

1 Circuit: Our Future, Reshaping for Mission



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Dear all

Work is continuing towards more detail for a full day's conversation at Synod in September about the possible reshaping of 8 circuits into 1. Here is a reminder of where all this began:

- The 2 slides, attached, were shown at Synod in the spring of 2024 and are about the conversations I had in the circuits where I heard your worries and anxieties and hopes and dreams about church. These and the statistics around stationing and the resources in the circuits have formed the ground for thinking about what the issues are we need to address and, therefore, the model we are offering as a possible way to some solutions. By way of update the statistics (see worries and anxieties slide) for autumn 2025 are now even more stark: 99 churches, 2674 members and 15.73 Full Time Equivalent Ordained ministers.
- The reshaping models from the Spring Synod of 2025, also attached, were the options put forward from which Synod voted overwhelmingly to pursue just one, the One Circuit model.

As ever, any questions please send them to Angy and Alison.

God bless, Angy

Attachments to this covering note:

Circuit Worries and Anxieties from Spring 2024

Circuit Hopes and Dreams from Spring 2024

Reshaping Models 1 to 4 from Spring Synod 2025