

AUGUST 2017

The Wave....

... Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership



Minister's Letter

As I write this I'm about to go over to Ireland for the wedding of one of my nephews and the Baptism of a great nephew. It's rather an exciting time as I haven't been over there for a while. An early start takes us to Holyhead for the early morning boat and then the drive from Dublin to Lurgan.

During the many years I have been travelling to the island of Ireland I have seen many changes, not least in the relaxation of security. The border patrols have long gone, and as you travel around you see the reminders of 'the troubles' in the shelters that border patrols commonly stood in. The warring factions now talk to each other, not always with agreement, but talking gives more chance of understanding the others viewpoint.

Jesus never encouraged us to fight one another, but rather to learn to understand who we are, and respect others viewpoints. The two churches at Harleston are going through a process which requires them to understand one another, to find compromises where there is difference and to celebrate all that is good about faith. There will be times when this is more difficult than at other times, but through dialogue they will find a way forwards.

So, to end this short piece, I pray that the people of the island of Ireland will carry on talking to each other, and the two churches becoming one in Harleston will be a joyous occasion. In all our difficulties we always need to ask: 'what would Jesus do?' Think of him and pray and the way forward will, I am sure, be revealed.

In the next Wave I will write a little more about my journey to Ireland, and what it is like in 2017.

Wishing you all a blessed summer.

Jacquie



PARTNERSHIP CHARITY – the next charity to be supported by the Partnership will be chosen at the Representatives' Meeting in September. Please send your recommendations to Rev'd Jacquie or Pat Williamson as soon as possible in order that information may be circulated prior to the meeting. This year should be a 'Home' charity, in other words a charity working in the UK.

What's happening?

Coffee Morning - With stalls, games and delicious cakes etc. **Saturday 12th August 10am-12noon** in Pulham Market Memorial Hall, proceeds for EACH – Nook Appeal. Contact Eileen Clarke 01379 676505 for information



London Road Church, Harleston

*Grand opening of the 'new' church
uniting Harleston Methodist and URC Churches*

Saturday 2nd September



10am to 4pm the church will open for a flower festival, photos and archives from the two churches, musical interludes, tea and cake, and cake and plant stalls

*7pm a 'free' concert of Roger Jones' musical
"Pharisee"*

by The Waveney Valley Partnership Singers

Sunday 3rd September

*10.30am Waveney Valley Ecumenical
Partnership united service, including Holy
Communion*

Followed by lunch

