



CIRCUIT MEETING SUMMARY MARCH 2015

Revd Dr Daniel Mwilu will be joining the Circuit in September with pastoral charge of Lidgett Park, Thorner and Harewood when **Revd Andrew Atkins** leaves. (Andrew's Farewell Service is at Lidgett Park on July 19th.)

Deacon Sheila Dawson, having received unanimous support from the Leeds District, will be ordained in Blackburn Cathedral on 28th June. (Subject to approval at the Southport Conference)

Revd Mark Harwood & Revd Robert Creamer's current appointments are due to end in 2016. Conversations about their options should not take place until after the training day for stewards and ministers on May 16th this year.

Easter Offering Service – this will be led by Revd Susan Greenhart at 6.00pm at Cross Gates on May 17th

Moortown Church will not be on the plan from September and members will transfer to Alwoodley Park. The building will become a Circuit project with a management committee and the Circuit Leadership Team as Trustees. The Fresh Expressions Group are hoping to resource a survey on the estate closest to Moortown church to find out what the people there are looking for from that building. Volunteers are needed to undertake this work.

Garforth are looking for help for their Youth Club which meets on Friday nights at 7.30pm. It currently has about 40 members and adult help (particularly female) is needed. For more information contact Revd John Mason or Nigel Booth.

Meeting Point – the management committee are looking for a secretary and for someone who can help them to make use of social media

DBS and Safeguarding- All churches must have a Safeguarding Policy and it must be reviewed annually. All Local Preachers and Worship Leaders will be subject to DBS checks.

LP Study Day- this will be led by Revd Dr Neil Richardson on Saturday 7th November and is open to all

Strategic Use of Reserves

The working party set up to consider the best use for the surplus in our reserves of approximately £250,000 have concluded that mission takes place at local church level and there is a need to know about the mission and sense of future of local churches. The following proposal was put to, and accepted by, the Circuit Meeting: ***The Circuit Meeting asks every church in the Circuit to reflect carefully over the next few months on its mission and vision, to enable it to bring a clearly stated mission strategy and vision for their church in the next 5 years and beyond, to present to the Circuit Forum night at Roscoe on Tuesday 1st December 2015.***