

MARCH 2020

The Wave....

... Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership



Some thoughts from Rev'd Jacquie

In the conversations that I have had with people over the last few weeks it has not been clear to many people where I am moving to and when. I naturally thought when I came back from my visit and told those on the partnership that everybody would hear. But you know what information passing on is like, you either hear it twenty times or you don't hear it at all!

I am moving to Welshpool Bro Hafren Methodist Circuit in mid Wales in the summer. Like the Waveney Valley it is a single minister circuit, and I will have pastoral charge of 7 churches: Welshpool, Newtown, Caersws, Pentre Llifior, Clawr y Glyn, Cefn, and Trefeglwys. It is a very rural area with farming being the main employment, and travelling around can be difficult in winter because it is a very mountainous area. The Welsh Assembly Government is trying to improve road connections, and it has changed a lot since I used to work on the patch in a previous life.

We are close to Broneirion, the headquarters of Girlguiding Cymru, and so I hope that I will be able to make some good guiding connections there.

The type of rural life we have in Mid Wales can be a very isolating one for some people. The topography of the area means that social isolation is a big issue, and roads are frequently cut off with the snow that starts in the autumn. If it is possible to be more rural than the Waveney Valley then I would say that this is. Towns, for example, are much further apart.

Both Jon and I are looking forward to a new chapter in our lives with some different and some similar challenges. But that it not to say that we will forget you all. We have enjoyed our time in East Anglia but have been saddened to see how the infrastructure in terms of facilities has been reduced during our time here.

God's kingdom is wide and varied, but we all have one thing in common, our love of the Lord, and so as we progress into a new season and all the delights that this brings let us pray for all rural communities, wherever they are.

Jacquie

"Angel Voices" – being performed by the Partnership singers in Wortwell URC at 6pm on Sunday 29th March and 7pm Friday 3rd April at London Road Church Harleston.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 6th MARCH

'A global 24hour shared Praise Service prepared by the women of Zimbabwe
the theme is - "Rise, Take up your Mat and Walk"

Services are being held at

- St. Edmunds Church, Bungay at 2pm
- Pulham Market Parish Church at 7pm
- St John's Church, Harleston at 7pm

All ladies and gentlemen welcome



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.



Please let Pat Williamson have details of anything you have arranged for Palm Sunday/
Holy Week/ Easter

