

Minutes of the Circuit Meeting of the Sutton Park Methodist Circuit Held on 7th March at Falcon Lodge Methodist Church

I. PRELIMINARIES

1. Welcome and Opening Devotions

Rev Alan Smithson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Falcon Lodge for their hospitality. Rev Stephen Willey led the devotions, sharing a thanksgiving psalm and a reading from the Gospel of St Mark, where Jesus's ministry is now turning towards the cross, He is being tempted to do something but safer, we choose the safe options for our children. Peter is asking for a safer Good News. Do we look like a church like that? Jesus said "don't tempt me". The good news confronts suffering and death on the cross, so why now? It is Lent and as Jesus made Peter and his disciples turn to the cross so do we, as we discover Easter. We then sang hymn 334 followed by prayer.

2. Membership of the Meeting

Attendees were asked to sign the attendance sheet. By signing the sheet you are confirming details held are correct for the records held by Steve Buck. You are also giving permission under GDPR that your details can be kept and that the Circuit will hold them securely. The meeting welcomed Kath Matthews from Boldmere who was attending for the first time as the Hub Treasurer.

3. Apologies For Absence

There were 45 members present and 22 apologies received. Rev Alan stated that over the last few weeks a number of emails had been sent around the Circuit and there was concern that emails are too quick to send, on some occasions. Alan encouraged everyone to sleep on it and think about it before sending. The Circuit Leadership Team are concerned about the tone of some of the emails being sent, as brothers and sisters in Christ, please think before you send, so as not to cause misunderstanding and upset as the goes around the Circuit.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th December 2018

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly.

5. Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda

a) Citizens (UK) – will bring more information to the next meeting.

II. CIRCUIT LIFE

6. Vision and Vitality

a) Mission Goals

Mission Goals would remain on the agenda as a reminder. All we do should fall under one of our seven goals. When applying for any grants, should be linking it to one of the goals.

During February there were a number of initiatives across the circuit, Peter Le Brocq gave a report back on both the Hot Potato and Link Sundays. The Hot Potato Sunday had been well received, but shame on same day as you could only pick one service to go to. A "Big Question" Booklet will be produced of all the hot potato Sunday sermons and readings, so that we can use in our own groups. Feedback from the meeting, also said that people had been torn between which one to attend, could they be repeated as reading about them isn't the same as them being delivered to you? For example, the service Deacon Marilyn led could generate lots of different questions at another church. The Link Sundays, although some churches think the links did not feel natural in location or culture, for example, Witton and South Parade had linked, but had been a success, there was no alternative service at South Parade, so everyone had been encouraged to go to Witton and 50 went, only thing is when having refreshments still sat with own church members, need to make sure take the opportunity to mix more with each other.

b) Website/Directory

Rev Stephen Froggatt gave a very informative demonstration of the new Circuit website to show how easy it is to update. Looking to have a representative from each church to do the website updates, the site can not be broken! Over the next week, the old site will point to the new one. The meeting agreed the new website looked very good, thank you to Stephen for all the work he has done on it. A question was asked if it replaced the individual church websites and no it doesn't, there will be a link to the individual sites from the Circuit website.

c) Christmas Lunch Feedback

This had gone very well and had food left over that was taken to a homeless station in Birmingham, so did two things in one. Hope can carry on doing this, it was a blessing to all those who attended. Thank you to everyone who had helped and to Marilyn for being the driving force behind it.

7. The Future of Sutton Park Methodist Circuit – Update

Rev Alan referred to the report he had issued in advance of the meeting to everyone (see below), people had engaged in the discussions and lots had been thinking differently. Thanks were also given to churches, who had offered to look at how could work with other churches in the circuit and to those who would look to see how could build on the links and support other churches. Boldmere had agreed to become a hub church, Kath had come forward to offer herself as Hub Treasurer, first time had someone say they wanted to do it and it would be exciting! Thanks were given to Kath. Need to get guidance from Connexion for the Hub working. Finance was progressing well and from 1st September would bring together as standard form of accounts for the Hub and mission churches. Still need to look at pastoral, GDPR, property and safeguarding. Nechells are doing a mission outreach BBQ on the 17th August which we should all look to support.

There is a sense of excitement in how the circuit is moving forward and to see how the hub and mission churches will work together. All other churches were asked to continue exploring way could work with mission. Connexion still has lots of difficult decisions to make and those churches doing things differently could be looked at more favourably, please continue to talk, think, pray and experiment ways of doing mission with our communities.

Refer to handouts provided by each church.

“Thank you for all the prayerful thought and discussion as you made your responses to the circuit request to consider a new way of working as a circuit. The decisions of the church councils are given in the table below. However, this is only half of the story as each church was asked to consider their strengths and weaknesses. I was glad to see that all our churches see that they still have a mission to their community and offer a wide variety of community activities to people of all ages. In addition, a number of our church buildings provide a community hub for many organisations. Many of our churches have welcomed new members in recent years, however overall membership continues to decline and most of our congregations identify themselves as ageing with the consequence that even some of our larger membership churches struggle to find people to volunteer or serve as office holders. We are pleased that Boldmere Methodist Church has agreed to become our first Hub Church and will work with Falcon Lodge, Kingstanding and Nechells Methodist Churches and we look forward to hearing at future Circuit Meetings how the new way of working within the circuit is progressing. Churches that voted to remain as a circuit church also expressed a willingness to work with other churches and support one another in mission on a more informal level. Thank you to all once again for the time spent in prayerful consideration of the circuit proposals. Grace and Peace to you, Alan.

Suburban

Blackwood

Circuit whilst exploring sharing with others

Four Oaks

Circuit whilst exploring sharing with others

Kingsbury

Circuit whilst exploring sharing with others

South Parade

Circuit whilst exploring sharing with others

Streetly

Circuit whilst exploring sharing with others

Urban & Estate

Boldmere

Hub

Erdington

Alternative way of working collaboratively

Falcon Lodge

Mission+

Kingstanding

Mission

Nechells

Mission

St Chad's

Alternative way of working collaboratively

Stockland Green

Alternative way of working collaboratively

Witton

Alternative way of working collaboratively

8. Young Person's Support Fund

No update.

9. Report from Circuit Stewards – Chris Higgs

The following report was issued in advance of the meeting.

“This has been a busy time:

- We are in the process of buying another manse for our new Deacon Rachel Thomas Prasad, who will be joining the circuit from September 2019. She will be stationed in the Urban and Estate cluster. In order to fund this it means that we are selling 2 Four Oaks Road, which adjoins Four Oaks church. This entails a considerable amount of extra work.*

- *There is still an urgent need for a Circuit Safeguarding officer, and people are being approached.*
- *The Cluster services, both for Covenant Sunday and Link up Sunday have taken place. Those who attended them found them to be very successful and uplifting. It has been good to meet up with friends from round the circuit.*
- *Hot Potato Sunday was a blessing and we hope that there might be future opportunity to repeat some of those services.*
- *Great work with the young people of the circuit is being piloted by Rev Malcolm Oliver, ably assisted by Fitz. It would be great if all young people in the circuit could be encouraged to join in with these very special services.*
- *Rev Malcolm has completed his final month of Sabbatical this month and Rev Stephen Willey will take Sabbatical leave in May, June, July, whilst Rev Andrew Brazier will take his Sabbatical from June to August, just prior to his leaving us. During this time, it should be noted that these ministers will be out of contact and it does mean that the load will fall to fewer ministers, particularly in June and July.*
- *Revs Alan Smithson and Stephen Willey will be going into stationing for 2020, and so we will be having conversations with them, as to their future.*
- *There is a lot happening in the Circuit and it does involve change, to which we must become accustomed, if falling numbers of ministers continue. We hold all of these situations in our prayers”*
Nothing else to add from the meeting.

10. Report from Acting Circuit Treasurer – John Rutherford

The following report was issued in advance of the meeting.

“Sale of 2 Four Oaks Road property: notice has been given to the tenant. The property is currently on the market, in accordance with the Qualified Surveyor’s Report recommendations of a minimum marketing period of 4 weeks. We will update the meeting on the progress of the sale. The property is being advertised as being full of potential – an indication that it will attract buyers prepared to do a fair amount of work on the house. This is in line with a survey done on the house 2 years ago.

Purchase of a new manse: with the new Deacon joining the circuit this year, the Circuit Stewards have viewed several properties, and a suitably located house was found in Erdington that fully complies with current CPD requirements for a manse. Our offer has been accepted and the house is now Sold Subject To Contract. If the sale proceeds from 2 Four Oaks Road are not through in time, we will have to arrange a bridging loan for the purchase. There will be a Connexional Priority Fund levy payable on the excess of the sale price over the purchase price.

Once these property dealings have concluded it is worth reviewing the purchase of a new property to generate rental income, and also review the other existing investment property on Chester Road.

New bank account: the new account with CAF Bank is now operational, and we would expect to have everything moved over within another month, which will allow the HSBC account to be closed.

Accounts for year ending August 2018: the accounts and supporting documents are with the Independent Examiner, and the process will hopefully be completed before the Circuit Meeting of 7 March. If possible I will also distribute copies to church treasurers and anyone else who requires a copy before then, so that they can be duly signed off at the meeting.

Budget and assessments: these are to be looked at very soon and hopefully can be approved at the meeting.

Reserves Policies: the Circuit needs to review these in the light of the latest Connexional Financial Strategy highlighted in the December 2018 Circuit Treasurers report. We need to formulate a plan for spending on Mission, bearing in mind latest budget figures produced.”

John updated the meeting, that there is a lot going on. 2 Four Oaks Road is up for sale, it has to be on the market for 4 weeks before any offers can be accepted, a couple have done a second viewing, but no offers received yet, may have to lower the price. New manse has been located at 54 Hawthornbrook Way, the new Deacon is visiting on Monday and can go and have a look. There is a timing difference in selling and buying and Methodist Chapel Aid do offer bridging loads, the meeting was asked for approval if this was needed. **All agreed.**

The accounts were presented for approval. **All agreed.**

Question was asked about the district levy in the 2019 budget. John explained that TMCP take the levy when selling/buying property on the nett gains. (20% for first £100k, 40% over £100k). We could look to get another rental property, but would need permission. We would have to make a very strong mission statement if do this or Connexion could see in it not in a good light.

Circuit Assessment – **Treasurers were asked to go away and between now and June come back with offers to John (sooner the better).** Budget has suggested 2% increase, which Rev Alan confirmed was only a guide figure. (Stipends had gone up 2.8%, district levy 4.4%, council tax/water/utilities 5%/6%/7%).

CAF Bank Account – the new account was now set up and running and would save on bank charges and the audit fee had gone down by £300. 3 churches are still using the HSBC account, reminder to use CAF. Thanks were given to John for all the work he is doing.

11. Report from Property Steward – David Allen

The following report was issued in advance of the meeting.

- *Kingstanding: The re-decoration of the worship area and some of the small rooms, is still on track to be undertaken next summer when they can be assured that the spaces can be unoccupied and available.*
- *Boldmere: Their new entrance scheme has now started, and is expected to be complete during early May. Erdington: While the ownership problem of Wesley Road is still on the “back burner”, the drainage of the car park (and the road in so much of it that affects the car park) is being investigated.*
- *Nechells: There is currently no progress on the works that they would like to carry out. I will report again on this when it is decided how to proceed.*

I am not aware of any other projects in process of consideration at the current time, but if there are any additions or amendments to the property report for presentation in the minutes would people like to make them known now.

*QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTIONS: Witton and South Parade Churches, together with the manse at 85, Reservoir Road, are to have their Quinquennial Inspections this year. It is my proposal that Mr David Willets of PCPT Architects should once again be invited to tender for the work. This is on the basis that the reports that he produces are well-presented (and in the context of the requirements) are very workable documents. However, his costs are rising and he sometimes keeps us waiting for an unreasonably-long time (although this has never caused a problem). Knowing the difficulty in finding other people who understand our needs properly and who are prepared to work for a reasonable fee, I believe that I should continue to persevere with Mr Willets for the time being. **THIS REQUIRES THE AGREEMENT OF THE MEETING IN ORDER FOR ME TO PROCEED TO ORGANISE THE INSPECTIONS.***

MANSES 98, Walmley Road: There is a small amount of non-urgent superficial quinquennial inspection work to be carried out, but the builder has other jobs to do for us first! 85, Reservoir Road: A serious damp problem has made itself evident in the study and adjoining utility room. Work to reduce the ground level to the frontage in order to expose the damp-proof course, was carried out before Rev Malcolm went on sabbatical. When he returns, we will investigate the sub-floor to try to find out the cause, and then, hopefully, remedy it. 2, Four Oaks Road: The Charities-Commission Surveyor’s report has been received and submitted to TMCP as required. The on-line property consent application has also been prepared and submitted, so the sale of the Manse has now been approved. An estate agent has been engaged and the property is now under offer, and a number of prospective purchasers have visited.

A number of more suitable houses have been inspected, and an offer to purchase has been made and accepted. This is intended as a new Manse which will be occupied in the summer by the new Deacon who will be joining us for the start of the next Methodist year. 12, Upper Clifton Road All of the work to the kitchen and bathrooms, as well as minor quinquennial work, has been completed, and I believe that for the time being at least, this house is in good condition once again!

ON-LINE PROPERTY RETURNS: I can report that all of the on-line returns have now been submitted – thank you very much.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS: I have now received all of the standard forms of account and reserves policies.

CONNEXIONAL PROPERTY FUND

As at the time of writing, there is still one cheque awaited, so I cannot report the outcome of the donations.”

The meeting were asked to approve the proposal to have Mr Willets tender for the work of the quinquennial inspection. **The meeting agreed.**

The Circuit does have a manse property on Chester Road, that no longer fits CPD requirements for a manse, was the meeting happy to give approval to the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) to look at what could be done with the property. **The meeting agreed.**

12. Report from Local Preachers Meeting – Martyn Blunt

The following report was issued in advance of the meeting.

“Nineteen Preachers including Worship leaders were present. The Pre-meeting for preachers on Trial confirmed that Diana Bosman, Kirsten Newman and Peter Cashmore continue to progress in preaching and study and should continue on Trial. Clive Thursfield continues on sabbatical leave from study and preaching whilst continuing his overseas charity work commitments during this year. Rev Stephen Froggatt who Chaired the meeting as Rev. Alan was in London on a Superintendent Connexion meeting, elicited caring comment for individual Preachers welfare, to whom a note of care is to be sent from the meeting. Colin Topliss received

the Circuit's local certificate of recognition and a Bible for his 57 years of service to preaching. He spoke of his early examinations and text book course. Reflections upon "Living and Growing" month were received including the joint services held and Hot Potato Sunday. It was felt that maybe these services could have been spread out and each Hot Potato theme shared across the Churches over the quarter, rather than congregations having to choose only one 'essay' to hear. The essays are to be put on the website and can inform house group content.

Rev. Stephen Froggatt spoke on the two papers from Connexion regarding continual personal development. It was suggested an annual service of reaffirmation of Call with Communion be held within the first meeting of the Local Preachers at the beginning of the Methodist year. No disagreement to this was elicited from the meeting.

Diana Bosman spoke of the challenges to locate both a Tutor and Mentor for the future within the Circuit for the current training course. Should there be an interested party then there is an introductory meeting at Catshill Methodist Church in March. The meeting was reminded of the Safeguarding Course at Erdington on 21st May 2019. The meeting was reminded by letter from the Superintendent about the fixed arrangements of the quarterly plan under the Superintendent's auspice. Rev. Andrew Brazier reminded the meeting of the invitation to the walk for justice, knife crime sojourn to London. Further information can be obtained from him. Rev. Kathryn Darby was congratulated on her appointment as Chaplain to Good Hope Hospital. The Secretary to the meeting spoke of his changing credentials under Consecration to the Order of St. Leonard as Ministering Brother from March 2019.

Therese Rutherford led the meeting's closing devotions from the Psalms and hymn from Singing the Faith."

The meeting was asked to please encourage the local preachers when they are at our churches. There are 4 new local preachers coming to plan soon, which is very encouraging for the Circuit. There is still concern re a future mentor.

13. Report from Circuit Missions Committee – Alison Brown

The following report was issued in advance of the meeting.

"The Committee has not met since the last Circuit meeting but please note that the Circuit Easter Offering Service will be on Sunday, 9th June at 6.00 pm at South Parade Methodist Church. All will be very welcome."

14. Report from District Council – Jim Hart

The following report was issued in advance of the meeting.

"BISH Annual Report :Lawrie Rumens, Chair of the Directors of Birmingham International Student Homes presented his annual review and the Directors' report They have had over 300 residents from more than 50 countries in the houses over the year including 35 to 40 children among the residents at Asbury. He noted that Mike Fisher, the company secretary is stepping down. A new company secretary has been recruited.

Reports from the District's New congregations

Jazz Church: The written report from Adam Saunders was noted. Ian expressed some concern that with Trey moving on that there has been less mentoring support for Adam and this will be addressed as the new Mission Advisor comes into post.

New Inclusive Church: The congregation is looking for funding to recruit a half time pioneer pastor for September 2019.

Reports from Birmingham, Birmingham Sutton Park and Birmingham (West & Oldbury) were received.

District Development Plan: Mission Advisor The post has been advertised, shortlisting made and interviews will be held on 7th February. Reimagine Conference Helen Woodall reported that 232 people have registered so far and a request for workshop choices should come out this week.

Communications Strategy: Helen Woodall reported on the meeting held 10th December. A small group is revising the front of the website.

Zimbabwean Visit: A Group will be coming from the Kudoma district May 10th to 20th to attend the District Synod – visas may be an issue. The District is looking for hosts, and help with trips to London and New Room in Bristol. Invitations to events in circuits welcome and to be given to Ian before planning group meeting on 8th March. The visitors will be available for preaching on 12th and morning 19th May. A District Celebration is being planned to be held at Stockland Green or Erdington on afternoon 19th May.

Report from Methodist Council: Vincent Jambawo gave a verbal report on the Council meeting held 30-31st January.

Financial Report :Helen Lynskey presented her written report outlining the fund summary.

Approval was given to

1. the value of land and buildings for accounting purposes of the manse at £750,00 and Wesley International House £3,000,000
2. the Budget 2019/20

3. the amounts paid to Trustees
4. the approval Haynes Watts Birmingham as auditors.

Thanks were expressed to Helen for all her work, for her generosity with the time she gives and her care to ensure the District resources are used for mission purposes.

Stationing: Two presbyters were found in round 1, another came at round 2, and then in round 3 a married couple. A probationer Catshill and a presbyter for Quinton were stationed. Both probationer appointments and the 2 diaconal posts, one in Sutton Park and a new appointment at St John's Hereford are filled.

Candidates: The District Candidates committee considered 3 candidates. 2 were recommended to go forward to the Connexional Candidates Committee.

Safeguarding: Sue Holder's written report was noted. The roll out of advanced module is taking a lot of resources. Training on offer re the Prevent Strategy was highlighted.

Circuit Changes: Meetings on 6th December agreed to the dissolving of the Stratford and Evesham, Mid Warwick and SW Worcs circuits and the formation of two new circuits - South Warwickshire and South Worcestershire from September 2019. Representative Synod in May will be at Stratford and will include a thanksgiving for the Stratford and Evesham circuit.

Refugees: Concerns were noted about the District having resources to give the practical support for a second community sponsorship family. Solihull are raising money but casework support is also needed.

Twinning with Germany: Caz Hague is yet to convene a meeting about future of links with Germany. Possible visit spring 2020.

Sabbaticals: Caroline Warrey's written report from the meeting held 24th January was noted. Ian highlighted how there needs to be a formal, circuit appointed group to be a sabbatical support group. Queens keen to engage and offer support with sabbatical studies.

Any other business

Learning Network Anthony Reddie highlighted the following upcoming courses, 16th March Training for Local Preachers tutors and mentors at Catshill. Sundays 10/17th/24th March He is leading a series of conversations around theology for Sutton Park circuit 5-7pm at Stockland Green. One of priorities within the Learning Network is to look at encouraging vocations and resources are being developed for this.

President's Pilgrimage: The incoming Methodist President, Barbara Glasson, is making a pilgrimage from West Yorkshire to NEC and is asking churches locally to host walkers in the weeks leading up to Conference. They will be at Nechells on 24th June and Ladywood on 25th June. On Saturday morning 29th June she will walk from Gas Street to NEC. Ian asks that the district support this pilgrimage."

The meeting was informed that all appointments for stationing in the district had been filled, had been very fortunate as only one in Connexion to get all posts. Only 5 deacons had been placed last year nationally, situation is getting serious. 2019 stationing over 70+ presbyters retire and only 29 accepted, so numbers down and will only continue to get worse, can not carry on as have been doing.

Question was asked that the interviews for the mission advisor post was held on the 7th February, was there an update? No, there had been no update yet.

Church Without Walls, 30th May - 9th June, any ideas for mission or outreach to let District know what was being planned.

15. Report from Safeguarding Officer (not met since last meeting)

Had hoped to report the name of a new Safeguarding Officer, but unfortunately do not have one, we urgently need a safeguarding officer. Do have a couple of names of others to approach about the post.

16. Circuit MHA Representative

An MHA representative is needed. Janet Grainger can no longer continue to do the role after a number of years. Speak to Rev Alan if you know of anyone who may be interested in the role.

17. Sabbatical Support Groups

2018/19 - Sabbatical support groups are all set up and have met for Rev Stephen W and Rev Andrew sabbaticals.

Next plan will be interesting, as will be 2 presbyters down and a slight overlap in timing of sabbaticals, so local preachers will be picking up a lot of services or there will be local arrangements at churches, please be understanding. Rev Stephen F said there was a resource available called "the vine" which can be emailed monthly to churches, it contains services, hymns, prayers and reflections to use for a service.

2019/20 – Rev Stephen F and Deacon Marilyn will be taking their sabbaticals.

18. Refugee Working Party

See report within the District report.

19. Knife Crime Project – Rev Andrew Brazier

Rev Andrew updated the meeting on the walk, will be leaving Kingstanding on Palm Sunday for the 114 mile walk to Westminster. Will be sleeping on church floors at night, thank you to everyone for their support, have been very impressed with all the help given. Anyone can join on the day, but need to make sure it is kept safe so need to complete the form. A coach will be leaving from the Circuit to go to Westminster on Good Friday, with the option of joining the walk for the last 2 miles from Paddington. Also looking for helpers who could be on call for support if need to pick people up and first aiders. Posters will be published to advertise the event. Those walking are also hoping to raise some money via sponsorship, the meeting was asked to approve a Just Giving Website being set up with the money going in to the circuit bank account. **The meeting agreed to this.** The meeting were also asked to approve the underwriting of £2,000 from the Circuit to pay the initial costs, (coach hire, tabards etc.) which will be given back. **The meeting agreed.**

20. Letters of Support from the Circuit

Letters were asked for John Price, who had resigned from the circuit meetings and treasurer at Erdington due to ill health.

III ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1) Falcon Lodge had sent a report giving an update on the two main new projects that had recently started following the successful receipt of the £5k grant from the last circuit meeting. Report below:

“At the last circuit meeting, the trustees approved a grant to support new family and community ministry work, which has been started by one of our church members. The new work has principally been directed at Primary age children and their families. The two main new projects that have recently started are Jolly Juniors – this has been doing really well since it was started with an average attendance of between 25 to 30 children a week. This runs once a week on a Wednesday after school between 4.30 and 6.30, Activities and support include creative play, listening to a bible story, feeding the children (many qualify for free school meals).

Holiday club - This ran for three days during the recent half term holiday, where an average of 27 children attended on 2 days and 44 on the other day. For the theme of the Holiday Club, we used the Parable of the Mustard Seed (Mark 4 v30-34). The children engaged brilliantly with the programme which included, A time of planting seeds in the community garden, Singing songs and discussion about the parable, Creation of a small choir for interested children, Craft activities – including sewing and biscuit decorating. Pleasingly, through the holiday club, we have attracted a number of new families who were using the church premises for the first time, and we have forged a number of links with the community. We look forward to running this facility during future school holidays, as it is clear that there is a need for this facility on Falcon Lodge and it gives us the opportunity to share Bible Stories with appropriate connected craft activities. Falcon Lodge would like to thank the circuit for their support for funding one of our church members who is key to the success of these activities. Giles Wheeler and Tracey Gough

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates of the next 4 meetings were planned for:

- Tuesday 11th June 2019 – Nechells
- Wednesday 18th September – Streetly
- Thursday 28th November – St Chads
- Tuesday 10th March 2020 - Boldmere

V. Closing Devotions

Rev Alan thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

It was also the last Circuit Meeting that Rev Andrew Brazier would be attending, Rev Alan thanked him for being part of the circuit, it had been a real joy and pleasure to have him as part of our circuit and wished him well in his new appointment in September. Rev Andrew thanked the Circuit for its support and not laughing at all his ideas, the experience in the Circuit had been wonderful.

The meeting closed with a prayer and the grace.

Signed.....Dated.....