

Love this Calling - Circuit Steward

Have you ever thought "I wonder how decisions are made?" or "I wish I knew what else is happening?" or even "I have a great idea - how can I share it?" then maybe you might like to consider being a Circuit Steward.

Circuit stewards, like church stewards, are elected annually to serve for up to 6 years. This can be extended beyond that depending on the circumstances.

I was first elected as a Circuit Steward in the old Ecclesall Circuit, and chose to continue when the Sheffield Circuit came into being. I have enjoyed being part of the Circuit Leadership team, hearing the discussions and supporting the other stewards and ministers in their visions for the Circuit. It has been a privilege to attend the church councils and hear their own struggles and triumphs - to be able to share with others that they are not on their own, but are part of the bigger connexion. I have really valued being part of a team where together we work to enable the development of God's work in the circuit.

Being a Circuit Steward can be demanding, but you do not work in isolation - we all have different skills and responsibilities to make up the team. Circuit stewards are drawn from all walks of life and each bring their own experiences and abilities to the role but the foundation for all circuit stewards' work is a love for, and relationship with, God, the Church and the world.

Some skills and abilities which are essential for circuit stewards are

- A Christian faith and a commitment to working with responsibility in a voluntary capacity
- Leadership skills - which can mean flexibility and tenacity
- Team work skills - it is important to be collaborative and affirming
- Willingness to invest in positive friendships and relationships
- Enthusiasm and a willingness to learn on the job

If you think that this might be something you would like to explore further - then do get in touch!

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