

WORSHIP: the Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love, and the Circuit will ...

Actions	Timescale	Responsible	Progress
(a) encourage each Church to provide widely accessible worship opportunities across its chapels through a variety of styles, locations and times, and to encourage its people to take advantage of this variety			
<i>Annually ask each Church Council to provide details of at least 3 alternative worship opportunities</i>	<i>Each year</i>	<i>Circuit Meeting to ask Church Councils</i>	
<i>Share details of these and other opportunities through the Circuit website, Facebook, quarterly Newsletter and weekly notices</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>CCs, ministers, etc to share details, Circuit Office to communicate</i>	
<i>Arrange training for Churches and preachers about alternative styles and ways of worshipping</i>			
(b) provide training to enable its people to lead services and other activities online, help chapels to install appropriate equipment for online activity and offer training to operate such equipment			
<i>Arrange training for Local Preachers, worship leaders and others who wish to lead worship and activities online</i>			
<i>Where requested, help chapels to install equipment for online activities and worship</i>	<i>As required</i>		
<i>Arrange training to use the equipment</i>	<i>As required</i>		
(c) enable its people to explore a calling to local preaching or worship leading, and provide appropriate training and resources to support them			
<i>Provide an event for anyone interested in finding out more about being a worship leader or local preacher</i>	<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Superintendent, LP Secretary, LP tutor</i>	
<i>Hold a worship leaders training course each year</i>	<i>late Year 1, and then each year</i>	<i>Trainer(s) to be identified</i>	
<i>Provide a short session to encourage and enable existing LPs to act as mentors to new preachers and worship leaders</i>	<i>Year 1</i>	<i>LP tutor and Learning Network</i>	

LEARNING AND CARING: the Church exists to help people grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care, and the Circuit will ...

Actions	Timescale	Responsible	Progress
(a) provide opportunities for its people to explore their faith and discipleship			
<i>Arrange Circuit-wide opportunities for people to explore and strengthen their faith and calling through courses such as Alpha</i>	<i>Each year</i>		
<i>Arrange Bible Study / Fellowship Groups during Advent and Lent each year, and at other times where appropriate</i>	<i>Each year</i>		
<i>Develop study, worship and action that follows the Holy Habits programme</i>	<i>2 year programme from January year 1</i>	<i>CR</i>	
(b) encourage, support and equip its people for growth, nurture and leadership			
<i>Appoint part-time lay workers for NE and NW Churches to support pastoral care</i>	<i>Year 1</i>	<i>CLT / Church Councils</i>	
<i>Appoint a minister with responsibility for growth, nurture and discipleship from September 2022</i>	<i>Year 2 onwards</i>	<i>CLT</i>	
<i>Identify training needs within Churches and chapels and provide appropriate training</i>			
(c) use its human and financial resources to encourage and equip its Churches to engage in mission			
<i>Set aside £15,000 annually to be available allocate to Churches which identify projects to help them engage in mission in their local communities</i>	<i>Each year</i>	<i>CLT</i>	
<i>Review and refresh the use of the Mission Fund</i>	<i>Year 1</i>	<i>CLT finance lead</i>	
<i>Organise an annual event to provide challenge and inspiration about mission opportunities</i>	<i>Years 2 and 3</i>	<i>GN&D minister</i>	

SERVICE: the Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice, and the Circuit will ...

Actions	Timescale	Responsible	Progress
(a) encourage its people to respond to issues of social justice and engage with local and global communities			
<i>Make Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) resources available across the Circuit</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Circuit Office</i>	
<i>Provide resources on social justice themes for local arrangement services (scripted services) and study sessions for use by chapels</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Establish a task group to undertake</i>	
(b) promote cross-Circuit initiatives, such as by supporting local foodbanks, development charities and committing to becoming an Eco Circuit			
<i>Identify requirements to become an EcoCircuit, provide resources and training to enable Churches and the Circuit to fulfil them</i>	<i>Years 1 and 2</i>	<i>Establish a task group to undertake</i>	
<i>Renew the commitment to Fairtrade status of Churches and the Circuit</i>	<i>Years 1 to 3</i>	<i>Church Councils and Circuit Meeting</i>	
<i>Identify initiatives which the Circuit could support, at least one each year</i>	<i>Each year</i>		
(c) raise awareness across the Circuit of opportunities for service and engagement, especially through external groups seeking to meet the needs of local people			
<i>Provide space in every Circuit Newsletter to focus on the work of one group in Barnsley seeking to meet the needs of local people</i>	<i>Each year</i>		
<i>Share information through the Circuit's various means of communication about local groups seeking volunteers, and the help and support they need</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>		

EVANGELISM: the Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ, and the Circuit will ...

Actions	Timescale	Responsible	Progress
(a) provide opportunities for people on the fringes of the Church to explore questions of spirituality, faith and discipleship			
<i>Provide training and resources to help chapels to offer a positive invitation to people and to be genuinely welcoming</i>		<i>Learning Network</i>	
<i>Share across the Circuit positive and encouraging information about events and initiatives</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>		
(b) continue to promote, resource and develop the use of social media to engage and communicate across the Circuit and with a wider audience			
<i>Review current Circuit activity on social media, including responses to, and engagement with, it</i>	<i>Year 1 and then ongoing</i>		
<i>Implement necessary changes to current practice</i>			
<i>Arrange training for those interested in being involved in the development of this communication, and encourage their further involvement</i>			
(c) support its Churches to identify and engage with “missing generations”, e.g. children and young people, adults of working age, men, culturally diverse communities			
<i>Appoint a minister with responsibility for growth, nurture and discipleship from September 2022</i>	<i>Year 2 onwards</i>	<i>CLT</i>	
<i>Establish group of people called to this priority, to work with that minister when they arrive on new initiatives</i>	<i>Year 1 and onwards</i>		

In support of these priorities, the Circuit will:

- a. work with ecumenical and other partners where opportunities arise
- b. maintain and finance the six years staffing policy agreed by the June 2021 Circuit Meeting
- c. work with its Churches to review the number of places of worship and their viability
- d. encourage its Churches to review their activities in order to identify new missional opportunities, and those which may have fulfilled their purpose
- e. continue to grow the new Circuit initiatives developed during 2020/21 alongside ongoing Circuit events and services.
- f. review this statement and priorities annually at the September Circuit Meeting