

## Joint Leadership Team Meetings of the Whitehaven and the Keswick and Cockermouth Circuits. Bulletin 4.

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1. Arrangements were confirmed for the meeting with Karen McBride the warden of the Deacon Order. She has a big input into where Deacons will be placed and can help with the profile.
2. Deacon Mel Beaven from Carlisle talked to us about her role as a Deacon and the role of a Deacon in general.
3. Deacon's roles can be very different from each other, they can be flexible, challenging to the church/circuit, out in the community and work pastorally.
4. Deacon's prepare the community for the church and Presbyters prepare the church for the community so they complement each other.
5. Deacons can conduct funerals, baptisms, & weddings.
6. A Deacons role is a servant role.
7. Sharon produced an A3 sheet on which were tabled all the responses from the churches to the circulated questions.
8. We agreed that David Davies would have an initial stab at completing the parts of the Deacon's profile relevant to the Deacon and circulate the draft round the invitation committee ready for discussion at their next meeting.
9. Richard North would do the same with the Superintendents profile but include the questions about the Circuit which would eventually be copied to the Deacon's profile.
10. We agreed that the Whitehaven Circuit would do a 2 month plan in the near future so that our plans will both be in line with the Connexional year thus making it easier to bring them together.
11. We agreed the editors of 'Link' and 'The Link' would have a conversation about how to bring those two publications together.
12. It was agreed that the combined plan would be produced separate to the magazine as it would be much bigger. In total we expect to print less plans than magazines.
13. Fees for weddings and funerals. This discussion was deferred until the new Circuit exists.
14. Circuit number will be '4' if we have a choice.
15. The following resolution has to be agreed by each church council.

### **Resolution for Keswick and Cockermouth churches.**

The Trustees of the ?? **Methodist Church** at their church council meeting on (Date) agreed to become members of the **Western Fells Methodist Circuit** and become responsible to that circuit as from 1 September 2019.

### **Resolution for Whitehaven churches.**

The Trustees of the ?? **Methodist Church** at their church council on (Date) noted that the name of the **Whitehaven Methodist Circuit** is changing to **Western Fells Methodist Circuit** as from 1 September 2019. They also agreed to remain a part of that circuit as they were the Whitehaven Circuit.

16. The following resolutions need to be dealt with at appropriate Circuit Meetings.

### **Keswick and Cockermouth Methodist Circuit Meeting only in Autumn.**

#### **Resolution**

The Trustees of the Keswick and Cockermouth Methodist Circuit agree to transfer all their assets and liabilities to the Whitehaven Methodist Circuit (Western Fells Methodist Circuit) in August 2019

### **Even later Circuit Meeting - Spring**

#### **Resolution for Whitehaven**

The Trustees of the **Whitehaven Methodist Circuit** note that the Trustees of the **Keswick & Cockermouth Methodist Circuits** have passed Resolutions agreeing to the transfer of their assets and liabilities to the **Whitehaven Methodist Circuit (Western Fells Methodist Circuit)**, with effect August 2019. A Summary of these assets and liabilities is set out in Schedules \*\*\*\*\* and will be attached to the Minutes of this Meeting.

17. Date of next joint leadership meeting is Monday 10 September, 7pm at Kirkland.
18. Since this meeting the invitation committee has met and looked in more detail at the draft profiles with the help of the Chair of District. These will be updated subsequent to the Meeting with Karen and brought to the next Circuit Meetings.