

Dear Friends

Following our search for a third Regional Minister, we are thrilled to announce the appointment of Revd Dr Clive Burnard to this role.

Liz Allen, Chair of the Association Executive and Appointment Group reflects: "The Appointment Group were impressed by and thankful for the number and calibre of applications made for this role. We thank God for His gentle leading and for the strong sense of discernment during the process. The Association Executive commend this appointment to our member churches and welcome your prayers in the coming weeks and months."

Clive (pictured) is currently serving as Senior Minister at Mutley Baptist Church, Plymouth. He brings with him significant experience of both local church leadership, and of service in the wider denomination and ecumenically. Throughout his ministry, Clive has been involved in different aspects of Association life as well as engaging in various local expressions of Churches Together. He has served on the Baptist Union Council and Baptist World Alliance as well as being part of the steering group for the BUGB "Conference for Pastors of Larger Churches". With experience in church planting and evangelism, a commitment to mentoring and training leaders and teams, and experience of teaching, Clive brings a heart to serve, encourage, inspire and support YBA churches.



The move North is a return to his Yorkshire roots as Clive's early years were spent in Scarborough and he attended university during the late 1970s in Sheffield. Clive came to faith in Christ at the age of 32. A call to train for ministry led to study at Moorlands College during the early 1990s; his MTh in Applied Theology and DMin were completed through Spurgeon's College. Clive's first pastorate was with Christchurch Baptist Church, Dorset from 1992 until 2007 where his first role was as part-time Assistant Pastor subsequently being called as Senior Pastor.

Clive and his wife, Marilyn, will be based in South Yorkshire.

Please join with us in prayer as Clive and Marilyn prepare for their move North, and for this exciting time in the life of the staff team and in the Association. We also remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ at Mutley Baptist Church as they say "au revoir" to their valued pastor and friend.

Further details of Clive's start date and an induction service will follow in due course

With best wishes, Your YBA Team

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