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# The Wave....

... Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership



## *Minister's letter*



Have you ever had an argument about something that has happened in recent history? It doesn't have to have been particularly heated but it can be something which you have a different viewpoint about. This happened to me recently, I had a discussion (note the use of the word it was not an argument in the sense that we might think of it), about when the 'beast from the east, arrived last year and when it left. Suffice to say we both had very different views, and yet what the substance of the argument/disagreement/discussion was about was very trivial. But recollection is a funny thing, we remember different aspects of an event because of what that time meant to us as individuals.

We are so unused to heavy snow in this area that it made quite an impact on everybody's memory of the event for a variety of differing reasons. Perspective was altered and skewed depending on what was individually important at the time.

When we look at the gospels we find clear examples of the same thing happening with the writers of the synoptic gospels: Matthew, Mark and Luke. Written at different times and in individual styles it is not surprising that events are recorded in a variety of ways depending on the perspective of the author. This is the type of thing that makes Biblical study so fascinating. Indeed if we had witnessed the gospel events we would probably all record them in a variety of ways, and have many arguments about them based on our perspective of events. So maybe it is important to engage in full and frank discussion with one another being mindful of perspective and personal situation. After all many negotiations took place to place the books of the Bible that we accept into the Biblical canon.

This is year of negotiation and discussion in the partnership as we address what our future may look like. We have a lot to learn from history.....

*Jacquie*



We are still looking for someone to come forward who is prepared to act as Minute Secretary for the Partnership Meetings (generally four meetings per year). We need someone who can take over from Eileen Irvine for the meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Rev'd Jacquie or myself (Pat Williamson) if you wish to know more. This is an important job in the life of our Partnership.

For those who remember them from their time here, Rev'd Bruce Waldron wishes it to be known that he and Sharn will be returning to Australia in November of this year. Bruce's final service in the UK, which is on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination, will take place at Sawston Free Church at 10.30 on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Any friends will be welcome.



## Quiet worship

**Where?** London Road Church,  
Harleston

**When?** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening of  
the month – 6pm

All welcome at this Partnership Service



