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The Wave....

... Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership



Minister's letter

During the long hot days of summer, we may have felt as if we would be glad of its end. I'm sitting writing this in my own home in the North-west of England and it is a good number of degrees cooler than it has been in East Anglia. It is still however very 'close', and many people are talking about the fact that the warm weather may go on into October and that we will have a real 'Indian Summer'.

I decided to find out a bit more about the origin of the term, and learned that it was originally called *St. Martin's Summer*. This was the most widely used term until the American phrase became better known in the 20th century. In the United Kingdom, the term *Indian summer* is used loosely for a period of unseasonable warmth and sunshine in late September, October, or November. In former times in English-speaking regions of Europe, 'Indian summer' was called *Saint Martin's Summer*, referring to [St. Martin's day](#), November 11. An alternative was [Saint Luke's summer](#). Another alternative was "All-hallow summer", as All Hallows' is November 1. In the United Kingdom *Indian summer* is often used to describe warm weather that comes late in the year after unusually cool summer months. It's really strange how now we use the term for unseasonably warm weather even if we have had a good summer.

It appears in many countries to culminate in the celebration of St. Martin's day on November 11th. It is interesting to note that even such an event as unseasonably warm weather can have a reference to a saint. Nowhere in our history are we ever far away from our Christian roots.

I must admit I enjoy this last small piece of summer when it occurs, as we know all too soon that we will be faced with long nights and cold days. It is also pleasant coinciding, as it often does, with the busiest time in the Methodist calendar. September is traditionally the season of meetings for many of us, and some of them trickle into October. This is a lovely time of year, extreme heat of summer gone, and yet here we are talking about our plans for Autumn and Winter, Harvest and Christmas featuring high on many a meeting agenda.

Let us embrace the season, and remember that it is God given as we plan the events that will take us into the calendar new year. *Jacquie*



London Road Church Harleston Anniversary weekend and Flower Festival "Celebration" - Sept 7th - 9th

Church Open –

Friday 7th 2 – 6pm

Saturday 10am – 4pm

Sunday 2pm – 4pm

Light refreshments available.

Sunday 9th September 10.30am – Worship led by Rev'd Jo Jacobs

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2nd September – Partnership Service at Wortwell URC – 1030 – Themed on ‘Creation’ to mark Planet Earth Sunday – Holy Communion and Bring and Share lunch.

Tuesday 4th September – Partnership Singers and Musicians resume rehearsals after the Summer break – Wortwell URC 7pm – new singers and musicians welcome.

Wednesday 26th September – Partnership Reps Meeting – Pulham Market Methodist Church – 7.30pm. Moderator Paul Whittle will be at this meeting.

Saturday 29th September – Training for those leading Local Arrangements – Orange Hall Emmanuel Church 10 – 12 (names to Rev’d Jacquie by 22nd please)

Thursday 18th October – London Road Church Harleston - Partnership Meeting – single issue meeting to discuss the Waveney Conversations about the future of ministry in the area. (All welcome at this meeting but ONLY appointed church representatives or their authorised alternates may take part in any vote.)

Friday 26th October – **Pulham Market Methodist Church 7.30pm** - Quiz + fish & chips

Saturday 10th November – **Fressingfield Methodist Church 11 – 1** table top sale and soup lunch **in the Sancroft Hall** in aid of church funds

Tuesday 13th November – Partnership Members’ Meeting (AGM) 7.30pm – venue tba

Saturday 24th November – **Pulham Market Methodist Church 11am – 2pm** Bazaar & lunch

Sunday 2nd December - Advent Partnership Service



We plough the fields-----

with tractors, with drills we sow the land: But growth is still the wondrous gift of God’s almighty hand. We add our fertilisers to help the growing grain but for its full fruition it needs God’s sun and rain. With many new machines now we do the work each day: We reap the fields with combines we bale the new-mown hay: But it is God who gives us inventive skills and drives which lighten all our hard work and give us fuller lives. Of all things He’s the Maker of earth and sea and air and other worlds in outer space are in his boundless care. Atomic powers obey him, yet still the birds are fed and still our prayer is answered :‘Give us our daily bread.’ We thank you then O Father for lives so rich and good, the seedtime and the harvest, the wealth of daily food. The gifts we have to offer are all your love imparts, and what you most desire our humble, thankful hearts.

***All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above
Then thank the Lord O thank the Lord For all His love.***

