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# The Wave....

... Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership



## *Some thoughts from Rev'd Chris Hutton*

There is no doubt that the summer weather has significantly improved the feel good factor and when the sun shines it puts a smile on everyone's faces and a bounce in their step; that is until they start to wilt from the heat and it becomes more difficult and requires great effort to do even the menial tasks.

Whenever we start something new we start with great energy and enthusiasm but tend to find that as we go on it becomes more difficult to do those jobs of the tedious variety and the heat of the summer makes it even more so!

When we moved into the Rectory 5 years ago the garden was quite overgrown. However, we started with earnest to clear the garden but now I look out and see all the jobs that need doing and with the summer heat, enthusiasm is lost and if we are not careful, the weeds will return and win the battle.

Whether it's the beginning of a new day or a new project we very often have more enthusiasm and energy and are capable of progressing well with a great deal of satisfaction and enjoyment at the beginning. But as is often the case we can be prone to losing that initial spark of passion and fervour for whatever it is we are doing and it suddenly becomes a chore and tedious. How to keep that fire and zeal constant is a question that many find difficult to answer given that the human attention span seems to have deteriorated in recent years and more and more we tend to flit from one thing to another more readily.

I think this is also true to the experience of 'religion' in which many find a spiritual home but become bored and look elsewhere to fill the gap – whatever that gap is!!! Spiritual hunger can only be fulfilled and completely satisfied when the right choice is made and the spiritual gap is taken up by the one true Spirit of God.

Too often we start the on a spiritual journey only to give up when that initial spark of passion for God passes. What we found enjoying becomes a chore. What was exciting becomes tedious. Can I suggest that with most things dissatisfaction often arises due to our lack of understanding of the relationship involved and the commitment required on our part in order for it to work successfully.

If our passion and fervour are to remain with God, or to start following God, then we need to commit ourselves fully in our relationship with him and not allow other distractions to intervene.

*Chris Hutton - Rector the Earsham Benefice*



***Dates for your diary***

***Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 7pm Wortwell URC*** – Partnership Singers start rehearsing – all new members very welcome.

***Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 1030*** – Partnership Service at **Emmanuel Church Bungay** including Holy Communion and a Bring and Share lunch. The preacher will be Rev'd Bruce Waldron. This will be Bruce and Sharn's last official visit to the Partnership before they return to Australia in November.

***Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm*** – Partnership Meeting

***Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 6pm – Wortwell URC*** – Singers present "Harvest"

***Friday 18th October 7.30pm – Pulham Market Methodist Church*** - Quiz and Fish and Chip evening

***Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm*** – Annual Partnership Members' Meeting

***Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 11 – 2 - Pulham Market Methodist Church*** Bazaar and lunch

***Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1030*** – Partnership Advent Service at **Pulham Market Methodist Church**

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**Partnership Charity** – thank you to everyone who has made suggestions for next year's Partnership charity. The response this year has been the best ever. Details of each charity will be available at the next Partnership Meeting when a decision will be taken as to whom we support for the year from December. Until then our Charity remains as Christian Aid Rohingya Appeal.

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