**NEWARK & SOUTHWELL CIRCUIT MISSION FUND SMALL APPLICATION 2019-2020**

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Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**What Outcomes do you expect?**

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**Short Vision Statement for this Scheme**

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Church XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Applicant Name XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Contact Phone: XXXXXX XXXXXX Email: XXXXXX@XXXXXXXXX

**What is your scheme?**

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| A baby group, for new parents to come and find support and friendship while learning more about the Christian faith through the witness of the volunteers and the topics covered in the group (in our weekly themes). We will use and adapt some of the material by Jenny Paddison in her book, ‘Starting Rite’, to suit our context. We would invest in good baby scales so that parents can self-weigh their baby as this used to be available in Southwell but provision has been cut so drastically that parents now don’t have adequate facilities locally.  Possible format of the morning could be…  From 9am (to catch parents calling in on the way home from the school run) - tea and coffee served, scales available to self-weigh baby, toys out, time to talk, etc.  9.20am - 9.40am - Baby & parent singing time  9.40-10.30am - Baby toys out, scales for self-weigh available, infant feeding specialist available, etc.  10.30am - 11am - ‘Start-rite’ course (a 5 week course run as a rolling programme, starting again each time we’ve competed the 5th session so that parents can join at any point) - an informal opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith with your baby. |

**What Outcomes do you expect?**

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| New parents in XXXXXXXX will know that the Methodist Church is there to support and befriend them.  Parents will be able to access weekly support from a baby feeding specialist (a qualified Infant Feeding Specialist has already approached me asking if they can do this in a voluntary capacity at the Church each week) and self-weigh their baby.  Parents will be able to explore the christian faith through informal, relevant, baby-friendly teaching and will have opportunities to explore whether they would like to have their baby baptised/dedicated. |

**Short Vision Statement for this Scheme**

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| A safe, welcoming space for new parents to feel loved and cherished, while accessing both practical and spiritual support and advice. |

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