

Pastoral Committee Report.

Pastoral committee continue to help support the people and churches of the South Western Synod as we all wrestle with the changes which have been amplified and accelerated by the Covid pandemic. We know that change is never easy.

We have been encouraged by the call of two part-time ministers into the Synod, by celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the United Reformed Church in many places, and by churches exploring new ways of reaching out with the good news of God's love.

Church Changes

The following church has closed since the last Synod:

Uffculme URC

The following building has been declared redundant:

Central URC Bath - The congregation are worshipping with Rush Hill URC Bath and hope in due course to come together in a refurbished building.

Ministers' movements

Revd Janine Atkinson has been called to Glenorchy URC, Exmouth. Her induction will be held on October 22nd at 2.30pm and all are welcome.

Revd Jayne Taylor has been called to Exeter: Heavitree & Pinhoe and Southernhay and her induction is planned for December.

Revd Sian Collins retired in March 2022 & has settled in Weston super Mare.

Revd Duncan Tuck retired in April 2022 and has gone to West Midlands Synod

Revd Chris Baillie retired from Bridgwater and Cannington in June 2022 and is planning to remain in the SW Synod.

Revd Hazel Starrit will retire from the Bath Churches in December 2022.

Discipleship 'Market Place'

Pastoral Committee have written to all churches encouraging exploration of one of a variety of possible discipleship courses. These can be funded by an Enabling grant, and we hope that churches will be prepared to talk about their experiences together at a 'market place' next Summer, so we can learn from one another. Please speak to your Synod Pastoral Advisor if you wish to explore this further.

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