress. There will be some tutorial support via an on line group. Jacqui will ask Laura to circulate an email for potential Worship Leaders to be able to participate in this training in January.
 - ii. Sandra heard Daryl on 25 August at Haydon Bridge and fed back on an interesting and challenging service. The meeting agreed to Daryl continuing On Trial.
 - d. Arrangements for preachers to be heard and a report prepared:

i. Daryl Ralston: 20 October at Trinity. Ian will hear him and report back.

11. FUTURE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- a. Worship Leader training is available via Jacqui, as noted above. Rev Holland introduced 'Digging for Treasure' on line conference 12 Oct 2024.
- b. Could we use part of our meeting for some training? Gareth will plan some for next meeting.
- c. Safeguarding: There will be a Saturday Morning/Thursday Foundation Training offered in November.
- d. Explore Sessions: Jacqui has this in hand.

12. **PEER REVIEW:** reminder. These happen on an 'ad hoc' basis, but we're always pleased to hear about them at this meeting.

13. **NEWS FROM CHURCHES:** Rev Holland: Allendale has replaced its lapel mic; Oct/Nov Elijah, contact Rev Holland to participate; Haydon Bridge 'Genesis to Jesus'. Gareth: Trinity - Sunday evenings 6.30pm through Nov study on James. Trinity's style of worship was introduced by Gareth. We discussed their style. office@hexhamtrinity.org.uk is the best email. They are running an Evangelism course throughout February's services.

PRAYER FOCUS: Rev Beard: we should be praying for the future direction of our circuit throughout October, with Daily Prayer; Prayer Meetings arranged locally; and Sunday Worship.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** as notified at 7 above:

- a. None

15. **FUTURE MEETINGS:** (all at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated, *volunteer for devotions*):

- a. Thursday 16 January 2025 VIA ZOOM or in person at Hexham West End Manse: *Devotions: Rev Buglass.*
- b. Thursday 10 April 2025 at Hexham West End: *Devotions:*
- c. Thursday 10 July 2025 at Riding Mill. Rev Beard will confirm. *Devotions: Communion and Reaffirmation.*
- d. *Thursday 2nd October 2025 at Hexham West End: Devotions:*

16. The Meeting closed in prayer.