



Tynedale
Methodist Circuit

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

**10 April 2025 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 Gareth Sherwood, Rev Tony Buglass, Tom Dodds, Jacqui Cameron, Ruth Johnson, Robin Charlton, Norman Fullard.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Brian Japes, Rev Michael Holland, Sheila Holland, Brian Elstob, Margery Burgess, Sandra Martin, Ian Warburton, Daryl Ralston, Elaine Goy, Margaret Bogie, Valerie Anthony, Roger Anthony, Vicky Herod, Christine Thompson, Rev Fiona Calverey.
4. **DEVOTIONS:** Rev Gareth Sherwood: *The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.*
5. **PASTORAL MATTERS:**
 - a. Roger Bland: Certificate produced. *TD to get it to Prudhoe for presentation.*
 - b. Matt Barrick: is still a member at Trinity. Is being encouraged to worship at Haydon Bridge.
6. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 16 January 2025 on Zoom and at Hexham West End Methodist Church Manse, previously circulated, were accepted as a true record.
7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** not otherwise on the Agenda:
 - a. None
8. **NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS** not otherwise on the Agenda:
 - a. None
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a. District Book of Remembrance: Margaret Carr; otherwise OK.
10. **PREPARATION FOR SERVICE:**
 - a. Seeking a Note to Preach:
 - i. None.
 - b. Preachers On Note:
 - i. None.
 - c. Progress of Preachers On Trial:
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Jacqui Cameron heard Daryl at Stocksfield on 23 February and fed back. The meeting agreed to Daryl continuing On Trial.
 - d. Arrangements for preachers to be heard and a report prepared:
 - i. Daryl Ralston: 11 May at Trinity. Ruth Johnson will hear him and report back. Daryl may return to the Plan in the next quarter.
11. **FUTURE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**
 - a. Safeguarding: Advanced Training refresher. 15 May 2025 at Stocksfield.

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: Haltwhistle:** organist isn't always guaranteed - check with John Clark. **Allendale:** computer working well.
14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** as notified at 7 above:
 - a. None
15. **DEVELOPMENT:** Robin Charlton: went on a Chaplaincy and Discipleship course at Cliff College. 16 delegates. How a chaplain is involved in the spiritual journey, how can we all learn from their experience. Robin is taking part in a research project, getting together again next January. Robin is always looking for volunteers to preach at HMP Northumberland on Sundays.
16. **FUTURE MEETINGS:** We discussed a variety of options for our future meetings. The low attendance at tonight's meeting was a fraction of that for our January meeting, which was held on Zoom. We recognised the value of having 'in person' meetings, with more of a focus on fellowship and learning opportunities. We decided that, in future years, the January and July meetings would be on Zoom, with the option of taking part at a Manse for those who don't have Zoom; The annual 'outing', at which we will have our annual Communion and Reaffirmation, will be our Autumn meeting, and our April meeting will be an 'in person' meeting, with a focus on 'learning' and a Zoom option. The January meeting will be on Zoom in an effort to beat the winter weather.
17. (all at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated, *volunteer for devotions*):
 - a. **Note new date:** Thursday 3 July 2025 at Riding Mill. *Devotions: Communion and Reaffirmation.*
 - b. Thursday 2nd October 2025 at Stocksfield: *Devotions:*
 - c. Thursday 15 January 2026 - **on Zoom:** *Devotions:*
 - d. Thursday 16 April 2026: at Stocksfield: *Devotions:*
18. The Meeting closed in prayer with The Grace.