

Stamford and Rutland Circuit Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Empingham Methodist Church: Wed 8th June 2016 at 7.30pm

1. Welcome
2. Opening Devotions were led by Revd Andy Fyall based on Hebrews 12 'fix our eyes on Jesus ...'
3. Apologies for absence & letters of greeting – as per attendance list
John Weeks, Somerby. It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation and support
Revd John Ansley and Keith & Joyce Mayes were sent letters of greeting

Election of reps to Synod. Nominations: **Michael Pryke** (new appointment) Joyce Hearn, Moyra Collins are being re-elected
Proposed: Revd Andy Seconded Revd Leo Vote Unanimous

4. Minutes of meeting held on **Monday 7th March 2016** Signed as a true record
5. Matters Arising
Planning team for Circuit Services – volunteers still required
Public Issues Forum – pack available from JPIT available regarding the E.U. Referendum
Memorial to Conference – submitted to Conference Memorials Secretary and is now with the Conference Memorials Committee
6. Circuit life and ministry
 - 6.1 Mission Enabler – Phil Jones. A short report of Phil's work was received.
Revd Leo presented a proposal encouraging Phil to focus on the missional opportunities in the Circuit e.g. Uppingham children, young people & families Café Church, schools work across the Circuit, Ryhall RAP Phil is given permission to develop missional projects in the Circuit Uppingham and other churches as time & opportunity allows
Phil's appointment was ratified for a further year as his appointment is on a yearly basis
Prop Revd Leo Seconded Chris Ward Uppingham Vote UNAM
 - 6.2 Lay Pastor (Ryhall) – Charlotte Pridmore , Ryhall
Charlotte's energy, enthusiasm & pastoral care are gratefully received. Charlotte offers voluntary but exemplary ministry as a Lay Pastor at Ryhall . RAP (Ryhall Academy Praise) is going well and we are seeing new families attending. Katie Walker (Head teacher) – thanks for her support
 - 6.3. Local Preacher's Matters
The Connexional questionnaire has been completed and returned

From Sept 2016 Plan – preachers will be planned across both South Lincs & Stamford & Rutland Circuits and throughout the next Connexional year

6.4. Circuit Priority 2016 – 17

"To have confident understanding of our faith and to share it appropriately"

In Feb 2017 there is to be a weekend with Revd Martyn Atkins and Phil Jones about faith sharing in appropriate ways.

All in favour of adopting this priority

6.5. Methodist Women in Britain – new District President – hoping for revival in the Circuit

6.6. Safeguarding

Anniversary report of Past Cases Review just released Presbyters & Deacons new system of review of ministry to be put in place. Clear oversight to be developed with a new scheme of Supervision for all ministers.

All LP/ WL must apply for a new DBS disclosure – all have complied 29 applications within 5 weeks

6.7. Public Issues Forum

See above Open Forum regarding the EU Referendum. Please consider attending as the dates for the meetings are announced JPIT download Methodist Church website Think Pray Vote

6.8. Circuit Resource Group

Report was received. Thanks to Polly for her co coordinating role and organising behind the scenes

6.9. Property Advisory Group

Barnack Methodist Church Peterborough Planning have now accepted our change of use plans for Barnack.

Revd Andy has been co-opted on the PAG group

Thanks to Jean and the group for their time, efficiency and skills

Ken Stewart – Uppingham Member willing to serve on PAG for property matters on a Circuit basis

7. Circuit Property

Sale of Barnack Chapel . Covered under 6.9.

8. Circuit Leadership Team

8.1. Circuit merger update

CLTs have met jointly and have an ongoing plan of meetings of the two Circuit Leadership teams

South Lincs friends were well represented at the Barn Weekend

Circuit Praise is to take place next on 14/7/16 at Somerby (7pm)

Forthcoming Circuit Services:
17/7/17 Revd Lorraine Mellor Empingham
4/9/16 Revd Martin Turner Oakham

Appointment to leadership team: - Circuit Steward (Employment Matters)
AnneMarie Nieman, member of Stamford
Proposed: Revd Andy Seconded: Evelyn Pickard Agreed by unanimous vote

9. Dates for Your Diary and Church Circulation – refer to Circuit diary in the Newsletter

10. Circuit Invitations Committee

Rev Leo Osborn will be seeking a re-invitation or asking permission to sit down during the next Connexional Year. CIC seeks the authority of the Circuit Meeting to act of its behalf and to put into place whichever process is necessary.

Geoff Little, Eileen Ray, Angela Saunders, Doug Stacey and John Haden were elected to the CIC by unanimous vote.

11. Circuit Finance

11.1. General report – budget has now been set for the Connexional Year 2016 -2017.
The assessment amount was advised to all the Circuit treasurers at their recent meeting

11.2. Finance will be an important part of the merger discussions

Request from Luke Denley re 3 Generate - £110 per person this year last year was £40 pp Proposed Circuit £40 District £40 Person £30

Luke is on the planning group for 3 Generate Conference

Thanks to Nina for looking after the Circuit finances, and using your gifts and skills in the service of God.

11.3. Connexional Funds – accounts audited and found to be correct Thanks to Margaret

11.4. Circuit charity 2016 – 17 – Zimbabwe Victim Support fund – monies will be gratefully received, thanks from Chris a trustee of the Charity to keep the links open

2016 – 2017 Open Doors Ron Curtis God's Smuggler Brother Andrew – supporting the persecuted Church

Bhopal is also suggested

Vote Open Doors 11 Bhopal 11

Proposed Ian 50:50 split proceeds between these 2 Charities

Agreed by unanimous vote

12. Circuit Property

12.1. Ryhall Vestry – ongoing

12.2. Stamford Disabled access – Barn Hill entrance – the next Church Council meeting will make a decision – no cost liability

12.3. Stamford Small Cellar – being plastered completed by the end of the week

- 12.4. Approve planning for quinquennial inspections 2017 – PAG will have oversight of this process Cost on the Circuit
- 12.5. Somerby Methodist Church - £3300 quotation received for the boundary wall and brickwork. A grant of 10% was proposed by Revd Andy (£330) Seconded by Ian Ray and agreed by unanimous vote.
Wesley Day 25/5/17 Diamond Chapel Anniversary

13. Matters from the Connexion - none
Methodist Conference to be held in London in June / July 2016. Revd Leo is a rep from the District

14. AOB - none

15. Dates for future meetings
Tues 13/9/16 7.30pm at Empingham
Monday 5/12/16 7.30pm Empingham