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To all members of the
Bangor & Holyhead circuit

(to read out by church stewards
at the morning service on
Sunday 18th June 2017)

Dear colleagues,

This letter is to let you know that following the recent circuit meeting last Thursday, it has been agreed that Rev. Kate McClelland, your minister and superintendent of this circuit, will be leaving the circuit next summer in 2018.

Kate has served as Superintendent of the Bangor & Holyhead circuit since March 2016, having taken up her appointment early because of the then vacancy in the circuit.

During this last 15 months Kate has made a significant contribution to the life of the circuit and her ministry has been much valued. However, over this period she has also come to appreciate that as a single person she is a very long way from her family and support networks in Leicester. Recent events, including concerns about her mother's health and a serious incident in the circuit, have brought home to her the need to be closer to her family and support networks in order both to sustain her ministry and preserve her wellbeing.

Accordingly, and with the support of Circuit Leadership Team, Kate has requested and the Circuit meeting agreed to a curtailment to her current appointment so that both she and the circuit can enter the Stationing process in Sept. 2017 looking for new appointments in 2018.

I appreciate that this news will come as something of a shock and a disappointment to many of you. However, in recent conversations it has become clear that this is the best way to sustain Kate's future ministry. It also gives time in what will be her last year in the circuit to consolidate some of the new initiatives in which she has been involved and make plans for future ministry across the circuit.

In the meantime, I am grateful for your co-operation and ask that you hold Kate, the Circuit Leadership Team and all those who will be involved in making arrangements for this next year, in your prayers.

Stephen Wigley

Chair of the Wales Synod