

## ***Keeping in Touch..... Number 26***

***Fancy—half a year of KITs. We know it is greatly enjoyed by many—but it wont happen without YOU. I need articles please if you want this to carry on! Thank you as always to those who have sent in contributions this week and especial thanks to those who send things regularly. KIT deadline is noon on Wednesdays. Please send to [c.a.curtis@ntlworld](mailto:c.a.curtis@ntlworld).***

### **URC Eastern Synod news**

On Saturday, Christine Macleod and I attended a virtual Eastern Synod meeting. Since the last 6-monthly meeting was cancelled, this was my first Synod meeting since we hosted one in St Ives many years ago. There were well over 100 attendees on Zoom and the technology stood up well ....most of the time!

It was an interesting meeting. It included a video presentation by Rev Beth Cope on the Northstowe project, news of different experiences in local churches under lockdown, a talk from Lindsey Brown highlighting the cross-denominational Reset the Debt campaign (read about it on <https://resetthedebt.uk/>), and finished with a live talk from Rev Lydia Neshangwe who joined the meeting all the way from Zimbabwe.

As some of you will know, one surprise announcement was that our Eastern Synod Moderator, Paul Whittle, is moving on. Here is an extract from the announcement on the Synod website:-

“The Revd Paul Whittle has been nominated to become Moderator of the United Reformed Church (URC) National Synod of Scotland for a three-year term, following the move by the Revd Dr David Pickering to return to pastoral ministry.

Since July 2008, Paul has served as the Moderator of the URC’s Eastern Synod and celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination in 2019.

Paul’s ministry began in Scotland in 1979 when he was ordained and inducted as the Minister of Beith Congregational Church. He went on to serve in north London, the Republic of Panama, and Birmingham.

Speaking of his return to his roots, Paul says: “I have long since discovered that God is full of surprises. I fully expected to be serving in Eastern Synod until retirement and will really miss my many friends and colleagues. I will be genuinely sorry to move. However, I do feel a strong call north and am really excited by what I see and hear of the Synod of Scotland, with the bonus of returning to my roots.”

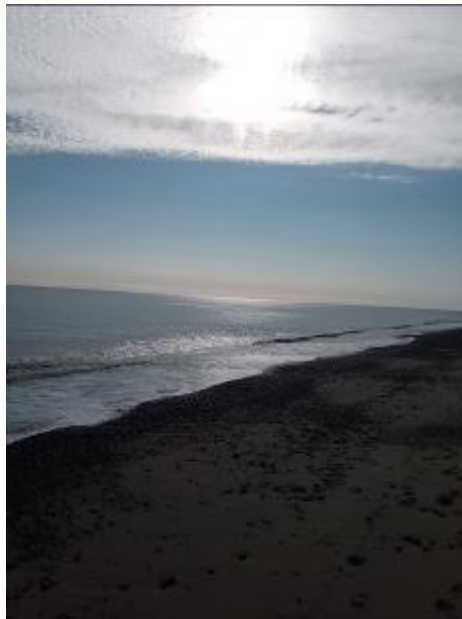
Steps are already under way to prepare a Synod profile and job description as the Synod seeks a new Moderator. I will share any further news on this with you as it becomes available to local churches.

Best wishes,

***David Duffett—Church Secretary***

## ***Sabbatical postcard from Peter and Catherine***

Although not able to undertake the planned study tour, they are enjoying their much loved home in Suffolk and enjoying refreshing body, mind and spirit on this lovely coast which they never tire of....



**Some things to make you giggle:**

**Teacher: How old is your father?**

**Kid: 6 years old**

**Teacher: How can that be?**

**Kid: Well, he only became a dad when I was born!?**

**Teacher: what is the chemical composition of water?**

**Kid: H I J K L M N O**

**Teacher: what are you talking about ?**

**Kid: Well, yesterday you said it was H to O!**

## By popular request some autumn photos from Char.....



- 1.Devon Blackbird
- 2.The amazing watermelon
- 3.September music at Waverley , you may recognise Felicity
- 4.My tame vixen ,Mrs Raynard
- 5.Bramleys and Bill
- 6.Butterfly
- 7.The shield bug

## And a “local” quiz set by friends of Char’s .....answers next week!

1. Who was Bridget Ireton?
- 2.What was King's Lynn's original name?
- 3.Where was a merman imprisoned?
- 4.Where were the green children found?
- 5.Where was John Clare born?
- 6.Where is Cromwell's widow buried?
- 7.Where should "he who would olde England win" begin
- 8.What is the connection between Mildenhall, Thetford and Hoxne (Suffolk)?
- 9.Why is the building of Burwell castle incomplete?
- 10.What did people sometimes call the Midland and Great Northern railway?



## BY THE MERIDIAN STONE

Two lowly cows graze  
On the sorrel and grass,  
The Ouse way path is bumpy -  
Dried up mud where I pass.

A heron flies to seek its prey,  
A robin sings in the bushes.  
As I tread along the Great Ouse Way-  
No sedges, reeds or rushes.

On this warmly peaceful autumn day  
Hawthorn berries here abound  
All along beside the Great Ouse Way  
And blue sky covers all around.

Near the Pike and Eel Hotel. J D W  
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### ***Tookey's and Just Sharing Opening Hours***

***Currently both are open again and can take contactless payments. Please do come and support them!***

***Tookey's is open 10:30—1:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.***

***Just Sharing is open every day except Thursdays and Sundays from 10:00 to 3:00.***



### **HE'S DONE IT AGAIN!**

Oh President Chump  
Oh dear sorry Trump,  
What a silly old man you are,  
You rode round the block  
For your fans in a flock,  
Votes count more than people in car!

No need for alarm  
I don't wish you harm  
I hope you recover your health,  
But you have a knack  
An empathy lack  
An arrogant ego of self!

So many lives lost,  
Much suffering cost,  
The facts and the figures are clear,  
Just what will it take?  
To show it's not fake!  
Make you keep the rules and adhere?

You've plenty of dough  
For treatment we know,  
The Medics will hover and care,  
No hospital bed,  
You decided instead  
The White House must have the risk there!

Leave Twitter alone,  
Don't pick up the phone,  
Just rest and get better - take stock,  
A Hero you ain't!  
So don't play the Saint,  
Just shut up and follow the Doc!

cc IRENE CARTER