

Minutes of the LP meeting – Trinity 9th September 2009

Present: 3 Ministers, 2 Deacons, 8 Local Preachers

Apologies: 5 Ministers, 6 local Preachers

Opening Devotions: Donald Rolls led the opening devotion with hymn 687 H/P and a few verses from Psalm 119, concluding with the prayer in **bold print** on page 288 of the Methodist Worship Book

Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th June were accepted and signed as a true record.

Pastoral Update: Pastoral concerns were expressed concerning various preachers they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Circuit Services: As per plan.

Evening Services:

24th January – Woodlands Songs of Praise & Favourite Bible passages.

28th February – Bilton Discussion Service & Killinghall a Dance Service

1st April Maundy Thursday Service 7-30pm with Holy Communion at Wesley followed by at 9pm a vigil through the night at Starbeck.

23rd May - Pannal young peoples service

Hampsthwaite ~ A service on Spirituality of Ageing.

Local Preachers on Trial:

Simon Charters: It looks as if Simon will be completing his Local Preacher studies by March 2010. A trial service arranged for 6th September did not take place as the interview will not take place until the March meeting. Trial service to be arranged nearer that date.

Circuit Tutors Report: Simon has now completed the reading of all study units, and is preparing essays on the last assignment for unit 17

He hopes this autumn to put together the necessary material, reports and worship portfolio to submit the remaining Section D of the course.

We have discussed ideas for the Unit 18 presentation to the Local Preachers Meeting for next year.

Worship Leaders: To be invited to attend the next meeting, an invitation to be sent out by the Secretary.

The meeting was informed that Stuart Garside is starting a new training course for Worship Leaders on Thursday 8th October. There are eight people intending to come on the course, five from Harrogate and three from Knaresborough.

CLPD: The meeting was informed that CPLD had been discussed at the staff meeting and the progress so far was described as being patchy.

A Discussion took place, with various comments being made. Although each preacher is paired, the following decision was made:

Where a preacher is planned, to preach at a chapel where there is usually a local preacher in the congregation, an arrangement could be made in advance for the two preachers to have a get together after the service for a kind of appraisal.

Correspondence:

School of Theology:

6th February 2010 – speaker the Rev Dr Mervyn Willshaw Subject ‘Yes, No, May Be’ everyone welcome

Any other Business:

A Discussion will take place at the next meeting relating to the new Local Preachers Training Course.

Future Meetings:

Tuesday 8th December 2009, Grove Road

Thursday 4th March 2010, Killinghall

Thursday 17th June 2010, Venue to be decided