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The Wave....

... Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership



GOODBYE FROM JON AND I

Well here we are – time to get ready to move. Those 4 ½ years have gone by very quickly. I'm writing this as I leave Bungay to go on leave before the final pack and move. All this week I have been washing plastic crates down and starting to put things into them from the study. The study is always the biggest job in the manse, and books still keep arriving that I have ordered!

Living in East Anglia has enabled both of us to get to know an area that we were unfamiliar with and we have made many friends during our time here. Sadly, I've seen the lack of investment in the area and a shrinking of the infrastructure. I have often felt that you all deserved more. But enough of that, there are so many beautiful places that we just haven't been able to visit because many had been planned for this spring and summer, and we all know what happened.....But there are places that we managed to visit, and we have our own personal favourites.

I cannot remember what religious person said this, but it does make you think – take only what you need. This was something that Jesus and the disciples also did. But we are in the age of 'stuff'. Moving every few years is a wonderful time to have a jolly good clear out. As I'm looking out of the window I'm watching a woman dragging a very large suitcase down the road. Obviously not travelling light, but then I don't know her story. Yes, I'm not in the study, it's just too chaotic in there at the moment.

So how do we travel light? How do we take only what we need? I have been reflecting on this as I have started the moving preparations. Are we all rich people trying to get through the eye of a needle?

So I now move to an area which is more isolated than East Anglia, where the beast from the east is a frequent occurrence, and we work with two languages and cultures side by side. I can't predict what is going to happen, but I do know that it is my final appointment before I retire, and I'm excited by the adventure. All I can say now, is stay safe, and every blessing, I shall be thinking of you all, and praying for everyone

Jacquié

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This will be the last issue of the Wave in its current form. Discussion is taking place as to the frequency of future editions and we are also looking for someone to take on the responsibility for producing this means of communication. To know more, please contact the Partnership Secretary Neil Irvine 01379 308025 or neil.irvine@virgin.net.

