
CONNECT

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CHURCHES OF IPSWICH AND EAST



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EDITOR'S GREETING

Revd Adam Earle

The Summer Holiday season seems to fly by although I suspect, for some parents, the start of a new school year may come as a bit of a relief. I was blessed to enjoy a refreshing break, not quite as I had originally planned by good none-the-less.

Gillian and I spent just over a week on the Isle of Wight. This has the advantage of being relatively inexpensive as, apart from the expensive ferry crossing (you can get to France for less), we are able to stay with my parents which reduces the overall cost.

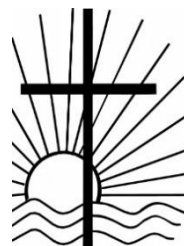
We enjoyed sea swims, walks and simple opportunities to do what we call "being" – outwardly this may appear to the untrained eye to be sitting doing nothing. It is however what God encourages in the concept of the Sabbath and what W. H. Davies refers to in his poem, *"What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare?"*

I hope that you all had an opportunity to enjoy some rest and recuperation over the summer period. Read on to find out some of things that have been going on across the pastorate since June.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ST JOHN'S URC

Revd Peter Ball



On Sunday 9th July it was good to again welcome Revd Peter Ball to lead our morning worship. Peter will be known to many folk across the pastorate and was one of our previous ministers.



Since 2017, Peter Ball has been working at Westminster College, Cambridge in the Director of Church Resource Development. Peter leads the college's wider remit of being a Resource Centre for Learning for the whole denomination, in addition to taking his full part in college life alongside his other teaching staff colleagues. He works closely with Synods and their Training Officers and Mission Enablers, as well as serving the denomination as part of the Walking the Way Steering Group and the Stepwise Task and Finish Group.

Peter trained at Westminster (1991-94) before ordination. He has had pastorates at Sawston Free Church, Little Abingdon and of course St John's URC Ipswich. Before taking up his post at Westminster, he was Mission and Training Officer for the URC's Eastern Synod.

Peter will be retiring later this year. His wife Catherine, also an active URC minister, will be retiring later. We understand that Peter has a long list of jobs to complete after his retirement and prior to Catherine's, many of which will revolve around their home in Saxmundham.

Buildings



The building at St John's, as with all of our church buildings, requires regular attention and maintenance.

Although it's the

newest building in the pastorate, being completed in the 1980s, it is showing some signs of wear and we have had to deal with a number of urgent matters over the last few months.

These have included a leaky gutter and roof in the sanctuary, directly above the sound desk which, thankfully avoided damage and the cost to repair the problem was lower than we feared. However we have had a failed, and leaking cold water tank which put the building out of action, with no water for drinking or flushing lavatories, for several days – this was resolved quickly but was costly. To cap it all we have also had to repair a radiator and attend to problems with one of the upstairs toilet facilities.

Over the last few months we have been working to repair and repaint the external

fire escape stairs leading from the upper hall to the main car park. This work is now nearing completion. The structural elements were completed by a professional provider and the rest of the work, involving hammering, wire brushing, removal of debris and painting has been carried out by church volunteers.

A huge thankyou is due to the Buildings Team and the many other volunteers who have worked so hard to attend to the problems. The church is grateful to everyone who plays a regular part in the cleaning and maintenance of the premises.

The remaining matter which needs our attention is the front garden which was damaged by an ambulance avoiding a collision. Thankfully the density of the plants meant that the ambulance came to a halt without causing damage to the building itself. We are now awaiting the insurance payment and planning how best to reinstate and eco-friendly front garden.

Hymn Sing



In the last edition of Connect we shared news of a Hymn Sing which took

place on April. We are planning to hold another one on **Saturday 4th November**. We will be sharing further details with the churches in the pastorate (and indeed in the area) nearer the time but hope that you might like to pencil the date into your diaries. It will be in the afternoon and, as before, will be followed by tea.

FELIXSTOWE URC



Wedding

On Friday 4th August Felixstowe URC were delighted to host the wedding of Kayleigh and Dan. The service was conducted by Revd David who had been in communication with the couple since their initial enquiry. It is always a pleasure to be part of such an important step on the journey of a couple, as they make their vows and look ahead to married life. May God bless Kayleigh and Dan in their marriage.

Ukraine 2 Felixstowe



The church continues to support the work of this important project including the provision of "The Hub" (our former choir vestry). The needs of our Ukrainian guests have shifted over time. Some of the guests have returned to Ukraine, despite the ongoing conflict. Some have moved out of Felixstowe due to the location of work and accommodation.

A key focus moving forward will be raising money, not so much for the guests who are in the UK, although we will not lose sight of their needs, but for sending to Ukraine to provide vital support and resources for those who face the day-to-day challenges of the war. We hope to be able to support in helping to facilitate fundraising opportunities for this purpose.

One key way in which folk are able to support our Ukrainian guest is by engaging in conversations, in English, to help them gain confidence in the language. Felixstowe URC have been hosting a series of "Coffee, Cake, Craft and Chat" (C4) sessions, organised by

U2F volunteers. The first three sessions, held on Sunday afternoons, have focussed on producing (crocheting) toppers for some of our local pillar boxes to be displayed to mark Ukraine Independence Day on 24th August. Any folk who would like to come along to support with conversation, practical skills or catering are always welcome.

As the war in Ukraine rages on with no sight of a swift or easy conclusion, we must continue to pray, support and encourage in any way we can to help the people there.

Reaching a Milestone



We often mark special birthdays, especially the "milestone" years. As of September, we will have five church members who have reached or exceeded their 90th Birthday. To mark this significant event, we will be holding a celebration tea on the afternoon of **Sunday 3rd September**. We would like to congratulate and celebrate all those of our number who have reached this wonderful age.

A Time to Remember

We will be holding a "Service of Remembering" on **Sunday 29th October** at **15:00** when we invite folk to gather and remember their loved ones. The



service has a reflective tone and includes hymns, readings, a short address and an act of remembering. If you would like to join us on this occasion, we would be happy to welcome you. We share refreshments afterwards.

LEISTON UNITED CHURCH



Wedding

On the afternoon of Friday 4th August we were delighted to welcome Kate and Paul to our church to celebrate their wedding. Kate's sister was married in the church in 2022. The service was conducted by Revd Adam, a first for him, who was also acting as the Authorised Person.

It was raining quite hard before the service, as the guests and family gathered, even when the bride arrived. We had a joyful service. By the end of our time together, the sun had made a breakthrough and folk were able to gather outside in Church Square for photographs. Many congratulations to Paul and Kate, may God bless you in your future life together.

Project40Seven



The shop premises adjacent to the church on the Church Square side are the base of a new and exciting community project for Leiston. Named after the address of the building (47 High Street) – the project includes a community café, a community pantry, arts and crafts for sale and many activities. The project, part of Creative Leiston, also organises regular events for the community, including live music in Church Square.

The Church is pleased to support the project including in providing additional space for activities within our premises. This will include such things as a Repair Café – something which is becoming increasingly popular wherever they are established.

Part of the project, "The Leiston Pantry" – a means of offering food, often with limited shelf life for very low price, has seen high demand. Along with the work of our own Food Bank there are many folk making use of the resource during these challenging times. Whilst it is not a cause for celebration that such things are in demand, it is at least encouraging that folk are able to find this help. We are looking to work in partnership with the pantry to support one another in the provision of food items in a complimentary rather than a competitive manner. Any donations of produce or money for either or both projects would be extremely welcome.

Building In Use



We are continuing to enhance the facilities we have to offer when making our premises available for other users. We have recently ordered new curtains for the hall and are hopeful that the blinds which cover the bi-folding doors leading to the Church Square will be repaired and replaced. We have also purchased a new shelving unit so that we can sort the books we make available for sale and provide storage for the various toys we have for use by the children who visit.

We are planning to declutter and dispose of a number of things to make better use of the space and make it more attractive. As with many church buildings, things tend to accumulate over time so we are taking the opportunity to tidy and make better use of the storage space we have available.

There have been a number of new bookings come in including a Pilates Class, currently holding a six-week trial to see how things

work out and a local theatre group will be using the building for their regular rehearsals. Other enquiries have been received.

Local Church Leaders



Fr Tony Rogers, the Parish Priest from All Saints Catholic Church, in Leiston, is retiring in

September. We wish him a fond farewell and thank him for all he has done in support of the local community. He has been a welcome part of the Leiston Christians Together activities. Fr Tony will be moving to Newmarket.

In September, All Saints will be welcoming their new priest Fr David Bagstaff. We pray that he will settle and feel at home quickly and look forward to working alongside him.



Our friends at Leiston Baptist Church will also be welcoming a new pastor in

September. Pastor Daniel Bryant and his family moved to Leiston in August. There will be a service of welcome at the Baptist Church on Saturday 23rd September. Again we look forward to meeting him and working alongside him.

SAXMUNDHAM URC



Working Together

At Saxmundham we continue to explore a range of ideas for mission and engagement with our neighbours and the wider community. We are always pleased to meet up with the members of other local churches

including St John CofE (Saxmundham), St Mary & St Peter CofE (Kelsale) and Kelsale Methodist Church. Our next activity together will be the annual service of Remembrance at **15:00** on **Sunday 12th November**. This year it will be held at Kelsale Parish Church. As usual it will be preceded by the procession led by the Leiston Royal British Legion Band. They also provide accompaniment for the hymns during the service.

Something New

In June we launched a new activity to engage with folk in the surrounding area, **Start the Week with a Cuppa**. Once each month we invite people to join us for refreshments, chat and activities.

At our June gathering we were pleased that one of our friends brought her little grandson along, his cheerful disposition and antics filled us all with delight. In July, a game of Scrabble ensued with a real sense of fun and competition in the air. We now have a “large print” Scrabble set which has been kindly donated, the tiles and board are somewhat larger than the basic version.

The dates of our forthcoming gatherings for the remainder of the year will be: **Monday 25th September, Monday 30th October** and **Monday 27th November**. If you are over in our direction and would like to join us, you would be most welcome.

Harvest Event

Something else new for us at Saxmundham, we will be holding an additional event to mark the harvest season. If you would like to join us you would be more than welcome. As well as refreshments, some stalls and a raffle we will be offering a “Harvest Brunch”

of freshly made soup, bread and fruit. Do come along and join the celebration. Here are the details:

**HARVEST SALE &
COFFEE MORNING**

SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER
10:00am to 11:30

STALLS BRUNCH
REFRESHMENT RAFFLE

DO COME AND JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE
SEASON WITH FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

ALL ARE WELCOME


LEISTON & SAXMUNDHAM JOINT WEBSITE

Leiston United Church (Methodist/URC)
and Saxmundham United Reformed Church

Home Contact News & Diary Leiston United Church Saxmundham United Reformed Church Room Hire Safeguarding

TWO CHURCHES – ONE WEBSITE

Welcome to the combined website for Leiston United Church (Methodist/URC) and Saxmundham United Reformed Church.
Click the logos below or use the menu tabs to find out more about the two churches.



Both churches are part of the Ipswich and East URC Pastorate
which includes Leiston United Church, Saxmundham United Reformed Church,
Felixstowe United Reformed Church, St John's United Reformed Church (Ipswich)
and Castle Hill United Reformed Church (Ipswich).

This announcement should be accompanied with a bit of a fanfare. We are pleased to announce that the new Leiston United and Saxmundham URC joint website is now up and running. Our address is:
www.saxurcleistonuc.org.uk

We have tried to keep things clear and simple. From the “Home” page there are links to the pages which give information about each of the churches. There is a contacts page, a news and diary page (covering both churches) and information about hall hire and safeguarding.

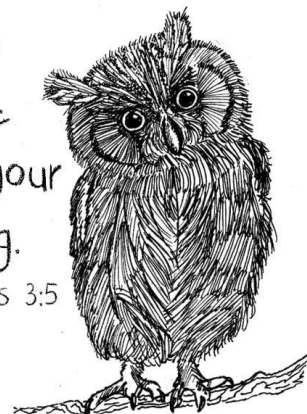
The Calendar on the diary page is easy to update so we will aim to keep things up to date. New articles will also be shared alongside announcements and details of special events.

We will be adding more information about the different groups that meet in and make use of our church premises to each of the church pages. We always invite feedback, especially if you notice something that is out of date, incorrect or have an idea of what else might be included on the site whilst keeping things straightforward and easy to maintain.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be updating the details on the URC and Methodist Church websites that direct folk to our website. Even if you don't usually make use of the internet please do share the web address with others so that they can access the information.

Trust in the LORD
with all your heart
and lean not on your
own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5



CASTLE HILL URC



Mussbach Visit

Back in June (7th – 12th June), as part of our long standing and ongoing partnership with the church in Mussbach, we were delighted to welcome folk taking part in our annual visit.



Various events and activities were organized and were much enjoyed by all involved. On Thursday 8th June there was a visit to Felixstowe for a walk and seafront refreshments – it was a rather windy day.

The Friday saw much calmer weather, a warm Sunny day in fact, for our visit to Blickling Hall – a most engaging and beautiful setting. The return journey was broken by a delicious meal at Diss Golf Club.

Saturday 10th we held a wonderful social evening and meal together. Entertainment included a giant sudoku, competitive jigsaw puzzling and amusing prize draw.

On Sunday 11th we gathered for worship and shared in a bi-lingual, warm and engaging time of worship. If you want to find out more about it you can watch the service on the YouTube channel here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RY5Ai2wShn8

Annual Charities BBQ

Another popular event in our church diary is the annual Charities BBQ. On Saturday 8th July, folk gathered to enjoy a time of fellowship, sparkling conversation, delicious food and entertainment.



The event was very well attended and over £300 was raised for “Family First” and “Suffolk Refugee Support”.

Holiday @ Home

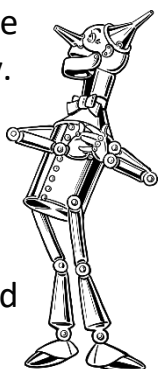
This much welcomed annual event took place, this year on the 25th and 26th July. Our theme this year was “Germany”. Activities included: Painting, Craftwork, Entertainers, Games, Keep fit, A sing along and many others. Home-cooked food was very much enjoyed by all.



On the second day a marquee was erected in the Church Sports Hall for Castle Hill's version of an Oktoberfest. No Alcohol but plenty of tea and cake!

CHAPS Production

The Castle Hill Amateur Players (CHAPS) are currently rehearsing for an Autumn performance of a Pantomime version of the Wizard of Oz story. It is somewhat different to the familiar film and musical version. The performances are scheduled to take place at the church on Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th October. We hope



that folk from across the pastorate would come and enjoy the entertainment. Further details and tickets will be available in September.

Harvest Festival Across the Porate

The Harvest Festival is a much loved and valued celebration. We give thanks to God for the many blessings we enjoy and reflect on the beauty of creation and our stewardship of it. We offer gifts of gratitude, to share with those in need and sing our hymns of praise. Here are details of how and when we will be celebrating in our pastorate churches.

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Leiston Christians Together
HARVEST CELEBRATION & TEA
15:00 in Church Square

SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

Saxmundham URC
HARVEST COFFEE MORNING & SALE
10:00 – 11:30 in the Church Hall

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

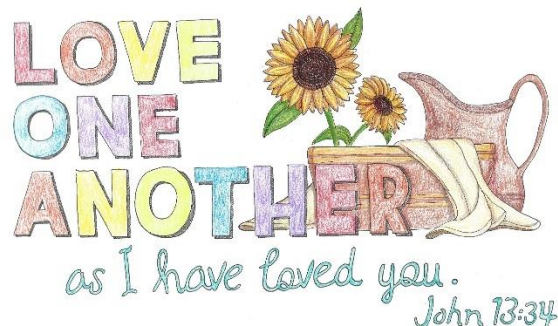
St John's URC
HARVEST SERVICE
10:45 led by Revd Adam
Leiston United Church
HARVEST AFTERNOON SERVICE & TEA
14:00 led by Revd Adam

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER

Castle Hill URC
HARVEST SERVICE & COMMUNION
10:30 led by Revd David
Followed by Harvest Lunch

Felixstowe URC
HARVEST SERVICE & COMMUNION
10:30 led by Revd Adam

Saxmundham URC
HARVEST PRAISE SERVICE
10:45 led by the Elders



**DUGGIE DUG DUG'S
AWESOME BUBBLE
PRAISE PARTY**

SUE HARDY – LEISTON UNITED CHURCH

On Sunday 4th June, the Children and Families Department of URC Eastern Synod organised a Praise Party for children (of all ages!). The party was led by



Dougie Dug Dug, aka Doug Horley. The party was hosted by Christ Church, Braintree. This was an ideal excuse for a girl's day out with my two granddaughters, Harper (7) and Emma (11). We were joined by Emma's friend Bella (11).

Upon arrival we were warmly welcomed and taken into the large worship area. The dais had been "converted" to a stage and the team were preparing. I helped to arrange chairs into a large semi-circle leaving a spacious clear area for children (and some adults) to sit on the floor.

Doug welcomed everyone and explained, with video clips, that bubbles were created

by God and showed us how God used bubbles in creation. We learned that penguins store bubbles in their feathers, releasing them to provide “jet propulsion” for fast swimming. Another clip showed whales blowing bubbles to encircle a shoal of fish, trapping them before scooping up a large mouthful.

Between the clips Dougie led us in prayers of praise and thanksgiving and led us in some lively action songs. By this time, I had fully embraced my inner child.

It was next time for some bubble making. Dougie blew some large bubbles which floated above the gathered group. Water pistols were produced to shoot some of them down. A few folk got rather wet but this didn't dampen the mood.

There followed bubble popping with amusing sound effects, more actions songs and praise and more facts about bubbles. Various volunteers experienced having hats of bubbles built on their heads, bubble rockets launched from their heads. Bubbles were filled with helium and sent way up to the ceiling with cheers as they reached their destination. Others were filled with smoke and there were even bubbles within bubbles.

Finally, the time came for the really big bubbles with more volunteers coming forward. Some were actually placed inside giant bubbles where they discovered that they could blow against the wall of the bubble and a small bubble would burst out from it with the child still safely inside. The final bubble accommodated two children.

The Praise Party ended with more singing and dancing to the accompaniment of a shower of hundreds of bubbles. After warm

applause for Dougie, we were invited into the hall to share in refreshments including drinks, snacks and cakes. The girls quickly found a space at the end of a table and tucked in! Tea, coffee and biscuits were provided for the adults – much appreciated after all the dancing and excitement.

As we were leaving the church we stopped at a small stall selling some of Doug's CDs. I bought a set of CDs so we can learn a few new, lively worship songs. Harper became the proud owner of a dolphin finger puppet. Doug was there and we were invited back into the church and each had a turn at standing inside a bubble – wow!



A MESSAGE FROM THE URC FINANCE TEAM

To: All members and adherents of United Reformed Churches and our Local Ecumenical Partnerships

Dear Friends,

When will normal service be resumed? As we are writing this letter and closing off the URC's accounts for 2022, the country is still torn with industrial disputes, mostly notably with Health Service workers, rail industry workers, teachers etc. etc. Whatever your view as to the wisdom or justice of such action, we suspect all of us are affected by the disruption to some degree.

In church life too, are we back to “normal life”? Some churches no doubt have returned to something like their pre-Covid level of activity and attendance numbers. Quite a few have recommenced their activity but find their numbers have reduced. Some churches have found re-opening too difficult and have decided to close.

Whatever the “new normal” was to be, we suggest its arrival has (like many trains) been disrupted, delayed, or cancelled all together.

The URC’s finance officers had concerns that the late arrival of the return to normality would impact very significantly on the giving to the M&M Fund in 2022. However, the churches responded magnificently and the giving to M&M was £600,000 ahead of budget. It was also only 2.5% down on 2021’s result.

So, thank you to all who continued to contribute to your local church, thank you to all those churches who met their commitment for 2022 in full, and thank you to all those who, in adversity, continued to treat the M&M Fund as the first priority and paid what they could.

With normal service not yet resumed, 2023 is not going to be an easy year either. We now have the added disruption of high inflation, pushing up wages and overhead costs. As the Spirit directs and as our means allow, can the churches once more respond to the call of our gracious, loving and ever-generous God?

Again, thank you all!

If you have any questions or comments arising from this letter, please speak to your church treasurer who has been provided with more detailed information. If they are not able to help directly then they can get in touch with the finance team at Church House.

Yours in Christ,
Ian Hardie (Treasurer)
Vaughan Griffiths (Deputy Treasurer)



South Suffolk Area Partnership NEWS

The churches of the Ipswich and East URC Pastorate are part of the Eastern Synod of the United Reformed Church. The Synod has a number of area partnerships in place. We are part of the South Suffolk Area Partnership (SSAP).

The SSAP currently includes nineteen local congregations. In addition to the five churches in our pastorate, these include: Christ Church LEP (Ipswich), Whiting Street (Bury St Edmunds), Clare, Haverhill, Hadleigh, Monks Eleigh, Framlingham LEP, Christchurch LEP (Needham Market), Southgate LEP, Stowmarket, Haughley, Stowupland, Mendlesham and Debenham.

We currently have four stipendiary ministers in post, Revd David Rees, Revd Adam Earle in our pastorate, Revd Neil Coulson who serves Christ Church (Ipswich) and Revd Robert Sheard who serves the Central Suffolk Churches including and surrounding Stowmarket. We also work with some of our Methodist colleagues, serving the LEPs including Revd Rita Carr and Revd Saul Tadzaushe.

Farewell to Revd Bryn Rickard

In June, Revd Bryn Rickard moved on from Hadleigh to take up a mission post in Oxford. We extend our thanks and appreciation to Bryn for all he did whilst ministering in Hadleigh and, not least of all, for serving as Interim Moderator to the pastorate during the appointment of Revd Adam. We pray that he and his family settle well into their new roles and context.

We pray for Hadleigh and the other churches currently in vacancy (some for a considerable period) as discussions take place. The Eastern Synod are working to establish a new model for deployment of ministers in future but this will take time and requires careful consideration.

Area Partnership Celebration & Tea



On Sunday 9th July, at 16:00, about 35 folk from the various churches of the

SSAP, including representatives from our pastorate churches, gathered for a celebration service and tea at Christ Church Needham Market.

We were welcomed by Revd Rita Carr. Worship was led by Eastern Synod Moderator Revd Lythan Nevard on the theme of praise. Revd Adam had a wonderful time at the organ (an instrument that rarely gets played these days) and the singing was joyful and robust.

The bring and share tea, served in the church hall after worship, was impressive – as is often the case on such occasions there was more than enough to go round. Thanks to everyone who contributed and to Christ Church for welcoming us an offering such warm hospitality.

The next edition of Connect will be published in December 2023. If you have any items that would be suitable for inclusion then please send them to Revd Adam on revaje@outlook.com



Eastern Synod News & Updates

Here are a few key points and dates from the July edition of the Eastern Synod Newsletter. If you would like to read the full newsletter, please contact Revd Adam to request a copy.

Synod Meetings



The next meeting of the Eastern Synod will take place on **Saturday 14th October**

at **Castle Hill URC** from 10:00 and 16:00. Future dates and venues are Saturday 9th March 2024 at Downing Place URC, Cambridge and Saturday 12th October 2024 at Witham URC.

Faith In Action Day



The synod will be holding its Faith in Action Day 2023 on **Saturday 30th September 2023** at Epping United Reformed Church. It will be an exciting day of workshops, talks and youth activities on social justice topics from a variety of speakers. All are welcome.

URC EASTERN SYNOD BIG DAY OUT 2024 SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024

Following the success of the Big Day Out event held at Trinity Park in Summer 2022,



we are planning to hold another such event next year. Please **save the date** so that you can come and join the fun – for all ages.



URC General Assembly 2023

Revd Adam Earle

As I still count as a “new” minister, (I think I can get away with that excuse for three years!), I was invited to attend the 2023 General Assembly of the United Reformed Church – this is the largest council of the denomination. I attended as one of about ten representatives of the Eastern Synod which also included my fellow “new minister” Revd Mark Hayes from Thaxted URC.

General Assembly met from Friday 30th June to Monday 3rd July at The Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick. This was an ideal setting with comfortable accommodation, good food and facilities. The one slight disappointment was that the air conditioning in the main hall was not working.

General Assembly was attended by several hundred representatives from each of the thirteen URC Synods plus ecumenical delegates who were invited to be full participants in the proceedings. Some additional folk were also able to join via Zoom including some of the speakers.

Assembly opened with worship and we then proceeded to business. There were a wide range of topics addressed over the four days and we attended to a considerable number of resolutions.

The “decision making” process at Assembly is somewhat complex and relies on consensus. Each representative is issued with three cards, Orange, Blue and White. When invited to do so by the Moderator, we indicated with our orange card if we were

“warm” to accepting a particular proposal or with our blue card if we were “cool” to an idea and wanted to make further representation or ask further questions. The white cards were used when the consensus indicated that all were ready to proceed and resolutions were passed by a two-thirds plus majority.

Some of resolutions which proved more challenging or needed additional work were referred to a “facilitation” group. The groups made further proposals at later sessions and resolutions were then considered, consensus sought and votes conducted.

The full collection of papers and resolutions and minutes of General Assembly can be accessed on the URC website. Of particular interest would be the work of the URC Church Life Review Group. This includes the Theos Report about the URC completed by an independent group. A copy of this report can also be found on the URC website. Search for the URC Theos report entitled “The United Reformed – A Paradoxical Church at a Crossroads”. It makes very interesting reading.

One particular point to note is the induction of the new Moderator of General Assembly for 2024 – the URC’s first black and ethnically-minoritised woman Moderator - the Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson.



Ordained in 2018, Dr Henry-Robinson has responsibility for four congregations in the East London Group, a multi-culturally diverse constituency. Tessa’s induction is a proud moment in the life of the denomination.