



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

18 April 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), Tom Dodds, Jacqui Cameron, Norman Fullard, Ian Warburton, Rev Tony Buglass, Elaine Goy, Brian Japes, Christine Thompson, Margaret Bogie, Bob McAlpin, Robin Charlton, Sandra Martin.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Rev Gareth Sherwood, Rev Michael Holland, Sheila Holland, Glen Smith, Margery Burgess, Ruth Johnson, Valerie Anthony, Roger Anthony, Vicky Herod, Roberta Ritson, Daryl Ralston, Brian Elstob, Rev Calverey, Carol Davies.
4. **DEVOTIONS** were led by Sandra Martin, on 'Fruits of the Spirit'.
5. **PASTORAL MATTERS:** Rev Gareth is on sick leave. Patrick Eavis' widow Dorothy has died recently. Brenda Mearns has celebrated her 90th birthday. David Applegarth's funeral is on 19 April 2024 - David was 'On Trial' some time ago, and has been in ill health.
6. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 18 January 2024 at Hexham West End Methodist Church, previously circulated, were accepted as a true record.
7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** not otherwise on the Agenda:
 - a. a: Jacqui Cameron: Explore will take place at Stocksfield on 9 May and 20 June at 7.30pm. Theme from e-learning. All LP, WL and R are invited to attend. Jacqui Cameron will email an invitation. This can count towards fulfilling a Local Preacher's obligation to undertake some CPD training.
 - b. Arrangements for services: As no churches have come forward to suggest retiming services to enable Presbyters, Preachers, and Readers to fulfil up to two appointments in a morning, we remain as we are for the time being.
8. **NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS** not otherwise on the Agenda:
 - a. Feedback from Circuit Meeting
 - b. Themed Preaching
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a. None.
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. None. Daryl Ralston: Jacqui Cameron is tutoring and Ruth Johnson is the mentor. TD read Daryl's report. Jacqui discussed how the training is progressing. Might he 'buddy up' with someone at a similar point in their training in an adjacent circuit? Marie will enquire. Agreed that Daryl should be supported to continue in his training. and On Trial for the forthcoming quarter.

- d. Arrangements for preachers to be heard and a report prepared:
 - i. Daryl Ralston: 12 May at Trinity: Sandra will report. TD will send the forms.

11. FUTURE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- a. Bible month in June: David Wilkinson's course on Genesis is available on line.
- b. Safeguarding Training: We are aware that there's a lack of Advanced training opportunities. Laura keeps a note of who is due training, but it is good practice for us all to place a note in our diaries, as failure to maintain training will mean removal from The Plan until it is completed.

12. **PEER REVIEW:** reminder. These happen on an 'ad hoc' basis, but we're always pleased to hear about them at this meeting. Elaine Goy, Tom Dodds, Ian Warburton and Sandra Martin have all been heard recently.

13. **NEWS FROM CHURCHES:** None.

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

- a. Feedback from Circuit Meeting: TD will circulate the minutes from the last minutes.
- b. Themed Preaching in the summer: 'The joy and benefit of tithing and generous giving'. Marie introduced this. LP meeting heard the request, but suggests that Church Stewards have the responsibility for communicating the Circuit financial position. Jacqui: church treasurer at Stocksfield has done this.

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

- a. Thursday 11 July 2024 **at 7pm** at Allendale. Rev. Holland will book this. *Devotions: Communion and Reaffirmation: Long Service recognition.*
- b. Thursday 3rd October 2024 at Hexham West End: *Devotions:*
- c. Thursday 16 January 2025 at Hexham West End: *Devotions:*
- d. *Proposed: Thursday 10 April 2025 at Hexham West End: Devotions:*

16. The meeting closed in prayer at 2045 hrs in prayer.