



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

**3 July 2025 at 7.30pm
at Riding Mill
Methodist Church**

1. **WELCOME:** Rev Beard opened the meeting.
2. **IN ATTENDANCE:**
Rev Marie Beard (in the chair), Sandra Martin, Brian Japes, Norman Fullard, Daryl Ralston, Bob McAlpin, Ian Warburton, Rev Tony Buglass, Tom Dodds, Jacqui Cameron, Ruth Johnson, Rev Michael Holland, Sheila Holland, Rev Fiona Calverey, Robin Charlton.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Elaine Goy, Christine Thompson, Rev Gareth Sherwood, Carol Davies.
4. **PASTORAL MATTERS:**
 - a. It was AGREED to send a note of greeting to Rev Richard Porter following his Ordination *TD to organise*.
 - b. Carol Davies is unwell.
5. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 10 April 2025 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: None
7. **NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS** not otherwise on the Agenda: None
8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
9. **PREPARATION FOR SERVICE:**
 - a. Seeking a Note to Preach: None.
 - b. Preachers On Note: None.
 - c. Progress of Preachers On Trial:
 - i. Daryl Ralston: Jacqui Cameron is tutoring and Ruth Johnson is the mentor. Jacqui reported on continuing progress.
 - ii. Daryl preached at Hexham Trinity on 11 May 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: Arrangements will be made to hear Daryl on 26 October at Hexham Trinity.
10. **FUTURE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**
 - a. 'Wholehearted Monthly' happens via Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month, except August. Use [this link](#) to find out more.
11. **PEER REVIEW:** reminder. These happen on an 'ad hoc' basis, but we're always pleased to hear about them at this meeting.
12. **NEWS FROM CHURCHES: Haydon Bridge and Stocksfield:** a reminder that the station car parks are now pay via app. **The Chapel at Acomb** now includes the congregation from Hexham West End. **Catton** are intending to dispose of the building and meet either in the Village Hall or elsewhere on a less frequent/special occasion basis. **Wylam** circulate their Notices on Fridays, please get items to Brian Japes as early as possible.

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** as notified at 7 above: None.

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

- Thursday 2nd October 2025 at Stocksfield: *Devotions: Ian Warburton*
- Thursday 15 January 2026 - **on Zoom:** *Devotions:*
- **Note new date:** Thursday 23 April 2026: at Stocksfield: *Devotions:*
- Thursday 9 July 2026 - **on Zoom:** *Devotions:*
- Thursday 1st October 2026 at Acomb ('outing'): *Devotions: Communion and Reaffirmation*

15. **COMMUNION AND REAFFIRMATION:** with thanks to David Kilner for playing.

16. The meeting concluded with The Grace at 9.05pm.