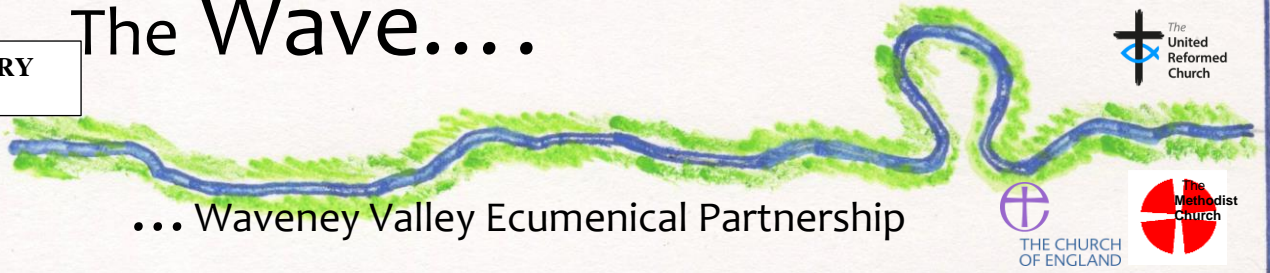


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The Wave....



... Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership

Some thoughts from Rev'd Jacquie

As I write this, we are at the point when we are meeting to discuss the document 'God in love unites us', and marriage and relationships within the church. This is, and has been for a long time, a contentious issue. When we were originally asked to consult about this it was four years ago, and I had not long arrived in the partnership. I was still getting to know people and I was amazed that the discussion was so gracious.

Why was I surprised by that? Perhaps it was because this was just a consultation, or that everybody thought that the real decisions were years away. Yet here we are at the point when final decisions will happen this year. So what happens if you have been unable to take part? I'm still receiving comments, up to 16th February which then gives me a two week window in which to put in the Partnership response.

At this point last year I talked about disagreements within the Bible, and the difficult decisions which had to be made during the course of the year. And here we are again! Different decisions but still controversial ones. Change is inevitable, we are always moving on, but can I ask that every response we make as we reflect is a prayerful one please.

Jacquie



Partnership Secretary – as you know, we are still looking for someone to fulfil this role. It is not a complicated job. The Constitution describes it as “a person who will carry out the normal duties of secretary to an organisation including calling meetings, distributing Minutes, maintaining effective contact across the Partnership and with appropriate external bodies and organisations.” It has been colloquially described as ‘pushing paper around the Partnership.’

Grateful thanks to Neil Irvine who is acting in this capacity on a temporary basis.



Partnership Services 2020 – all at 1030

Sunday March 8th – Denton – Preacher Rev’d Bill Mahood

Sunday May 24th – Emmanuel – Visit of our Dutch friends

Sunday July 12th – Wortwell – Preacher Rev’d Rick Ormrod. This will be our official ‘farewell’ to Rev’d Jacquie. After the Bring and Share lunch there will be a ceilidh led by Chas Emmens

Sunday November 29th – Pulham – Advent service

All Partnership Services are held at 1030, include Holy Communion and are followed by a Bring and Share lunch. It is hoped that there will be an addition to this list in the Autumn when a new minister arrives.



A reminder from last month

‘Tis Jesus the first and the last, Whose Spirit shall lead us safe home.
We’ll praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that’s to come.



