**Bridlington Circuit 29/10**

**St Pauls Methodist Church Kilham: Permission to cease worship**

1. What is the present membership?

**14**

1. What is the number on the community roll?

**16**

3.  What is the average adult attendance at worship?

 **5**

4. What other activities take place on the premises?

***Knit and Natter***

5. Provide a financial overview – e.g. income vs expenditure.

***Income for year £2,978 Expenditure £5,665 inc circuit payment***

6. If a new building is not to be provided, what provision will be made for the present congregation and other activities?

   **Most of the members will transfer to another Methodist Church**

7.   What impact will the closure have on the local community?

      **Not very much as they have close links with the Anglican church who provide most of the community gatherings.**

8.    What other Methodist Churches and Sunday Schools are there in the neighbourhood and what are their distance from the property to be sold?

 ***Nafferton 4 miles: Driffield 6 miles :SJB 9* miles**

9.    What initiatives have the membership tried, if any, to encourage the residents of the community to become part of the worshipping family?

 **We have had coffee mornings, brass band carol services, knit and natter exhibitions. Messy Church for children. We are well supported by the circuit but very few people from the village.**

10.   Does the membership consider that their mission is complete from this building and why?

 **Yes. The members have worked faithfully in God’s service for many years in the life of Kilham Methodist Church. All are elderly and some are suffering from ill health. They have come to the conclusion that due to changing social trends affecting village life their task is finished and they can now hear the reassuring words “Well done good and faithful servant”**

11. Who will offer Christian worship, mission and on-going pastoral care of the community?

***All Saints Church Kilham is close by and very accessible***

12.  What arrangements have been made for on-going pastoral care in the community?

***Kilham Methodists have indicated that they will transfer their membership to Sewerby or SJB. The Circuit ministers will facilitate this and offer pastoral care to those remaining within the circuit.***

13.Have discussions taken place with other denominations in order to maintain a Christian presence in the locality and what was the outcome?

 **There is a good relationship with All Saints at Kilham we met monthly. It is envisaged that the continuity of a Christian presence in the community will now be provided by the Anglican** **Church. We had a lovely message from the Anglicans welcoming us to join with** **them in worship.**

14.   What is to happen to the building? If it is to be sold, how will the proceeds of the sale be used to promote an effective presence in the community the Church once served?

 **As yet no decisions have been made. Proceeds of any sale would be the subject of a discussion within in the circuit as to how the value released might be utilised in furthering mission initiatives.**

15. Has the District Archivist been consulted regarding records and artefacts and records that might need to be conserved?

 **the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit will notify**

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Superintendent of Bridlington Circuit