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**EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT**



Celebrating Revd. Dr. Julian M. Pursehouse's 10 years of service as the  
Chair of the East Anglia District (2014-2024)

## **Celebrating our District**

## **CELEBRATE AND PRAISE – JULIAN'S 10 YEARS!**

*C*ommunity of witness/testimony

*E*vangelism and mission

*L*earning and caring

*E*cumenism, partnerships and working together

*B*ible study and teaching

*R*egulation – Safeguarding, Data Protection

*A*dvocating for others – Eco-Church and JDS/EDI

*T*ea and cake!

*E*nabling through our District Staff

*A*dministration and meetings

*N*ew places for new people

*D*iscipleship and Fellowship

*P*ray 2-3 and creativity/poetry

*R*eaching out to others pastorally

*A* lot of singing and fun!

*I*nspiring worship and sermons

*S*acraments and Service

*E*verything else!

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Welcome to the Spring 2024 edition of *grapevine* 'Celebrating Our District'

In this issue we bid farewell to our Chair of the District, Revd. Dr. Julian M. Pursehouse and our District Agricultural Chaplain, George Frost and celebrate the years of service that they have given to these roles within the District.

We celebrate the partnership between our District and the West Harare District with our recent District visit to Zimbabwe.

Southwold Methodist Church, Felixstowe Methodist Church and Toft Methodist Church share some of the wonderful things that they have happening within their churches.

Castle Street Methodist Church share a beautiful art project with us and Revd Pam Bayliss shares her thoughts and feedback on Pray 2-3.

We get to meet our new District Safeguarding Administrator, Sarah Young and share event details of Julian's Farewell Service and the Welcome Service for our new Chair of the District, Rev Helen Hollands.

*Please remember this is your magazine. If there is something you would like included, we would love to hear from you.*

*The next issue is due in September 2024. You will find contact details on the back page.*

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# Introduction

Revd. Andrew King and Revd. James Bamber

*Dear Friends,*

It is a pleasure for both James and I to write the Introduction to the Spring 2024 edition of Grapevine. As you can see from the front page our theme is Celebrating our District, and speaking personally to celebrate with great thankfulness the last 10 years when East Anglia has been led by the Revd Dr Julian Pursehouse.

Also it was the intention that Julian himself would write this piece upon his return from Zimbabwe (you will see within Grapevine that we have been able to include many photographs and a brief detail of the trip - hot off the press!). However Julian, along with Deniz, Elaine & Nick were unable to board the flight scheduled for home on the 19th April, due to torrential rain. This time of year is usually the end of the season of rain down in Africa, which is a blessing for Zimbabwe. However the weather in Zimbabwe was perfect, and it was the extremely unlikely events in the Gulf, which meant the cancellation of the plane to Dubai. As we write our prayers are with our four members of the team as they are making alternative plans to come back home.

However this has given the Deputy Chairs the unexpected pleasure of being able to express their personal thanks for Julian's ministry. I have appreciated Julian in so many ways including his deep spirituality, his prayerfulness, thoughtfulness and

wisdom; and his kind and encouraging words when we have needed them the most. He has encouraged me to reflect and pray more deeply and to see God in a fresh way through art and poetry. His letters written to us during the Covid-19 Pandemic provided much comfort, encouragement and strength, when many of us were feeling isolated and greatly concerned for the direction of the world and for the church.

Julian's humanity, integrity, spirituality, faith and ability to be an effective bridge from the Local Church to Connexion. His depth of care, commitment to individuals, willingness to tirelessly travel the length and breadth of the District, give of himself in diverse situations, draw out the best in others, keep the focus centred on God and inhabit discipleship with fresh creativity are among the qualities I treasure in Julian. His gentle wise counsel, steadfast presence and support of 'out of the box' thinking have blessed many contexts within our District.

Julian's tenure certainly has been one of partnership and prayer. As he travels onward we know God will continue to bless His Church through Julian's ministry. Our love, prayers and thanks go with you Julian. Thank you for sharing your gifts and graces with us and humbly receiving the same from others.

Revd. Andrew King and Revd. James Bamber  
On behalf of the District



# Southwold Methodist Church - Community Foodbank

Revd Martin Keenan

The Methodist Church in Southwold closed in March 2022. I arrived as the Superintendent of the Lowestoft & East Suffolk Methodist Circuit in September 2022. I have responsibility for 8 Methodist churches in the circuit, but I was asked to come to see if I could plant a church in Southwold.

The Hunky Dory Vintage Shop began using the church hall in May 2022 and I started going along to tidy up the rest of the building and to sit and think and pray shortly after I arrived. With a team of helpers from St.

Edmund's CofE (Southwold) church, I decorated the back room and furnished it with Salvation Army furniture. My initial thoughts were for a Soft Play Centre in the church, as soon as I can get the pews removed and the equipment bought.

I considered a Cafe or Tea Shop and then, after spending time at our Foodbank in Hungate church in Beccles, I realised that what was needed was a

Foodbank. This idea was treated with a great deal of scepticism. I was told that Southwold is a wealthy place and there are no people in need here. Even Trussell Trust were reluctant to get involved at first. But I persisted and on the 7th November 2023 I opened the Foodbank with my wife as my only

helper. We were given a supply of food from Lowestoft Foodbank's warehouse and no one came for the first two weeks. We now have 8 volunteers and we are never alone - and we get through a lot of food.



Before Worship ceased

Various council departments have given us funding: the Lib Dems gave us a £2,000 grant, and others are supplying us with equipment to help us to feed those "non-existent people" in Southwold, Reydon, Wangford, Wrentham and Walberswick who need help. The Financial Inclusion Team come in to offer advice, along with Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Sole Bay Care Trust have given us £2,000 to provide "food-in-a-bag" so

that we can provide ingredients and recipes for people to make healthy meals. We do this monthly at the moment, but may increase the frequency over time.

The East Suffolk Communities Team gave us 6 new microwaves to give to those who needed them, and we are awaiting Air Fryers and Slow Cookers from them. They are also getting us an industrial freezer for our kitchen. The local Conservative councillor is buying us a dishwasher. The Hygiene Bank keeps us supplied with all those essentials that people can't afford. The East Suffolk Food Network Officer comes in to help with nutrition issues.

At present we are feeding approximately 60 adults and 25-30 children and during the winter we are providing a warm space for people to come into and get warm and sit and talk to old friends and new. We also provide warm clothes.

We have a community of regulars who feel at home here and those who pop in from time to time. The long term plans involve making the church building into a Christian Community Centre with a Cafe and that Soft Play Area that I originally planned. And all this makes me think of Matthew 25: 34-40.

Revd Martin Keenan  
Lowestoft and East Suffolk Circuit

## **The East Anglia Methodist Heritage Centre**

Sarah Friswell

The East Anglia Methodist Heritage Centre, situated at Wighton (NR23 1PG), re-opened at Easter. It is a treasure trove of Methodist history, explaining the development of the church over the past 200 years through artefacts, ceramics and pictures collected from across East Anglia. Find out about the impact of the Methodist people through exhibits on music, youth work, overseas missions and social action. For those keen to study more, there is a well-stocked Library and growing collection of historic documents linked to the churches of East Anglia, including special orders of service, press cuttings

and photos.

The Heritage Centre, housed in the former Primitive Methodist Church, will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 am to 3 pm and is free to visit. Visits at other times, or for groups, can be arranged on request (please call 07546 732 092). You are assured of a warm welcome from the team of volunteers. They will be pleased to offer a cup of tea or coffee. Donations are welcome – or you may be tempted to purchase something from the sales area. A toilet is available and there is parking alongside the chapel.



## **East Anglia Methodist Heritage Centre**

Wighton Methodist Church NR23 1PG

A growing collection of Methodist historic objects, books and information on display

Opening this year on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March,  
Easter Monday then every Tuesday and  
Friday from 11am to 3pm

Coffee, tea and biscuits available £1

Free entry – Donations very welcome





# Felixstowe Methodist Church

Anne Clarke

**F**elixstowe Methodist Church – the new name for the four churches at Kirton, Seaton Road, Trimley and Trinity – has much to celebrate.



Kirton Garden Cafe

Following COVID we have been opening up our chapel garden in Kirton for 10 weeks in the summer for refreshments, chatter, fellowship, music and play areas for children. We have many willing volunteers and increasing numbers of visitors, including cyclists, dog walkers and folk from near and far enjoying each other's company.

At Trinity we welcome folk along to 'Tuesday Tunes' for 10 weeks between

January and March. This is a hugely popular event where 100+ people come along each week to enjoy refreshments, chatter, fellowship and music. There is no charge, although people are



Red Devils Spectator



Tuesday Tunes Helpers

invited to give a donation towards church funds and the local Basic Life Charity. After thirty sessions, over £6,000 has been donated which has been split 50/50 between the church and Basic Life Charity. Each week a band of willing volunteers make cakes, serve refreshments and give a warm welcome to all attending. People are so grateful for the

opportunity to share each other's company and enjoy the music, which lasts about 45 minutes. The next season starts on 7 January 2025!

Once a month (19:30 to 22:00 every second Thursday) we run a folk Café. We serve refreshments and welcome both folkies and listeners. Come and join us! You can sing, recite poetry, play a tune, join in with the others or just enjoy being in the audience.

It's wonderful that people who have come to these events are now helping and coming to some of our other activities.

We have a Climate Justice Group which is annually invited to spend a day at Felixstowe School, helping with their enrichment day for Year 7 pupils, working with them in their garden.

Every Saturday in all weathers, during the football season, a group of willing volunteers from the church support the Trimley Red Devils by serving bacon and sausage baps to the spectators. This is hugely appreciated with lots of conversations while serving.



Trimley Red Devils serving baps to spectators

We continue to go into local primary schools on a monthly basis to take part in their Assembly with 'Open the Book'. It is a real privilege to share some Bible

stories in this way and the teachers and children are always so welcoming. Some of the children help to act out the stories, and are extremely enthusiastic. The team were also invited into the Trimley pre-school to share the Christmas and Easter stories.

We have many other activities – please see our website – [felixstowe.methodistic.org.uk](http://felixstowe.methodistic.org.uk) – for the full list.



Tuesday Tunes Helpers

Two of our members regularly 'Prayer walk' around Felixstowe to support people within our town through focused prayer.

We have so much to celebrate and share and are always keen to have new ideas of ways we can reach out to the local community. We are blessed to have so many willing volunteers, always up for the next opportunity to share God's love.

Anne Clarke  
Member of Felixstowe Methodist Church,  
Ipswich Circuit



# The Warm Hub at Toft

Cathy Mitchell

This is the second winter that the church in Toft, Cambridgeshire, has hosted a Warm Hub for the village. Toft is a community of about 600 people 7 miles outside Cambridge. The Methodists and Anglicans joined together 20 years ago to form a Local Ecumenical Partnership and have the advantage of two buildings, so the Hub has been running in the Methodist chapel with its large kitchen and efficient heating.

The Hub was established, in the face of people's rapidly rising heating bills, as a Christian service we could offer to residents. But we soon realised that it also addresses other social needs in winter time, particularly but not exclusively of the elderly, those widowed and for older men feeling isolated and lonely even in a place they have called home for many years. It was perhaps for these reasons, and much to the volunteers' surprise, that the Hub became an instant success.



Up to 40 people every Monday morning, for many months, have crowded in, all greeted warmly by name at the door and looked after with affection by a 'welcomer' as they find their seat. What we offer is friendship and warmth in every

sense of the word. The rest is very simple – free hot and cold drinks, biscuits and cake served at long tables where jigsaws, Scrabble and art materials provide endless entertainment. Thousand piece puzzles have been proudly completed, creative Christmas and Easter decorations





crafted and serious games of high score word making won. Our Methodist and Anglican clergy, all great cake eaters, have been regular attenders, joining in the general hubbub as tea servers and good listeners.

The key to everything has been the many conversations that keep the room buzzing. From tales of the past in Toft, to theological debate, the swapping of ailments and treatments, family and village news, and even to local politics, people just want to have a good chat, set the world to rights and to get to know each

other better. The atmosphere is one of kindness and humour; everyone is simply pleased to see their neighbours and anyone who wanders in, and to enjoy the day. It's one of the best things we've initiated as a church, part of our mission and commitment to our community and a way for us to embody the Gospel in our place – a 'warm hub' indeed!



Cathy Mitchell  
Member of Toft Methodist Church, Local Preacher  
and regular attendee at the Warm Hub



Photo Credit : Photos taken by Ann Mitchell  
Member and Church Warden at Toft Methodist Church, and a regular attendee at the Warm Hub

# District Agricultural Chaplain's Farewell Report

George Frost



At last I am writing my 'swan-song' after serving the District since May 6<sup>th</sup> (Synod 2000 at Sheringham Methodist Church) as Agricultural Chaplain for the District.

In October 1999 I was invited for interview at the Chair of District's house, with Rev'd Malcolm Braddy and Rev'd Ralph Webb, thinking I was one of many for the appointment. Not so, it was just me.



With such a large area it was certainly a huge challenge, and looking back I don't think I have covered the District as I had hoped at the beginning. The appointment has certainly opened doors for me to spread the word, from small church weeknight meetings to the larger involvement of leading the time of reflection at the civic service when I was a District Councillor and the prayers at Bury Cathedral Harvest thanksgiving services.

Yes God has been good, and with health problems with my wife Muriel, who has been so very important supporting my ministry, and my own fracture of the spine which now restricts driving, we can look back with some fond memories of meeting

some wonderful people, who I have been aware have been praying for us for the last two years especially.

Farming is struggling, as most of you are aware, with so much water falling since October last year. With pictures of tractors stuck even on lighter land, it is certainly a difficult time. I have always tried to convince myself that things will come good again and they usually do, but with so many areas of land under water for so long I doubt the sown crop will survive. Already I have heard of some re-drilling.

Keep praying that the wars will end and some sort of normality will return.

Thank you to everyone for your support since 2000.

I am hoping a person can be found to replace me, because there is a real need to listen to the farming personnel. The hymn at my commissioning service was 'Will you come and follow me if I but call your name' - will you??

George Frost  
Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership

**Please give thanks and join us in celebrating George's dedication through his 24 years of service as District Agricultural Chaplain.**



## District News

The District are delighted to have welcomed a new member to the District Staff Team in 2023.

### **An introduction to Sarah Young, District Safeguarding Administrator...**

I would like to introduce myself as the Safeguarding Administrator for East Anglia. I have lived in Norfolk for 22 years now. I was head Teacher of a Special school in Nottingham and came in 2002 to be the Head Teacher of Sidestrand Hall Special School near Cromer.

I remained there as Head Teacher for 21 years before retiring last Summer. In my time there I saw the School grow from 100 students to 195. I was successful in securing a bid from the Government to build a Sixth Form and just before I left we were accepted onto the new school building programme.

I absolutely loved my job and I was sad to retire. It was a joy to see children and young people with challenging special educational needs thrive and succeed and support families in their day to day bumps in the road.

I was brought up in Lincolnshire with

family holidays in Norfolk and Suffolk which I am sure is what influenced me in wanting to live in Norfolk. Indeed my sister has also moved to Norfolk.

I live on the North Norfolk coast with my partner Jon and a lively chocolate labrador, Bruno. My 2 adult children Joe and Hannah live in Leicestershire. My son and his wife have 2 children Bertie 10 and Elsie 9 who enjoy frequent seaside holidays with us and Hannah returns regularly for some relaxation!

I clearly wasn't 100% ready for retirement, hence taking on this role

and I am also going to be a panel member on fostering and adoption panels.

I have several hobbies which mainly focus around a range of crafts, knitting, sewing, crochet, soft furnishings and have a craft machine that cuts a range of materials. Jon shares an interest in crafts and makes items out of the driftwood we find on the beach. We have a beach hut in Mundesley and on sunny days are down at the beach often with a cup of tea and a bacon sandwich.





# A Justice-Seeking Church

Susan Eldridge



The Methodist Church adopted the report “A Justice-seeking Church” in 2023. This includes a section on learning from

British Methodist history:

- A commitment to the poorest – John Wesley encouraged work with those experiencing poverty
- Building relationships – the rich were encouraged to spend time with the poor
- Leadership from the margins – being a child of God gives individuals a true sense of value, however society may judge them
- Liberation for all – from drink, from slavery
- Prophetic witness – Methodism has a tradition of nurturing prophetic groups and individuals who have challenged injustice within Church and society
- Recognising and learning from our Church’s part in injustices – we have begun to acknowledge our failings as a Church where we have got it very

wrong (and hurt people)

The report agreed five Priorities for Justice as a focus for the Church’s action over the following five years:

1. Tackling inequality and poverty – seeking life in all its fullness
2. Enabling a flourishing environment – right relationship between people, planet and God
3. Seeking justice for refugees – one people, one world
4. Opposing discrimination – all are made in the image of God
5. Pursuing peace – seeking justice and reconciliation



Banner from Louth (Lincolnshire) Methodist Church advertising service

At the Autumn Representative Synod we broke into small groups to consider these. In this article I would like to celebrate what is already being done by the Churches across our District. This probably only reflects a small part of what is actually being done. Let us “celebrate” and say thanks for:

- Support given to Food Banks, Salvation Army “Toys & Tins”, All We Can and various other charities
- Provision of warm spaces and hospitality

- EDI training raising awareness of potential discrimination
- Support for CAP (Christians Against Poverty)
- Meetings on climate change leading to Council action
- Eco-church initiatives
- Social justice groups
- Recognising the inequality in our communities (hopefully leading to action)
- Support given to those with mental health issues
- Beach cleans and community litter-picking
- Befriending illegal immigrants and limited work with refugees
- Pride events
- Sports passes/sports ministry
- Providing clothing and shoes
- Racism awareness conversations
- Providing accessible resources e.g. large print or Braille hymn books, loop system
- Peace garden (space for thinking and prayer), community gardens, Vegetable Bank and Renew Wellbeing Café
- Challenging discrimination when we see it
- Response to emergency appeals

For now “Give thanks with a grateful heart” for all that is being done. Hopefully the above list may give you some ideas of what your Church might do. You may need to lay down something first, or work with others, so as not to be overburdened. We can learn from each other (successes and failures). Remember to underpin everything with prayer. Our Pray 2-3 year may be over, but prayer is as important as ever. The monthly District Prayer Group is continuing to meet over Zoom.

Please also remember that many of our young people are passionate about justice and the environment, so involve them in your initiatives.



Foodbank contributions

We also discussed what we might do differently and that would be for another article!

Susan Eldridge  
District EDI Officer



## ***Julian's Farewell Service***

We invite you to join us in celebrating and giving thanks for the 10 years' service that Revd Dr. Julian M. Pursehouse has given as the Chair of the East Anglia District, as we bid him farewell as he leaves the District for pastures new.

The Farewell Service will be held on  
**Sunday 14th July 2024, 3 p.m.**

at

**Thefford Methodist Church**  
**Tanner Street, Thefford, Norfolk, IP24 2BQ**

The Preacher will be Revd David Chapman, Chair of the  
Beds, Essex and Herts District.

Light refreshments of cake and tea will follow the service

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## ***District Chair Welcome Service***

**We invite you to join us in welcoming Revd Helen Hollands to the District as the new Chair of the East Anglia District.**

**The Welcome Service will be held on**

**Sunday 25th August 2024, 3.30 p.m.**

**at**

**Chapel Field Road Methodist Church  
Chapel Field Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 1SD**

**The Service will be led by Revd Andrew King and Revd James Bamber, the Preacher will be Revd Sam Funnell (a friend and colleague of Helen) and the Secretary of Conference, Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, will be present.**

**Light refreshments of cake and tea will follow the service**

  
The Methodist Church  
EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT



# Pray 2-3 Feedback to Celebrate

Revd Pam Bayliss

**P**ray 2-3 has highlighted the prayer life of myself and my church, Kessingland.

I guess it really kicked in for us when we were asked by someone on zoom during a service to pray for her mother who was live on zoom with her and likely to die before the end of the service. She actually lived for a few more weeks but her daughter appreciated our input.

We then placed a prayer tree in the church, and anyone coming was invited to place a prayer/request on the tree. Red leaves for prayer needs and yellow for thank you's.

One member asked for prayers for a work colleague who was 5 months pregnant and had gone into labour. We held her in prayer for the next 3 months and sent one of our "Praying for you" cards to her. She gave birth at 8 months to a tiny baby who survived. Just before Christmas she turned up at church, saying I am not a church goer, but I know you have been praying for us and wanted to say thank you. She brought



her baby with her and another child!

At Christmas that baby was our "Baby Jesus" at the crib service. She has subsequently been to church bringing her children with her. This has prompted us to have Family services monthly, and to plan a messy church morning.





Another person who had just been released from prison was sent a “Praying for you” card which he sent a thank you for and says it is propped up in his room so he can see it.

The Christmas prayer cards were given out in our local foodbank and many have said thank you for them. A few have attended Christmas services in the area (that I know of). The cards have

been conversation openers for quite a few clients.

The year has certainly created a new enthusiasm for mission in the church and the village.

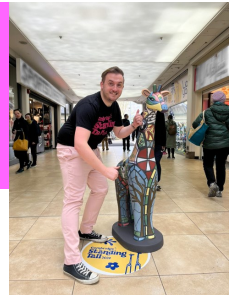
Revd Pam Bayliss  
Lowestoft and East Suffolk Circuit



Photo from a Church life stitching project at the Kessingland Methodist Church, where people were given a piece of fabric and asked to write their names and draw something that depicted what they bring to the church or is very important to them. These were stitched over and made up into one piece of work.

# Sasha Windows

Kirk, Member of Castle Street Methodist Church



Castle Street Methodist Church in Cambridge is proud to be part of the Wild in Art trail taking place in Cambridge this year, with their giraffe sculpture named Sasha Windows.

Sasha Windows, a stained glass window inspired design hand-painted onto a giraffe statue, is now out in the wild with over 90 other giraffes (some of which have been decorated by well-known local artists).

The giraffe has been designed and decorated by members of the church incorporating various messages, bible studies, and our Methodist heritage, that reflect the congregation and their faith. From pictures of bread and wine to Jesus as the good shepherd, the array of window panes capture the essence of Castle Street Methodist Church and our commitment to inclusion. Not forgetting a little stained glass depiction of John Wesley!

As our giraffe is based on stained glass windows which emit light and tell stories, our theme is 'let love shine out'.

Being part of an art trail around



Cambridge can provide a wonderful opportunity to engage with the wider community and showcase the church's creative side. We are blessed with a rich and diverse pool of talent in this circuit and we are in the unique position to

have such a strong Junior Church too. Art is a universal language that brings people together and inspires them in new ways and we are excited about the project ahead of us.



This towering sculpture trail will be bringing together communities from all corners of the District, encouraging them to look up at the spectacular art on offer – all while

supporting Break, a charity working across East Anglia to pave the way for a brighter future for children and young people who have experienced the care system.

Sasha Windows is on display alongside over 90 other giraffe statues - both big and small - and runs until 2 June 2024 throughout Cambridge.

Kirk, member of Castle Street Methodist Church  
Cambridge Circuit

More info can be found at: <https://castlestreet.org.uk>



# West Harare District Visit

On Friday 5th April, a party of five representatives from the East Anglia District travelled to Zimbabwe for a District visit to the Harare West District to cement the partnership between our two Districts. Our District representatives, Revd. Dr. Julian Pursehouse, Mr Deniz Kadriev, Mrs Elaine Witham, Revd Nick Witham and Revd Mary Sachikonye received a fantastic welcome after long flights.



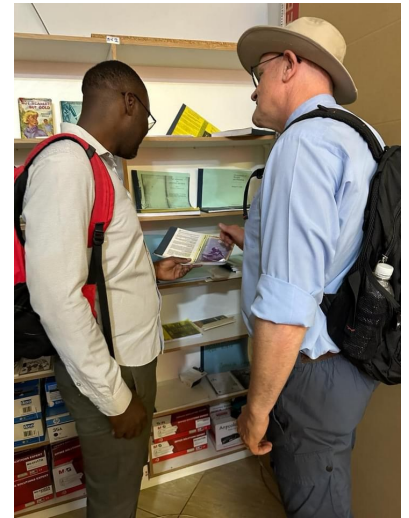
A visit to Mt Sinai Church in the Budiriro Circuit for worship that was filled with so much praise and joy and then at Mabelreign Methodist Church (which is twinned with The Norfolk Broads Circuit).

A visit to Sandringham Methodist School in the company of Bishop Lynsey and Dignity, the Synod Secretary.





A great day meeting the General Secretary and Presiding Bishop of Zimbabwe Methodist Church, followed by a visit to a Darwendale Circuit, in Mashonaland West Province, where we met the local Superintendent and Circuit Stewards. The Shelter is a temporary structure that serves as the local church, where a congregation of thirty people bring their seats and meet on a Sunday for Worship.



A visit to rural Chivhu Circuit for a great worship and welcome, sharing in food, dance, laughter and fellowship. There is only one manse in Chevu and one serviceable vehicle, and a staff team of three presbyters. We talked about the challenges of rural ministry and left feeling humbled by the resilience of the Zimbabwean Church.





Two days at Synod, sharing and learning together.

A number of challenging issues face the church in Zimbabwe, such as conditions of drought and failed crops, economic pressures upon rural circuits, and clergy welfare.



Elaine was presented with a birthday cake and Julian gave prayers and met the candidates for ministry.

We also got to meet the Presiding Bishop again, which was a real honour.

Overall a wonderful visit to the West Harare District.



# Contributions

We hope you have been inspired by the articles in this edition of *grapevine*.

If you would like to make a contribution to the next edition, we would love to hear from you.

Please send any news items, letters and photographs, which you would like to share with others in the District to:

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*or post to 'grapevine'*

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*Unfortunately we cannot guarantee inclusion of all contributions.*

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