

# The Vale of Aylesbury Methodist Circuit

REPORT to the CIRCUIT MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Stoke Mandeville

## Subjects:

1. Circuit Website
2. Methodist online data sites

### 1. CIRCUIT WEBSITE [www.aylesburyvale.org.uk](http://www.aylesburyvale.org.uk)

The New Website has now been in operation for 105 days.

So far **All comments have been favourable** but as the comments have only come from about 1% of the Circuit membership that may not be a fair sample.

The Website is still very much in the development stage and you can help in that development.

Do you know what the Website says about your church and events in the Circuit?

Has your church organised successful events which nobody else knows about?

Is your church arranging an event that could be publicised on the Website?

Can you take pictures of events that can be used on the site?

Can you become a sub-editor and join the Web Team?

It is your Website and as been said many times the Website is a window on the Circuit through which we can show the world what we aim to achieve and how we try to meet those aims.

What is the image your church projects through the medium of the website – could you contribute any ideas to improve it?

The **Chrestos Planning Tools** have been used to assist in making the **Preaching Plan** for the last two quarters, and have proved to be very beneficial. Most of our regular preachers have been very co-operative in providing the dates they are available in good time. The response from churches to provide information on special services or invited preachers using the Plan Notes in Chrestos has been less forthcoming.

Please use the **CHRESTOS TOOLS** if you are asked to do so.

**PLEASE READ, SUPPORT AND USE THE CIRCUIT WEBSITE IF YOU CAN.**

### 2. METHODIST ONLINE DATA SITE (Statistics) <https://online.methodist.org.uk>

All but one of the statistical returns were completed on time and no queries have as yet been raised by the Statistics for Mission Office but that part of the site has now been closed.

I thank the all Registered Users involved but have you checked that your list of **Circuit/ Church Officers** is up to date – it is part of the task of the Registered Users to ensure that list is kept up to date; **that list can be updated 24/7 throughout the year**, it can take 4-5 days for them to be actioned. More and more communications will arrive using the Connexion Data Base which contains names and offices held, it is therefore important that these lists show current office holders.

Three property returns are still incomplete.

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