

Dear Friends

I want to start by saying 'Thank you' to you all for your support and encouragement while I have been 'Acting Superintendent' of the Circuit. I have been able to get to know some of you more than I had been able to do previously and many of you have progressed from my 'knowing your name' to my 'knowing your face' as well as we have worked together more closely. I've enjoyed getting a broader view and experience of the Circuit and look forward to being able to recognise you (and hopefully put a name to you!) when we meet inside and outside our church environment.

In many ways the last 3 months have been a time of consolidation in the Circuit where we have taken stock of what is happening and made initial plans for the future – in some churches looking at your mission and vision and deciding where your priorities lie. If you have not yet done that then please feel free to contact me and I will come and share some time with your congregation to explore together where God might be leading you in the future and how you can join in with what he is already doing in your area.

You will see from the rest of this plan (and previous publicity) that there is a 'Lent Adventure' taking place at various venues around the Circuit. I'm sure Liz and Nikki would appreciate your support and attendance at these if you are able – they work very hard to organise these events.

You will also see various other Prayer Events being held around the Circuit. They are not intimidating events but you are very welcome to come and go as you please. Why not come and spend 10 minutes or 3 hours – or somewhere in between – away from the pressures of everyday life and commune with God in a quiet space?

Jade will soon be back with us and I'm sure will be sharing her Sabbatical experiences as well as catching up with all that has happened in her absence. I know she will have benefited enormously from her time away and will be ready to take up the reins again as we move into the future with God.

Again thank you to you all, and especially to the Circuit Leadership Team, for all your support and hard work over the last 3 months.

Every blessing

Susan