

CIRCUIT MEETING MINUTES

13th June 2023

Venue: Zoom @ 7:30pm

1. Rev Tony Cavanagh welcomed the trustees to the meeting
2. Opening Devotions were led by Rev Karen James
3. **Agree Membership of meeting**
The Secretary recorded the attendance and the membership list was agreed
4. **Apologies for absence**
Terry Fish, Lesley & Tony Fernand, Ian Underwood, Annie Fellows
5. **Letters of Greeting & Acknowledgement and Items for Prayer**
Letters of greeting to be sent to: Marion Le Poidevin, Family of Danny Plews.
6. **Minutes of the meeting** held 7th March 2023 had already been circulated and were agreed
7. **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising
8. **News from Churches**
 - Swanage:** The church enjoyed a wonderful Messy Easter in Holy Week, attended by over 70 children and carers. They are hoping to run another event in October Half Term. They are now looking forward to welcoming holiday makers and other groups at Sunday Worship.
 - Wool:** Churches Together in Wool is beginning to regenerate and they are looking forward to the future joint occasions.
 - Broadstone:** The 20 year celebrations are well under way. Since the last meeting the church has enjoyed a Craft Fayre, Fish & Chip Quiz Evening, Trip to Exbury Gardens and the next one event 17th June is a boat trip up to Wareham with a Fish & Chip Supper. These events are supported by members, friends and regulars who frequent the Coffee Lounge. The church enjoyed a good Pentecost Service with Rev Karen and the last hymn "Gods Spirit it is my Heart" was sung outside witnessing to the local community
 - Bournemouth:** A service to celebrate the first year of the Welcome Inn Café, held at Victoria Park, was celebrated last Sunday with the worship band. A Forum Group has been established to discuss how to be relevant in the future and to meet the changing needs. Divided into three teams they are 'Dream Team, Prayer Team & Logistic Team.
 - Upton:** The Chapel Anniversary went well with the music band accompanying, with lots of children attending. The Pre-School is fully subscribed until September '24. The recent Daisy Chain event went well and another four sessions are planned.
 - Poole:** Three young people have recently come into membership, thanks expressed to Barry Matthews. The Explorer services continue to be popular and well supported. The Wesley Café continues its outreach to the community and thanks were expressed to the circuit for its financial and manpower input. The café itself supports 25 young people, aged 15-30 with special needs. The cafe has provided 2201 meals in the last 12 months as part of the 'Meals for Free' Scheme.
9. **Circuit Invitations Business / Staffing**
This year we have three ministers in the Stationing Process, Rev Karen James, Rev Betto Viana and Deacon Suzie Viana. Preliminary conversations are being held with circuit stewards to discuss their call and the future. It will be a two track approach, extensions (re-invitations) and

stationing. The CLT are to meet with the Church Steward Teams to discuss what they need into the future and then the timeline will be drawn up.

Going forward the CLT have discussed, when the time arises, as to where the ministers are to be based: Rev Karen or her replacement to stay with the current churches, the Superintendent to be based in Poole and another minister based in the Bournemouth area with the deacons continuing to work across the Circuit. The Circuit Invitation Committee will be meeting soon.

10. Life of the Circuit

10.1 Mission Updates – Deacons Gill and Suzie

The diaconal focus 'Godly Play' is going from strength to strength, going into schools as well as at Victoria Park. It can be adapted for different ages. The Food Bank continues to operate from the St Georges site, the team is committed and strong to meet the current needs. The Sleep Safe Project has changed completely because of Covid. The Stay Safe Project, for the homeless in Bournemouth, operates from Trinity on a Thursday. The Toddlers Groups are going well with names being put on a waiting list. The Welcome Inn asked customers what the café meant to them and the feedback was very positive. All manner of activities can be experienced or maybe simple quiet prayer is all that's needed.

10.2 Report from Circuit Youth Group – Kate White

Kate's report had been circulated previously and was adopted by the meeting.

The Proposal: That the Circuit Meeting considers providing some financial assistance for God Squad's 3Generate trip was agreed by the meeting. Once the cost is known Kate to co-ordinate with Tony and the Circuit Treasurer.

10.3 Report from Local Preachers – Dr Terry Fish

The report will be circulated when received.

11. Governance

11.1 Safeguarding Officers Report – Rev Karen

Karen repeated Safeguarding was everyone's responsibility. Foundation and Advance Training Sessions will be scheduled for the Autumn. Online training is available, you need to register if this is your preference. Thanks were expressed to the local Safeguarding Officers for their continued service.

11.2 Appeal for a New Circuit Stewards

For the continuity of the circuit it is imperative that new stewards are found, please ask around your churches. Brian Tucknott is stepping down as Senior Circuit Steward at the end of the August, thanks were expressed to him for his work over the years.

11.3 Lay Rep to District Policy Committee

Julian Tawn volunteered to take up this District position.

11.4 Unconscious Bias / Compulsory Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training

A session was held at Upton on the 8th June. All church leaders need to have completed the training by the 31st December 2023.

12. Finance - Andrew Goodwin

12.1 Update on Circuit Finances – Nothing to report

13. Property

13.1 Update regarding sale of Wareham Church

The sale is still ongoing, there is deadlock between the local and national administrative bodies. The buyer is still keen to buy the property,

13.2 Update on Manses:

York Road – in the early stages of being sold

Wimborne Road – almost signed and sealed

13.3 Renewal of Tenancy Contracts

St Luke – Change from 6mths to 12mths – revenue £2000 pcm

Fernside Road – 12mths – revenue £1550 pcm

Headswell - 12mths – revenue £1550 pcm

The meeting agreed the renewals

14. Any other business

Mary Worger a stalwart of Studland and now of Swanage church will be 100 on the 24th July. Andrew to arrange a card from the Circuit.

15. Date of next meeting 12th September 2023 at Upton

The meeting closed at 8:30pm with the Grace

Date of next meetings	5 th December 2023	Circuit Meeting Zoom
	March 2024 – tba	
	June 2024 – tba	
	September - tba	