



The Nidd Valley Circuit Invitation Committee has agreed to enter into stationing this autumn for a deacon who would be in post from September 2023. The deacon would be appointed on a circuit-wide remit to build new Christian communities where new physical communities are being built. There is certainly plenty of new housing being built all around our circuit.

This is an exciting new role which will see the Nidd Valley Circuit reaching out into the community and sharing the love of God with those “beyond the church walls”. The deacon will work alongside existing church members who have a heart for mission and who want to build relationships and offer a Christian presence in the community.

In advance of a possible deacon appointment, we are pulling together a team of people from the circuit who are interested in working alongside the deacon. The circuit staff and stewards would love to hear from you if you have a heart for mission and community.

We are keen to send a small team (up to 4 people) on a “Community Organising” course at Cliff College from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September. The course offers an introduction to the core practices of developing community. If you are interested in joining a Nidd Valley Team at Cliff College, please contact Rev Lesley Taylor on [lesleytaylor221@gmail.com](mailto:lesleytaylor221@gmail.com) before 15<sup>th</sup> August.

For more information on the course, please see:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/discover-church-at-the-margins/community-organising/>