

# SHEFFIELD (WEST) CIRCUIT MEETING

## HELD 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009 AT STEPHEN HILL CHURCH

Devotions were led by Rev. T. Bradshaw.

**Attendance:** There were 42 members present and 5 apologies received. Chairman: Rev. T. Bradshaw.

It was agreed to send letters of greeting to Rev. Michael and Mrs. Rachael Wildgust.

The minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009 were approved.

### **Matters arising from the minutes:**

The meeting approved Roger Kite, David Mason and Donald Smith as the Management Committee for Carver Field.

### **Circuit Review Group Recommendation:**

The following recommendation was brought to the meeting from the Circuit Implementation Review Group.

The Sheffield (West) Circuit Meeting agrees the setting up of three multi-site Churches:

- Hallam, Stephen Hill, Broomhill and Crookes Valley -- four separate congregations as one church.
- Walkley Ebenezer and Wesley Hall -- two separate congregations as one church.
- Stanwood, Stannington, Hollow Meadows, Loxley and Dungworth -- five separate congregations as one church.

Concern was expressed over the size of the first of these new churches and it was said that this section would have a minister, a deacon from the Circuit and one or more lay workers from the church.

Loxley had asked to be included in the "north of the Rivelin" section.

It was said that there was an ongoing dialog with Manchester who would prefer that one church in each section be chosen and the others merge with it. It was thought that this would send out the wrong message and the Circuit prefers a new church for each section.

Each existing Church Council needs to vote on the matter and for it then to be approved by the Circuit Meeting and the District Synod and submitted to Manchester.

After some discussion the following resolution was voted on. *"The Circuit Meeting recommends that each Church Council of the current Churches implements this decision at their September/October Church Council Meeting using the form of wording that will be presented at the September Circuit Meeting."* Voting was 34 in favour, 2 against and 4 abstentions.

**District Mapping a Way Forward:** Following a meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> July of section representatives there are to be one lay and one ordained representatives to the District Group.

### **Circuit Staffing and Pastoral Care:**

Rev. Catrin Harland will join the circuit in September as University Chaplain. She will be on maternity leave until February 2010.

The meeting agreed the appointment of Nell Shallow as Circuit Mission Enabler.

There is to be a welcome service for Catrin Harland, Nell Shallow and John Hayes on the 8<sup>th</sup> September at Broomhill when the Rev. Vernon Marsh will be the preacher.

Rev. Sue Griffiths has decided that she will not seek a re-invitation beyond September 2010.

Deacon Adrienne Nixon has not decided whether to seek re-invitation beyond September 2010. It was emphasised that if the proposed three new churches went ahead the Deacon's position in the new arrangement would have to be treated as a new appointment.

Circuit Invitations Committee to meet 27<sup>th</sup> August at Stannington. (Constitution as set out in 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008 Circuit Meeting Minutes.)

**Pastoral:** Rev. John Simms now has oversight of Dungworth. The Circuit now has responsibility for the Broomhall area but it is anticipated that most of the work will be done through Churches Together.

Sabbaticals Adrienne Nixon 8<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and Tim Bradshaw 26<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

Lay Worker at Hallam. They have funding for this appointment to 2010 and would like to continue beyond this but are aware that by then they may be part of a larger group. The meeting agreed that "We appreciate the work that has already been done at Hallam and we support Hallam in a wider discussion with the HSBC Group as to the future of this appointment. We ask them to report back to the September Meeting.

**Circuit Lay Worker Management Committee:** The meeting agreed the following committees

- Emma Eade --- Sue Griffiths, Neville Flavell, Karen James
- John Hayes---Tim Bradshaw, Alan Glossop, John Whiteman
- Nell Shallow---Sue Griffiths, Julie Edwards, Chris Sissons with Tim Bradshaw taking Sue Griffiths' place in September 2010.

## Finance and Property.

The meeting approved the assessments agreed by the treasurers meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

It was agreed to use £29780 from the Circuit Advance Fund for the stipend and expenses for the Mission Enabler.

It was agreed to use Catrin Harland maternity leave savings to support the Chaplaincy Assistant.

Rivelin Glen Chapel: Manchester has given permission for the premises to be sold. Discussions with the Estate Agents suggest that some access from the road would make a significant difference to the development potential of the site. It was reported that a third party is in negotiations with the City Council to purchase the land available and that they would not therefore negotiate with the Circuit, but suitable access land may be available to purchase from the third party at a later date. Some disquiet was expressed over the situation.

Stephen Hill Church have applied for a grant under the Circuit Energy Efficiency Policy. The total cost of the scheme is estimated to be £53850. It was agreed to make a grant of £25000 with the hope of the meeting that an equivalent amount of money be used by Stephen Hill for new missionary work.

## Manses:

The Deacon to live in 23 Burnt Stones Close and the Probationer in Greaves Lane in September 2010. Rev. Sue Griffiths expressed disappointment that two ministers would be living in the same road.

It was proposed that Reservoir Road be developed and Glebe Road be sold. Greaves Lane needs work doing to it. There was much debate mainly centred on Manses deemed to be suitable in the past not now being acceptable. Some felt that the current regulations governing manses meant that they were of necessity expensive, difficult to purchase and not in the right places. It was agreed that the Manses Group would continue to investigate Reservoir Road and Glebe Road manses and bring a further report to the September meeting.

It was reported that Accruals Accountancy are not needed on accounts with under £200000 turnover.

Crookes Valley may not now need the £300000 from the sale of their premises.

**Chaplaincy:** Rev. James Tebbutt gave a report on the work. There is now a Chaplaincy Administrator working 15 hours per week. The work includes a multi-faith forum and pastoral work all aimed at enabling young people to develop spiritually. There are lunches for students after some Sunday services at Broomhill/Crookes Valley.

**Appointments:** The following appointments for the year commencing September 2009 were agreed:-

Circuit Stewards	David Mason, Anne Mason, Alan Glossop, Mary Parker, John Whiteman (treasurer) and Julie Edwards.
Circuit Meeting Secretary	Brian Jones
Circuit Leadership Team Secretary	Maureen Owen
Circuit Safeguarding Rep.	Vacant
Circuit Property/Appointee	Circuit Administrator
Circuit Social Issues	Bob Townrow
Convenor Chaplaincy Support Group	Kate Pinder
Local Preachers Secretary	Irene Jefferson
Methodist Homes	Margaret Whines
Circuit Treasurers:	
Connexional Funds	Brian Jones
Methodist Homes	Margaret Whines
Word Church	Circuit Treasurer
Home Missions	Louise Etherington
Carver Field Management Committee	see above
Circuit Lay Worker Management Committee	see above
Circuit Auditors	Barber, Harrison and Platt Representatives to Synod (agreed at March meeting)

The meeting expressed its thanks to Pam Flavell as this is the last meeting before she retires as a Circuit Steward. Gratitude was expressed at the way she has carried out her responsibilities particularly over the past months regarding manses.

The meeting thanked the Revs. James Tebbutt and Emmanuel Twum-Baah for their ministry and contributions to the live of the Circuit.

Dates of Future Meetings:

10 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	Wesley Hall (evening meeting)
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	Broomhill (evening meeting)
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	to be arranged (all day meeting)
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2010	to be arranged (evening meeting)