

# North Cumbria Circuit Vision & Mission Plan 2019-20



## Our context

North Cumbria Circuit is a mix of city, urban and rural covering a 20-mile radius, placed between the Lake District, the Scottish border, Hadrian's Wall and the Solway coast. Central geographically is the City of Carlisle. Relationships are strong across the Border region with agriculture, tourism and a major transport infrastructure bringing most of the employment.

## Our belief

We believe that all are welcome within the love and grace of God. That all can find salvation through Christ and that all have a vital role within the mission of the Church.

## Our Vision

To be a vibrant Christian community travelling to where God leads us.

## Our Values

Believing that every Christian is called to mission and ministry we seek to affirm all gifts and use our resources to develop appropriate expressions of ministry within the Calling of the Methodist Church. To enable this we will act together openly and honestly and with the best interests of the other at the heart of all our decisions.

## Our structure

Our churches are grouped geographically into 2 Clusters. Our current staffing includes 2 Presbyters and 2 Deacons (one working ½ time for the District). One Deacon acts as the Circuit Mission Enabler, the other assists with pastoral oversight in the City. Our Presbyters each oversee a cluster of churches.

## Our calling

We are committed to supporting and engaging with the Connexional *Our Calling* statement:

*The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.*

Within this we seek to discern how God is calling us to serve our local communities and where God is calling us to share in the extension of his mission.

## Our Mission

Showing God's love with confidence, in prayer, worship and service.

## Our Commitment

We commit ourselves to fulfilling this mission through the following projects on 2019-20:

- To develop our 15 congregations within our Mission Plan
- To complete our Transforming Churches and Communities review and to implement its conclusions
  - To include the forming of two mission hubs.
- To enter stationing for a diaconal replacement for our Mission Enabler
- To maintain and develop our chaplaincies and train more volunteers through the Chaplaincy Everywhere programme including:
  - The creation of chaplaincy at Carlisle Lake District Airport
  - Extending the Agricultural Chaplaincy to Longtown
- To consider the possibility of creating a new Circuit with the Wigton Circuit for September 2020