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# Circuit Chat

Dear Friends,

It is wonderful to read of the different activities and events that have taken place over recent months. Thank you to all those who have taken the time to write reports and submit photos. From one-off special anniversaries to regular events, from the making of new members to jumble sales, from a lunch prepared by Ukrainian guests to the Boys Brigade and Girls Association campfires. These are all wonderful examples of life within the Trinity Circuit. And there is so much more - please read and then share these pages with others.

This edition marks a period of transition - Emily and Angela wrote their farewell messages for our last Circuit Chat. We will meet at **10:30 a.m. on Sunday 2nd August** to give thanks for their ministry amongst us. There is much to be grateful for - personally I was so moved and inspired by the way in which Emily and Lisa opened their home to guests from Ukraine and by the deep reflection about suffering in Holy Week  which Angela and Phil shared a couple of years ago based on their own personal experience. We pray for God's blessing on them as they move to new appointments.

We pray too for Adam and his family as they prepare to join us in the Autumn - you can read more about Adam in this magazine.

And I give thanks to all of you - the members and friends of the churches who have seen many ministers come and go but who remain faithful to God, to the Gospel and to the life and service of the churches in this area. Thank you.

Grace and peace, Julie

## News from The Crossing







The Crossing Church in Worksop marked its 20th anniversary with a joyful Flower Festival weekend that brought together church members, visitors, volunteers and the wider community in celebration and thanksgiving.

The church building was beautifully decorated with a wide range of floral displays, each carefully arranged to help commemorate two decades of worship, fellowship and service in Worksop. Visitors were welcomed across the weekend to enjoy the displays, refreshments in the café, and entertainment provided throughout the event.

The celebrations began on Saturday 16th May, when the church opened its doors to the public. Many local residents and supporters came along to admire the flowers, spend time together and reflect on the life of the church over the past twenty years. The displays remained available to view during the special Celebration Service on Sunday morning, led by guest preacher Rev'd Mark Pengelly, before the church reopened again on Monday morning.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who contributed to the success of the festival — from those who designed and arranged the displays, to the volunteers who served refreshments, welcomed guests and helped behind the scenes.

Over £700 was raised for church funds

The weekend was not only a celebration of the church's history, but also an opportunity to look ahead with gratitude and hope for the future.





A wonderful time of fellowship and friendship to celebrate The Crossing's 20th Anniversary.

A good time was had by all.

With huge thanks to the team of volunteers who made it all possible, setting tables, preparing the food and washing up afterwards.

Donations were received which covered the cost of the food and £100 surplus has been sent to Bassetlaw Food Bank.

On Saturday June 20th we welcomed back Keirth Hearnshaw for a great afternoon of organ music. The concert was enjoyed by all with members of the public joining the congregation to hear a fantastic repertoire and watch Keith’s amazing feet moving at the speed of light almost





Upcoming events happening at The Crossing include:




A Fun Day on Saturday 22nd August to celebrate all the different users of The Crossing the event will run from 10.00am - 4.00pm and all are welcome




On Saturday 29th August we welcome our new minister Rev'd Adam Woodhouse the service will take place at 3.00pm

Looking further ahead in September our 'infamous' Transport Exhibition returns on
Saturday 5th September, doors open at 10.00am



For further information on any of our groups or events please visit our website www.thecrossing.co.uk or email us at clare.biddle@trinitycircuit.net

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## Dinnington Pioneer project

July is a busy month and by the time the newsletter is circulated most of these events will have happened, more information to follow next time.

### JUMBLE SALE

On Sunday 5th July we hosted a Jumble Sale. We were given so much stuff, we had a hall full and couldn't shift it all. As a result, we managed to raise £211.04 to help towards young people from Dinnington going to 3 Gen this year.

### FAMILIES

Engaging Families is one of the key areas we are focusing on in the Pioneer Project here at Dinnington, to deepen our relationship and meet new families we are hosting a few events during July:

- The first event is a 'Summer Party' for the families of the kids that are part of our 'Shell Group' -we have a few surprises including a bouncy castle and ice-cream can up our sleeves

- The second event is a 'Family Fun Day' for the families connected to our Dinni-Tots toddlers group. Here we will have inflatables and are inviting families to bring a picnic lunch.










Peter Farmer

Community Pioneer Worker

# News from South Anston Methodist Church

## EVENTS AT SOUTH ANSTON METHODIST CHURCH

On 2nd May we held an 'Afternoon Tea' with entertainment by 'Fourmica'







The hall was transformed into a lovely venue with floral seat covers on the chairs and tables covered with white cloths. We started with a selection of songs from the guys, followed by a wonderful Afternoon Tea. The Raffle was then drawn, and we finished off with more songs which the audience joined in with and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A collection bucket for Rotherham Hospice raised £135 and for Church Funds the event raised £425.90.



Our Coffee Morning on Wednesday 27th May was extended to enable us to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Margaret Kidger. She was so pleased to be able to catch up with everyone as she cannot make the Sunday morning Service now.

On Saturday 6th June we held an evening concert with 'Simply Swing' The programme was varied and entertaining with music from the band, three soloists and a duet. During the interval, refreshments were served in the Hall followed by a Raffle before the second half. The event was a sell out raising £702 for Church Funds.







It is always a joyful occasion to welcome new members into the church, so we were delighted when Marjorie Dumville and Brenda Birch took this important leap of faith. We pray that God will bless them both richly on their journey.



Anne Duffy

## News from Carlton in Lindrick Methodist Church

### RECENT EVENTS

This has been a quiet few months 'events wise', other than our weekly coffee mornings and monthly Film Afternoons.

In the May half-term holiday we held a Family Film Afternoon where we watched Kung Fu Panda 1. The children enjoyed making panda masks, drawing, and completing wordsearches, as well as eating pizza and pop-corn.

In June our Brownies, Guides and Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association members, and their families – including dogs - completed a Treasure Hunt around the southern end of the village, answering questions and collecting items along the way.

Below is the BBGA Summer Term Report.

Helen Hindmarch

### BOYS' BRIGADE & GIRLS' ASSOCIATION (SUMMER TERM)

We first met on Tuesday 14 April after Easter, when David Blackham (Toby) had a first drum practise after the holiday and has had a couple of nights since for events. On the same night we had the video of 'The Lost Sheep' and crafts involving sheep, shepherds and cornflake Easter buns.

On following weeks, we watched videos of 'Calming the Storm', The Sower', 'The Prodigal Son', 'Feeding of the 5000' and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Many of these followed the books selected by the members, parts of which were read to David.

We had two campfire evenings with a campfire, toasting marshmallows and other items on a grill, campfire songs and dances.

We had an evening walking our pet dogs and collecting wildflowers which we pressed. We mounted and named some and made pictures with the rest.

Anne has been running a course on keeping fit. This included healthy eating, Joe Wickes and other exercise videos and keep fit games and relays.



The drummers led the parade from the Methodist Church and Centre to the Parish Centre at Pentecost, paraded with the Worksop Sea Cadets at the Armed Forces Day, and at Carlton Fun Day on 18 July.



On Tuesday 16 June we were joined by the Brownies, Guides and their families for our annual treasure hunt. About 40 people took part and it was a tight result between the teams.



Tuesday 7 July was our last BBGA meeting of the year and this was our Awards Night which took place at the Carlton Youth Centre.

Our guests for the evening were Yvonne Milligan and her son Gregor who was the last of our members to gain the Queen's Award some years ago! Gregor completed his volunteering at the CYC.

Gregor presented the awards and showed his BB badges right from Anchors to Seniors. They have all changed since he received them.

Eddie Croot

## News from Grove St Methodist Church

Holy Habits Inspirational

In the beginning, or from the beginning, as we discussed whether Holy Habits was the right call for our church and (decision made) in the following preparatory meetings for each different Habit – it has been inspirational. It has stretched, it has challenged, it has brought together both spiritually and physically.

Mission is twofold – within the church nurturing and enabling the flock overflowing into welcoming hospitality for our partners and the community. Inexplicably intertwined.

Our church family were involved in own arrangement services, gave testimonies and prayer prompts, received the bread and the wine in different ways and places, shared early Sunday morning breakfast, pondered the anomaly of making bread to their own spiritual life, borrowed books scattered around the church, celebrated William Tyndales printing of the Bible with a service involving a drama written and produced by our local theatre group.

Gladness and generosity held over Christmas gave the opportunity to become involved with our partners by personally taking chocolates to each group and telling the Christmas story to the community through Myrrh the Mystery – a mystery solving evening with pie and peas and companionship. The Prayer Habit naturally flowed from that as we each took a prayer request from the Christmas tree put up during the Star Festival and blindly dipped into a basket to pick out a couple of groups meeting on the premises (every group was prayed for by someone) involving me personally in a busy daily prayer life : ‘Sparkle my bunny’, Messy church, Thursday lunches but opening immense opportunities involving praying for an unknown child and family, the cooks/helpers and clients at Thursday lunch who were pleased to accept book marks to take home and regular contact with Messy church, sharing bread making with them followed by a first time communion. It was a humbling and deeply rewarding experience.



As I write a reflective service is being prepared involving art work from the Methodist Church Modern Art Gallery and using resources from Ian Adam's book Running over Rocks looking at different ways the bible can be used in our lives. This Biblical teaching Habit encompasses our Bible month and already courses and services are being prepared. We hope for a good response.
The memory I hold in my heart: the children from Messy Church leading us in the Lord's Prayer by film at one of our Sunday morning services – a prayer answered.

Holy Habits has been inspirational for myself personally in the fact that it has deepened my spiritual life and has perhaps shown me where I need to be. And the church? – well – there is 'a feeling in the air'.

Daphne Sidney

Ukrainian community lunch

At The Grove we are hoping to build good relationships with those who have travelled to this country for their safety. We supported the Ukrainian community earlier in the year by collecting old wax candles and tin cans for them to make into trench candles to send back home to Ukraine. In June we held a session at the church where local residents from Ukraine prepared lunch for us - it was a fabulous meal with many courses! Afterwards when the cooks came out of the kitchen so that we could express our thanks - their spokesperson got in before us and expressed her thanks to us for welcoming people from Ukraine to this country. It was a humbling experience and a living example of the guest becoming the host and offering us far more that a meal. Photos from this wonderful event are overleaf

## Ukranian Community lunch photos

















# During August there is an opportunity to explore the Letter to the Philippians




Please join us on
Saturday mornings
at 9:30 a.m. at The Grove, Retford

The Grove

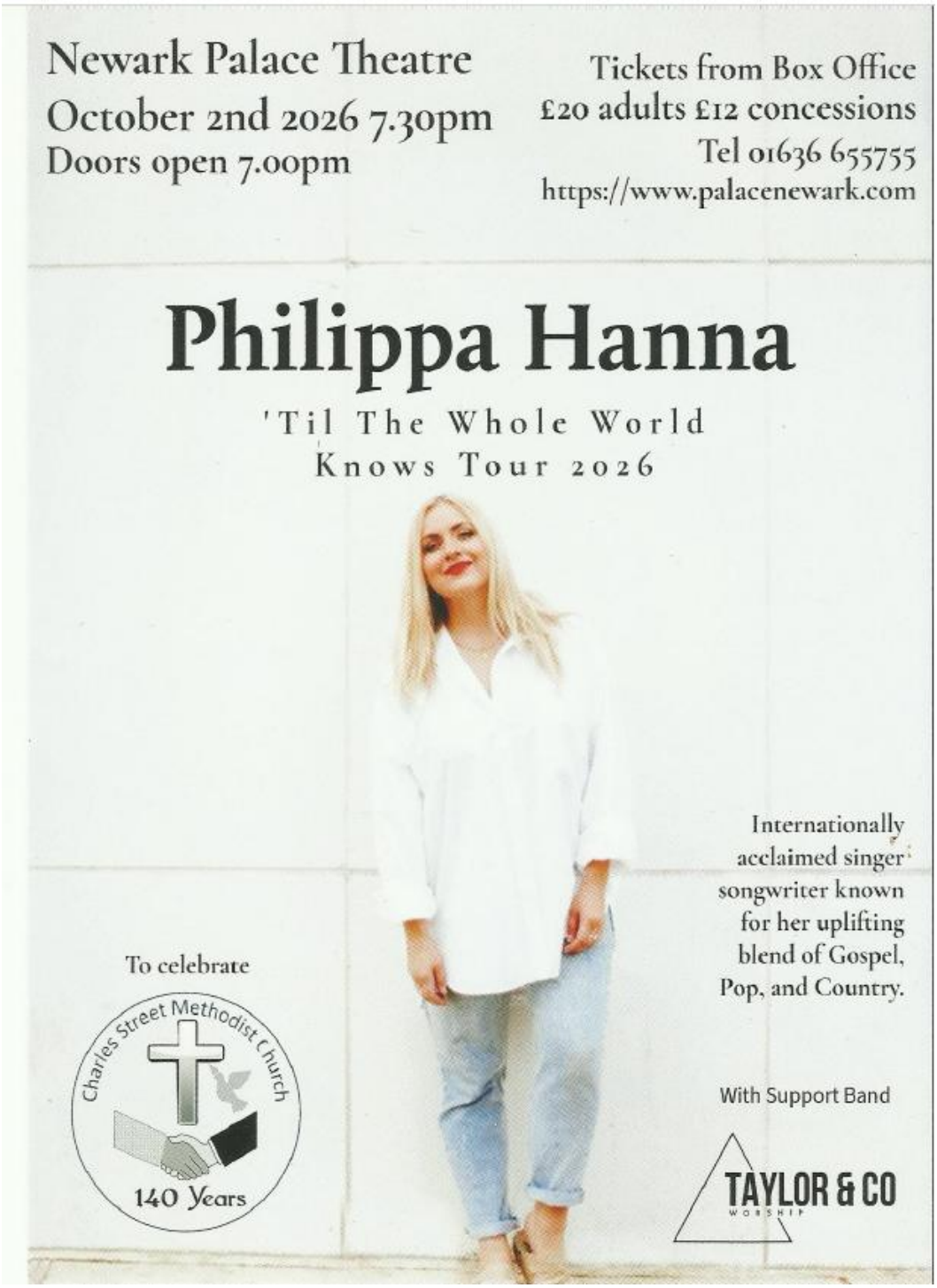
## The themes are....

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| 1st August | Introduction to the Letter, with a chance to read the whole text |
| 8th August | Philippians 1 - A Harvest of Joy |
| 15th August | Philippians 2 – Shine Humbly |
| 22nd August | Philippians 3 – Press on |
| 29th August | Philippians 4 – Grace be with you |

**Please pick up a free 30-day study guide from church.**

**EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME**

Rev Philip Macdonald has highlighted this upcoming event happening in Newark later this year.



**News from North Anston Methodist Church**

## Activities at North Anston



Our Meet and Make group continues to make bonnets for premature babies, twiddle muffs for dementia cafés, and, after reading an article in an earlier edition of *Circuit Chat*, we have also started making hats for the Seamans' Mission.

Our monthly community activity in April was a fascinating talk by David Templeman on the Origins of Street Names in Central Sheffield.





In May we held our annual Christian Aid fundraising event. Our afternoon quiz was followed by refreshments and raised a total of **£350** to support the work of Christian Aid.



Folk singers Rob Harley and Rob Meakin made a return visit in June, treating us to another wonderful afternoon of musical entertainment.



During the afternoon we were also able to celebrate the 90th Birthday of one of our long serving members, Jim Hardy.

Due to illness, we were unable to visit Woodlands Care Home as usual on the first Sunday in June. However, we managed to rearrange the visit for a Monday afternoon instead. This change has proved to be very positive, as we met the Activities Co-ordinator, and she now helps with the arrangements for the residents who wish to join us for the services.



On Sunday 12 July as it was Rev Angela's last service with us and also our Café Church, we decided to have a bring-and-share lunch before the service. After an enjoyable lunch, an "Angela rose bush" was given to Angela for her garden in Mansfield. We then came together for worship and a wonderful Action for Children service.

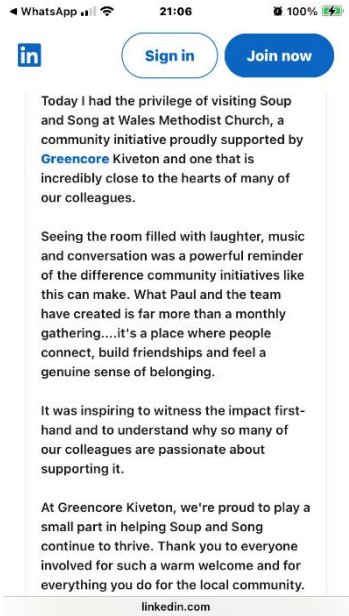


Sue Boyles

## News from Wales Kiveton Methodist Church

The church carries on with its usual activities and involvements with the local community and our ecumenical relationships continue to flourish.

The consistent prolonged high temperatures made us reflect on what the attendance would be like for the July Soup and Song and that it might significantly affect the numbers. We needn't have been concerned because the regulars all turned up totalling over the 50 mark again and they still wanted hot soups, though we did ensure that there was an abundance of cold drinks to keep everyone hydrated. This was well received as quite a few people were up dancing to the music in spite of the temperatures! We had three unexpected guests from Greencore turn up to the event which was the new general manager and two other managers in his team. They were all very taken with what our church is providing for the local community at Soup and Song, and the general manager posted on the LinkedIn networking media forum a most lovely praising message of what they had seen and experienced. This is what he declared.







Our next event in August will take us to the 3 years celebration, and the support we have from local businesses and community both financially and with food supplies enables us to provide this totally free.

The collaboration we have with Lost Chord who have a plethora of quality singers and musicians has led to an approach from Appleby Methodist Church in Cumbria about how we set up and run our Soup and Song. I was very pleased to provide as much help to try and get this off the ground, and I am excited to be told that they will be starting their own

events commencing in September based on the same premise and principles, though initially there might not be as much food available! We wish them well and every success.

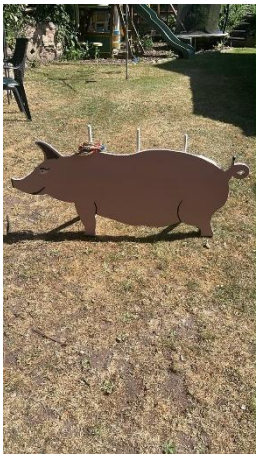
Our connection with Wales Community Theatre Players goes back a long way, and their months of rehearsals in chapel from February through to July culminated in three evening performances of Show Stoppers at the Lyric Theatre in Dinnington. It was a most incredible show and they have many talented performers in the cast. If you went to see it you certainly got value for money. The cast can now have a short break until September when they will begin preparations for their next pantomime production of Snow White to be performed in January at the Montgomery Hall in Sheffield.



Our ecumenical group that visit monthly to Ladyfield care home in Kiveton to give some of the residents a little service with hymns, readings and prayers had to be curtailed during May and June due to a virus/bug going round in the care home, but we were allowed back in again in July much to everyone's delight.

The Lectico gatherings held in rotation at each other's churches are continuing with some interesting subject information chosen, and it is our turn to host and select the content in October.

We will be holding our first ecumenical 5 churches fellowship festival on Saturday 8th August which will actually be held at Harthill church (more info on next page). It will commence with a short walk around the first Harthill pond for those able at 11am, then we will share food together with everyone bringing something to the table. Following this we will have some socialising and fun with various games and competitions such as skittles, putting, ring the pig and welly wanging to name but a few! All this being subject to the weather being kind to us and dry. After the fun and frivolity we will have a faith session focussing on Creation, and this should end by around 3pm. All are welcome, because sharing our ecumenical friendship extends to everyone, not just our local 5 churches. Please come and join us, let's share in our faith, worship and friendship.





Paul Joynes

# FIVE CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP FESTIVAL

## Sat 8 Aug 11:00

The Old Schoolroom
next to All Hallows Church, Harthill

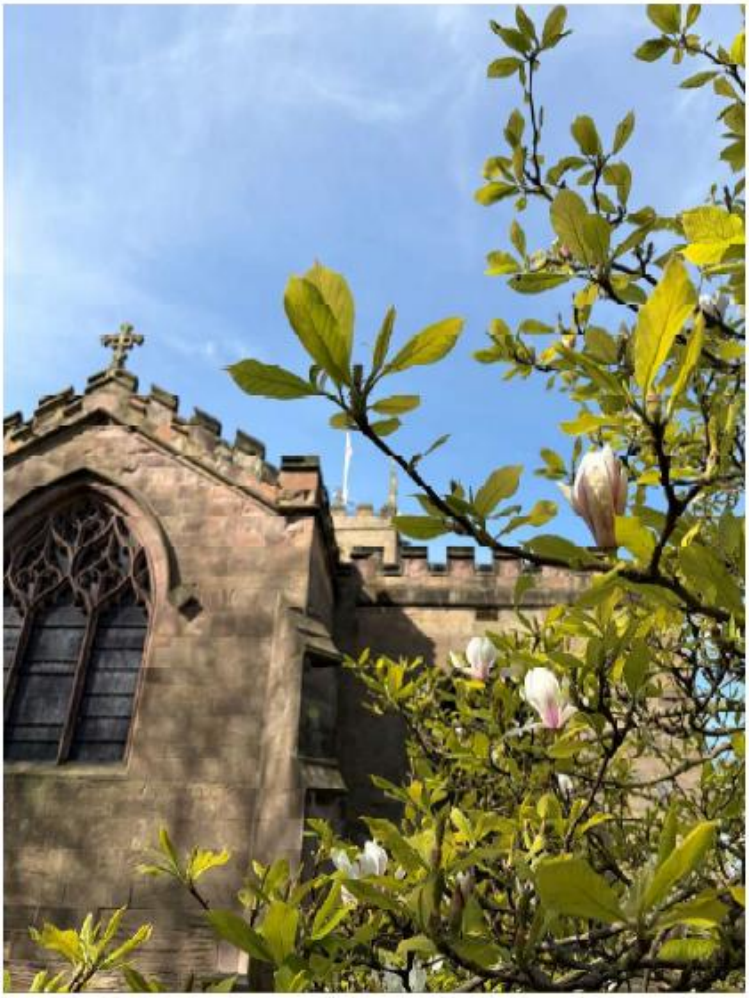
**Join us:**

for a walk around Harthill reservoir

bring a dish & share lunch

games & activities focused around 'Creation'

& music / singing



**Hello from Rev'd Adam Woodhouse**



Dear Friends,

My name is Adam and am pleased to have been called to serve within the Trinity Methodist Circuit as a URC Minister of Word and Sacrament from September. My wife Emily and Stepchildren Lucy, William and Hannah are looking forward to being part of your community. I'd love to give you a little introduction to who I am and my experience I hope to bring to The Circuit.

From the age of four years old I attended Christ Church URC in Hatfield, Herts, before this I attended a Church of England Church in Plymouth. Other than the first few years of my childhood, I have always been part of the URC. It was at Christ Church I came to faith at 11 years old and became a member a few years later. I was ordained as an Elder at the age of 21. At this church I was Elder for Youth and volunteered as a Youth Leader for a Youth Club for unchurched young people, this included planning an outreach event which attracted over 100 young people when we were expecting only about 30. I attended Boys' Brigade most of my childhood and served as the Captain of 1st Hatfield Boys' Brigade and as a national training officer. I am currently chair of Trustees for a Scout group in Blackburn.

In 2007 I moved to Bradford and in 2009 I was employed as Senior Youth Worker at The Edge Project, which is part of the work at Holme URC, and as a Youth worker at Westfield URC in Wyke. I was a serving Elder and also a member of the preaching team at Holme. As part of my role in Wyke, I co-led a Messy Church group in a local primary school and served as a school Governor. I have served as minister to the East Lancashire Missional Partnership and currently serve as Children, Youth and Family minister at St John's Owlerton.

I have been a Street Pastor, working in the night-time economy in Cambridge and Bradford. A highlight of my voluntary work is having the privilege of serving as a Police Chaplain for Cambridge and Greater Manchester Police and currently an Airport Chaplain at Manchester Airport. I spent time building friendships with police officers and staff, sometimes accompanying them on patrols and being available as a listening ear and to provide pastoral support as needed.

I enjoy leading Bible Studies and am looking forward to playing an active and supportive role in the mission and ministry around Trinity Methodist Circuit. Further afield I am a trustee of the Romans 111 Trust that works to offer mutual encouragement with pastors in Uganda and due to lead a Mission trip with some young people in July 2027.

My main hobbies are sailing and watching ice hockey games when time allows.
I am looking forward to meeting you all and supporting the great mission and ministry happening in the circuit and working with the team of ministers and Stewards serving the area.

God Bless,

Adam Woodhouse

**Thank you once again to everyone who has contributed to this edition of our Circuit Chat Newsletter.**

**The aim is to produce quarterly Circuit Chats, could you please send any articles for the next edition to…….**

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