



The Methodist Church

East Anglia District

Chair of the District: Rev Dr Julian M. Pursehouse

Dear Friends,

It is a joy and a privilege to call you to attend the next meeting of the East Anglia District Representative Synod on **Saturday April 27th**. We will be meeting at Huntingdon Methodist Church in the St. Neots and Huntingdon Circuit. As we gather, it is an opportunity to worship and pray, to renew our connections across the District, to confer and reflect upon the work of God and to be encouraged through our mutual sharing of the good news of God's work amongst us.

At this Spring Representative Synod, we will focus upon the theme of '**Worship and Celebration**' which will include an opportunity to mark and celebrate the **50th. Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the British Methodist Church**. In the afternoon, I have been invited to lead a Bible Study on the Epistle to the Philippians with a particular focus upon the theme of *partnerships in the Gospel*. Although we are focusing particularly upon Philippians 1:1-11, I would encourage all Synod members if you had the time, to read the whole Epistle in readiness for our time together. Do not worry it is a short Epistle!!

At Synod we will hold before us the life of the District and receive reports from various groups and individuals who take responsibility for areas of work. There will also be an opportunity to bid farewells to various members of our gathering.

As is usually the case, we would encourage you to think about the use of public transport where possible, to be discerning about the use of cars and share transport where possible.

With every blessing for a joyful day,

Julian