



CIRCUIT MEETING SUMMARY MARCH 2017

The **Circuit Accounts** for the year ended 31 August 2016 were approved, subject to audit, and the proposed **Circuit Budget** for 2017/18 was presented and approved. The moderate increase in assessments would be met from reserves. The **Circuit Reserves Policy** was also approved. Various recommendations arising from previous discussions on a **Circuit Strategy** for 2018 and beyond were agreed, including maintaining the current level of staffing, and advertising the Gipton and the Children and Family Lay worker posts.

Seacroft continued discussions with Chapel FM concerning the potential sale of the property, and the Lighthouse Chapel International were given permission to use **Cross Gates** for worship services.

A **Circuit Evangelism event** was planned for 7 October with an invited speaker/facilitator (look out for more details). Members shared experiences about how churches had tackled the issue of developing confidence in speaking about our faith, and about new forms of worship, one example being Branching Out in Praise at Oakwood.

Tim Bean updated the meeting on **Safeguarding training and developments**, and Sue Mason reported on **Local Preachers' Meeting business**. Edward Britton had served 40 years as a Local Preacher and Tom Hobbs 60 years.

Deacon Sheila told the meeting about the many activities taking place at **Meeting Point** and the way in which this word was continually evolving. John Witt spoke about the increasing use of **Moortown Methodist Church Centre** as a community resource.

An **urgent appeal** was made for **additional Circuit Stewards**, as the workload necessitated a larger team.

The meeting wishes **Revs Palo Tshume and George Bailey** well as they embark on their respective **Sabbaticals**. (Palo: March – May. George: June – August)