



# The Methodist Church in Sheffield

... growing followers of Jesus

30/10/24

Dear Friends

It is good to be back from my sabbatical. I look forward to seeing you all during my travels around the circuit. And as Debora suggested in the previous letter, I look forward to hearing your good news stories about sharing the gospel over the last three months.

Both my parents were Local Preachers. During my sabbatical, I was very impressed by how the other local preachers in the circuit supported us as a family, now that my father is not well. He gave so much (Sunday after Sunday for most of his life) and it was heartwarming to see how people came to see him and pray (and sing) with him – showing appreciation for the years he offered as a Local Preacher. It made me think about how I fail to do that for preachers and worship leaders in our circuit. If you read this as a retired preacher, I want to thank you for all you've done over the years. And I want to encourage those of us still in active service to try and find ways in which we can support our retired preachers and worship leaders.

I want to remind you again that I use the Preaching Plan every week in my personal prayers. So please know that when you prepare for and lead worship, that I have prayed for you by name. Every blessing.

Your brother in Christ  
Romeo

For your information, please find enclosed;

- your Preaching Plan (if requested),
- your print out of appointments,
- your Preaching Card

Please take time to read this letter carefully and to transfer dates into your diary for the coming year.

I remind all preachers that if you are unable to take any appointments in a particular quarter it is your responsibility to find an accredited substitute and inform the superintendent minister. **Please use the office as a last resort to find a replacement.**

**The Cut-off date for submitting Plan availability for the March to May 2025 Plan is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

For your information please see below the Plan making timetable;

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Deadline for submitting Plan availability
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	DW to add pre-arranged appointments

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ministers to put in their own dates and agreed pre-arranged services, local plan makers to put in church pattern and agreed pre-arranged
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Plan making team to fill in the gaps
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Proof reading by ministers
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Plan to be published and distributed

**The upcoming dates for the LWPM gatherings will be Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm, Millhouses MC & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm, Greenhill MC.**

There are a number of appointments which were unable to be filled, please see below. If you are able to help please let the Circuit office know as soon as possible;

Date	Time	Church
1 <sup>st</sup> December	10.45 am	High Green
29 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 am	Brightholmlee
16 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30 am	Parson Cross at Creswick
	11.15 am	Trinity Renishaw
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	10.30 am	Crane Moor
	11.00 am	Green Moor

Circuit Admin Team