

**SHEFFIELD (WEST) CIRCUIT MEETING
HELD 22ND JANUARY 2009 AT WESLEY HALL CHURCH**

Devotions were led by Steven Sowerby

Attendance: There were 46 members present and 7 apologies received Chairman: Rev. T. Bradshaw

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th September 2008 were approved.

Matters arising from the minutes. The Circuit still needs a World Church Treasurer and a Network Treasurer.

Staffing: It was reported the Mr. John Hayes had been appointed as Circuit Administrator and is based at Broomhill Church. John spoke about his background.

University Chaplain: The meeting was asked to confirm the Circuit Invitation Committee's decision to invite the Rev. Catrin Harland to take up this post in September 2009. The meeting did confirm the invitation. Catrin will be on maternity leave until February 2010.

Candidate for the Ministry: Mr. Steven Sowerby

On the recommendation of the Local Preacher's Meeting the Meeting agreed to Steven Sowerby becoming an accredited Local Preacher.

The Rev. John Simms presented Steven to the meeting as a candidate for the ministry. Steven spoke of his calling to the ministry and after question and discussion with and without Steven present the vote was taken on the proposal that the meeting recommends that Steven Sowerby be accepted for training into the Presbytery Ministry.

Voting: 46 members present; for 29; against 9:

Circuit Finance and Property Meeting had been rescheduled due to poor attendance.

Lay worker Management Committee to be Tim Bradshaw, Alan Glossop and Pam Flavell for 6 months

Sabbatical Support Group: Rev. John Simms sabbatical support group convener Pam Flavell

Rivelin Glen Chapel: The Rev. John Simms reminded the meeting that the Circuit Meeting are the Trustees for Rivelin Glen with a sub group to act on their behalf between meetings. The building has been examined by both Rentokil and Timberwise and found to have extensive dry rot in the floor and some joists. The lowest quotation to treat the problem is from Timberwise at £6000. This would treat the problem but not restore the premises to usable state.

The recommendation of the sub group after discussions involving the people at Rivelin Glen is that we seek permission to cease worship in the Chapel building. Worship is currently being held in the Hall Park Head Community Centre and this will continue. After some discussion the meeting agreed to the recommendation that permission be sought to cease worship in Rivelin Glen Chapel.

The sub group further recommended that permission be sought to sell the Chapel premises. This was agreed.

Circuit Implementation Group: The group had circulated a paper before the meeting. Alan Glossop said that they were changing odd words in the paper and Russell Blackwell questioned the first sentence which said that three trustee meetings had been agreed by the Circuit Meeting. This sentence to be deleted from the paperwork which would be circulated to each Church for photocopying and distribution.

Chris Iddon gave a presentation on the suggested form that the three trustee meetings, the local congregations and the circuit would take.

Date of meetings to discuss the proposals are:-

10th February at 7.30pm at Broomhill

7th March at 10.30am at Stannington

8th March at 3.00pm at Loxley

Dates of future meetings:

21st March 2009 at Walkley Ebenezer (all day)

13th July 2009 at Stephen Hill (evening)

10th September 2009 at Wesley Hall (evening)