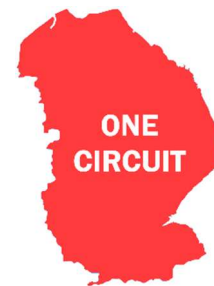


1 Circuit: Our Future, Reshaping for Mission UPDATE - SPRING SYNOD 2026



Synod spent the morning of their time together in Wainfleet looking at the most recent work done on the possibility of reshaping the current 8 Circuits in the Lincolnshire District into 1 Circuit.

- Making it Work Group - is making headway in establishing how a 1 Circuit-District could be shaped in order that it would still comply with all the legalities placed upon us by both The Methodist Church and other statutory bodies, as well as the route towards any final decision that we make about this different structure.
- Resources Group - continue to look at our assets; people, lay and ordained, property and finances. What local context ministry do we have where, and on the other side of the coin, what is available to us in order to centralise broader functions?
- Discipleship and Mission Group - offered a 'Hub and Spoke' model for grouping churches in order to resource and encourage growth, both personal spiritual growth and that of church engagement and membership.

All of this was framed with 2 opening questions: Do we believe that God still has something for the Methodist Church to say in Lincolnshire? And, if the answer to that is yes, then what might the things we have to say be?

There were some very useful conversations and the Working Groups and District Council have subsequently met to look at the questions and the comments raised. Synod gave its overwhelming approval for this work to continue, so over the summer we will be adding yet more detail to the proposal, which will come back to Synod in September.

Rev Angy and some of the Working Group and District Council members will be travelling around the Circuits in May and June for further information sharing and conversation. If the September Synod is still in agreement then there will be a process of formal consultation with each church council and circuit meeting Autumn 2026-Spring 2027.

- Epworth, Scunthorpe and Gainsborough: Thursday 7th May, 7pm, Gainsborough Methodist Church.
- South Holland: Thursday 11th June, 2pm, Holbeach Methodist Church.
- Boston: Friday 12th June, 10am, venue tbc.
- East Lincs: Saturday 13th June, 10am, Alford Methodist Church.
- Sleaford: Monday 22nd June, 2pm, Ruskington Methodist Church.

These are open meetings, if you cannot attend in your local Circuit please feel free to join another.

Dates for Barton, Brigg and Wolds, Grimsby and Cleethorpes, and Lincoln will be circulated in due course and advertised locally.

Finally, I hope you will join with me in thanking all the members who make up both District Council and the Working Groups who are working diligently on this very large and complex issue. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

Rev Angy

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