

- Lay representation to Circuit Meeting is distributed across the county. Non-voting subs are permitted where necessary.
- Circuit lay reps are asked to attend church council meetings when possible
- Representatives need to keep the churches informed of what is going on at circuit meetings. Church members can be invited to attend and speak to specific issues.

Appointments

The directory was received en bloc, and the circuit officers approved; please contact Juliana Caukwell or Rosi Smith with any amendments

GDPR: it is necessary to include contact details in the Directory, but it is not permitted to make this information public as this would breach GDPR regulations

Rev Wendy Thornton was approved as Ecumenical Officer

David Newlove is the contact for God for All

Staffing and Stationing

Re-invitations to Grace Cauldwell and Tiras Dainty Share were approved

Advertisements are out for two active supernumerary posts in Appleby and Barrow.

Cumbria Compass

- PA support is needed but there has been no response to advertisements so far.
- A local preacher tutor is required; we have two LPs on trial and two more coming on note.
- Additional circuit Stewards are needed
- CLT has vacancies for 2 people – please speak to your minister
- The plan is settling well. Some people require training for the chrestos system, but the team need to know what people require before setting up training.
- Finance: a grants policy is needed and being developed.
- Charity status: Small chapels are currently exempt from charitable status but will have to register with the charity commission by 2032. In order to register, each chapel must have at least 12 local members.
- David Newlove must be informed of any chapel which has fewer than 12 local members for four successive quarters.

Property

Chapels:

- Circuit Meeting gave consent for Port Carlisle to be sold. There are four stained glass windows to be preserved
- It was agreed unanimously that three levies be reclaimed for Appleby stained glass window preservation under the eco reclaim policy and for the work to be carried out
- Circuit approval was given Kings Meaburn chapel's project to improve access.
- The Methodist church at Soulby is now sold.

Clergy manses:

- Langwathby has had asbestos removed and is undergoing further work.
- Brampton still has work to be done.

- Barrow also needs work; it was questioned whether an active supernumerary would need to live there.
- The annual inspection of manses is due; some need bringing up to standard.

Rented manses:

- Work is being undertaken to decide whether rented manses should be retained or sold
- 'Birches' in Keswick is currently used as a holiday rental but needs a lot of work.
- The tenants at Applerigg near Windermere have given notice.
- Sedbergh; the required expense does not justify retaining it for rental, but it is not clear whether we need to retain it for future ministry.

Sale of manses:

- The manses at Grange, and Grange Road Carlisle are on the market.
- Alston is awaiting exchange of contracts.
- A resolution was passed for Peter Nicol, Bernard Thornborrow, David Newlove, Nick Baker and Margie McVoy to be authorised signatories for the consents system for sales.
- The request for Monk Hill chapel to cease to worship was approved

Finance

- TMCP is allowing churches to claim back the levy on property sales for eco projects and the property committee in conjunction with the finance committee are developing criteria for this

Safeguarding

- The safeguarding team currently has five members with a sixth member to complete the team once safer recruitment has been completed.
- DBS checks have been tightened. It is no longer permitted for someone without DBS clearance to work under the supervision of someone who has a DBS certificate.
- Any safeguarding concerns should be passed on to be recorded, signed and dated.

Local Preachers

Michael Boone is to be recognised as a LP at a service at PMC on 13 December at 3pm. Long service certificates will also be presented at the same service.

Circuit Gathering

Circuit Gathering is booked for 15 May, but needs volunteers to help plan it. Nick Baker will co-ordinate the group; a budget of up to £2k has been allocated.

Circuit Leadership Team Update

- Rosi Smith is providing maternity cover for operations manager Sarah Mulheron; please support her as she settles in
- Application forms are being sent out to those who have agreed to be pastoral support volunteers.
- Circuit service: Sunday 27 September at Southey Street, Keswick at 4pm followed by tea.

AOB

- The Argentina partnership has been running for 25 years and Cumbria is now receiving it back from the NWE District as a circuit project.
- Members of the meeting expressed a preference for morning meetings