

To all members of Synod

Dear friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to the Epworth & Scunthorpe Circuit for our Spring Representative session of Synod on 21st April 2018.



Our Circuit consists of 22 churches stretching from Crowle in the north-west to Westwoodside in the south-west and Winteringham in the north-east to Laughton in the south-east. To get from east to west you must cross the River Trent on either the M180 or the Keadby Bridge, making us a slightly-lopsided butterfly in shape. While most of our churches are very small and located in rural communities, the town of Scunthorpe, with its steel works, industry and large ethnic populations stands out as being very different. In our new Circuit logo, designed last year, we have tried to echo the diversity of our life with the 4 quadrants showing fields, steel works, the skyline with its wind turbines and the Trent itself.

We are in the process of a Circuit Review which we hope will show us ways we can support one another in our ministry in our various places. In some places that ministry is already clearly defined whilst in others it is less so and in others is already in the process of changing. As we meet contracts are being completed for the sale of Riddings Methodist Church to Lace Housing. Once Lace have completed their development the congregation will return to worship in the communal space there. We are very proud of the bravery of the members of Riddings in taking such a step.

Perhaps the obvious place for us to have hosted Synod would have been Epworth, which would have allowed for a visit to The Old Rectory too. I offer the invitation to visit whenever you can. However, the church of Ashby Wesley is home to some quite remarkable memorial windows of men from Ashby who fell in the First World War. It is hoped a book detailing the life of each of the men and something of the background of the town at the time will be published in the future, meanwhile you can see individual booklets on each of the men in the church.

We will be in the church's worship space (you may want to bring cushions for the pews!) There is limited parking adjacent to the church but ample other parking marked on the map. Please do not park in the Lidl carpark opposite, however, if you forget your lunch they are very handy.

Wishing us all a blessed day and safe travelling,

God bless, Angy Long

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FROM EAST M180

Exit at J4

Heading north towards Scunthorpe

At 1st roundabout (Forest Pines)

Take 1st left – A18

Continue into Scunthorpe (Approx. 3 miles)

At 1st major traffic lights turn left onto B1501 Grange Lane

Take 1st right onto B1450 Ashby High Street

Destinations approx. ½ a mile.

FROM WEST M180

Exit onto M181 Scunthorpe

At 1st roundabout (Tesco/Gallagher Retail Park)

Take 3rd exit – A18

Follow A18 – Kingsway to A159 Ashby Road

(2nd roundabout – 3rd exit at the Queensway pub)

Follow A159 to junction with B1450 Ashby High Street (approx. 1 mile)

Turn left at traffic lights

Destinations approx. ½ mile.

FROM SOUTH A15

See directions from East from Forest Pines roundabout

