

Rev Stephen Radford is the Superintendent Minister of the Kirkby Stephen Appleby & Tebay Methodist Circuit. I am in my seventh year, based at Kirkby Stephen, with my wife Heather, a local preacher. I have pastoral oversight of ten chapels from Brough to Tebay and the 'Class' at Shap; two of the chapels are Baptist/ Methodist LEP's. We are in a time of change and challenge as we pray for growth (with an emphasis on prayer and spirituality) and there are signs of God's Spirit moving in the Circuit – our Mission statement is 'To know Jesus and to make Jesus known'.

A Shepherd Pastor focused on collaborative ecumenical working. The Heart of Westmorland Mission Community (HOW) and Churches Together are central to our Ecumenical working, which includes all of the other denominations in the area. This is a shared vision with faithful Christians in our Churches, where Lay and Ordained minister together.