

Ecumenical Study Day 2017

Lincoln Readers and Methodist Local Preachers

Led by the Revd Richard Steel Diocesan Mission Team Leader

'Proclaim the Faith Afresh in Every Generation'

Our study day was attended by a mixed group of 31 Readers and Local Preachers. Barbara Wellman led a short act of worship before our first session:



Session 1: 'Our Calling'

As part of the lay or Laos of God - what do we mean by Ministry and what does it involve? When was I called to ministry? When did my ministry start?

Reading: **Mark 13.32-end. Matthew 28.18-20**

Reference was made to the 'Setting God's People Free' - 2017 and 'Towards the Conversion of England' - 1946
What is our Mission and what are the challenges today?

Finding out what God is doing in the world and joining in

Session 2: 'Our Confidence' How confident are we in our task? What are the barriers?

Reading: **Ephesians 3.**

What do people believe about Jesus?
Reference to the 'Talking Jesus' report. Perceptions of Jesus - findings.

Servant Listener
Enabler Encourager
Preacher and Teacher
Support Comforter
Healing There for all
Leader and Influencer
Representatives of the church in the world World facing bit of the world
Lay theologians

Session 3: 'Our commitment' Do we prayer enough? Building on Thy Kingdom Come.
How often do we or others read scripture - apart from preparing a sermon?

Reading: **Colossians 3.12**

Fear of Ridicule? It's easier to share our faith with those we are not close to? Lack of support? Do we lack confidence? Are we motivated?