



Stamford & Rutland Circuit (22/23)

Circuit Policy

Presented to Circuit Meeting on 28th November 2012

In partnership with other Christians, the eight churches of the Stamford and Rutland Circuit exist to:

- spread the Good News of the life changing love of God as seen in Jesus Christ and experienced through the Holy Spirit
- enable individuals and groups to grow in faith and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ
- demonstrate God's love for all people
- encourage and support each other in seeking and fulfilling the will of God

We work together towards these aims as follows:

Worship

- offering worship styles to meet a range of spiritual needs and , so far as is possible, relevant to the society in which we live
- on-going training of preachers and worship leaders, and encouraging people to respond to the call of God

Nurture

- supporting and training all who work with children and young people
- offering appropriate Bible study, fellowship groups, prayer groups and study courses
- encourage folk to consider membership of God's community, the Church

Pastoral Care

- maintaining *and developing* effective pastoral care networks for people of all ages within and beyond the Church
- emphasizing the importance of our circuit family in mutual care and support, specifically by the larger churches supporting the smaller churches

Sharing the Good News of Christ

- inviting those involved in church and community groups to meet Christ and grow in Christian faith
- creating opportunities and enabling our people to share faith in relevant ways
- creating opportunities to offer children Christian faith through holiday clubs, weeknight activities and schools work

Service

Both at home and in the world context:

- prayerfully and intentionally supporting those who work out their faith in secular employment or voluntary work
- meeting people's needs as God calls us, wherever possible and appropriate, with other agencies

Encouraging participation in all the above by each congregation both locally and circuit-wide

Agreed by the Circuit Meeting on Wednesday 28th November 2012