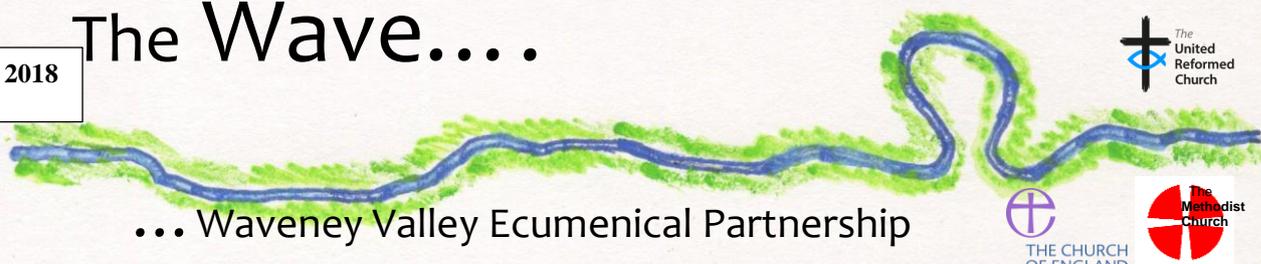


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The Wave....



... Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership

Minister's letter

When I was a student undertaking ministerial training there was a comment made by both student ministers and experienced ministers alike: *One of the biggest problems in churches is that people think we know everything! Not just about the church but also about the people!*



This was known as 'crystal ball syndrome', ministers would know everything as if they had a crystal ball. Of course we know that no minister can second guess God's plan, and equally we cannot know what we do not know. Therefore it is of vital importance that churches tell their ministers what is happening, otherwise it can be very embarrassing! Ministers for examples have undertakers ringing them about funerals that they know nothing about, they don't attend meetings at particular times because no-one has told them about the change of place or time. I could go on, but this is a real issue.

As we are at the start of a new year for some of us, and new years are all about resolutions, here's where we turn the image of the crystal ball into the light bulb. Let's have a light bulb moment and remember I don't mind hearing more than once about something, but it's really difficult if no-one has told me. Look at the image above you can see the light bulb if you look closely.

Wishing you every blessing,

Jacquie



Help! – as a Partnership we are not very Green in our use of The Wave. The Wave is a valuable tool for spreading information around the Partnership but it is not good for trees. I am losing count of the number of back issues which find their way into my recycling bin! Granted, they are being recycled, but maybe they should never have been distributed in such numbers in the first place. Please can each church decide how many copies would be appropriate each month. Current figures are Denton (20); Emmanuel (35); Fressingfield (15); London Road (35); Pulham (25) Wortwell (15). Please let me have your numbers by October 21st – Patmwilliamson@hotmail.com Many thanks

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We are holding 3 training sessions in the Partnership before Christmas. The dates are:

14/11/18 London Road Church, Harleston. 7.00 – 9.30 OR

15/11/18 Pulham Market Methodist Church 7.00 – 9.30 OR

24/11/18 Emmanuel Bungay, Orange Hall 9.30 – 12.00 OR

The following people are required to attend **ONE** of the sessions:

- Pastoral visitors;
- Anyone working with 0 – 18 year olds in the name of the Church;
- Anyone working in activities targeted at adults who are vulnerable (e.g. luncheon clubs);
- Church Officers;
- Partnership Officers;
- Local Preachers;
- Worship Leaders;
- Church & Safeguarding representatives.

Anyone else who wishes to attend is warmly welcomed. Please give your names to Rev. Jacque by **1st November at the latest.**

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Other dates for your diary

Monday 15th October – Wortwell URC - 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.) Rev'd Julian Pursehouse will be there also.

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 – Emmanuel church, Bungay

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

Sunday 2nd December - 10.30 Pulham Market Methodist Church - Advent Partnership Service with Holy Communion followed by Bring and Share lunch.

AND

6pm Wortwell URC – Partnership Choir presents “When He comes” – music and readings for Advent.

