



Our new ministers introduce themselves

Revd Peter Powers will serve as Circuit Superintendent and have responsibility for Wesley Memorial Church.



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am looking forward to moving to the Oxford Circuit and being with you in our service to the city and the surrounding communities.

Before entering ordained ministry I did actuarial work for a pensions company in Five Ways, Birmingham. My call to ministry was planted aged 15 though I avoided it for a long while. I consider myself a joyful disciple, if a rather reluctant Minister. I thank God everyday for the call given me to serve in the name of Jesus.

Like Miriam, I trained at the Queen's College, Birmingham, where I delighted in broadening my ecumenical experience, which has stayed part of my ministry. Ongoing study is important and I value the opportunity ministry offers for continued learning and growth. I have served in a number of varied contexts, about which you will learn in my sermons; Wirral, Tower Hamlets, Staffordshire, South Warwickshire and soon Oxfordshire. I have been in Superintendency for the past 15 years. I value the collegiality of circuit life enormously. I see myself as a jobbing Minister, called to follow Christ and be open to the Holy Spirit's prompting in serving different contexts. I would describe myself as a practical theologian. In the Christian life I especially value prayer, worship, pastoral care and mission.

This will be the first move without my family, who are staying in Warwickshire. My two daughters are both at Secondary School and we felt they needed stability for their studies. Deborah's work as a Speech and Language Therapist is also in Warwickshire. I will not be commuting, as I believe it is vital to live in the locality of my work. Of course we will spend time together and I suspect they will want to be in Oxford often given it will be new place to explore. My interests are wide and varied, some might say unusual for a Minister. I look forward to sharing them with you as I also get to know you and the things you enjoy. Together we will seek new ways of being church in these challenging and exciting times.

With every blessing. Peter.



Revd Miriam Moul will be responsible for Cowley Road Church and as Methodist chaplain to Oxford Brookes University.

It is a great joy to be able to introduce myself to you all. I am excited about sharing in ministry with you all and look forward to getting to know you.

I was born and spent my childhood on the Isle of Wight. Prior to ministerial training I studied History at University, followed by a PGCE in Primary Teaching. I also worked for English Heritage at Osborne House. I could often be found in the basement leading school guided tours, making children clean shoes and polish brass!

It was in my early twenties, I first felt that God might be calling me into ministry. After much prayerful discernment I began training as a Local Preacher and working as a Pastoral Lay Worker for the Isle of Wight Methodist Circuit. Throughout this time it became clear that God might be asking more of me and I began to explore Presbyterian ministry. During that exploration I shared a placement with a Hospital and Hospice Chaplain. This had a profound impact and I have carried with me the vital importance of pastoral relationships and care. I trained at The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham where I completed a BA in Theology and an MA, during my first appointment, and thoroughly enjoyed working with inner city churches.

I have served in the Canterbury and East Kent Circuit since 2015, living and working in Dover. I have enjoyed a rich and varied ministry here. I am passionate about sharing the all-embracing love of God in a variety of ways. As Charles Wesley wrote 'I long to know and to make known, the heights and depths of love divine.'

In my spare time I am an avid reader and a keen baker: mostly making cakes which I love to share! I have an interest in all things Wesley-related and wider Methodist history. I am energised through writing liturgy and I love music, especially choral singing and playing the piano. I also enjoy travelling around the country to see my family and friends.

I very much look forward to joining you as we begin this next chapter of the journey together.

Blessings, Miriam.