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Dear friends,

I recently read the following in Anne Morrow Lindbergh's book "Gift from the Sea" -
"With our pitchers [buckets] we attempt sometimes to water a field, not a garden."

It is a quote which begs many questions about, our ambitions, and hopes as well as our resources and abilities. It certainly got me thinking!

After making the very difficult decision to "sit down" in summer 2026 (or retire in most people's language), I am trying to prepare the ground for the arrival next year of a new superintendent, God and Stationing willing! Please pray for the 2025/2026 Stationing process.

Each season of the year there is produced a Circuit Newsletter - hopefully you get a copy or at least a chance to read it. This I think is a realistic "garden to water", having been a superintendent for the last year and continuing to be one. I am therefore sorry to say that this is my last monthly Newsletter.

I hope that the news shared in the Circuit Newsletter will continue to inspire and encourage you, prompt you in your prayers and challenge us all in our ongoing mission to share the love of Jesus at all times and in all places. At times our buckets may seem small and the fields great, but, as we work together with Jesus whom we are reminded in John's gospel (**John 4:14**) is the *spring of water welling up to eternal life*, hopefully together, across the whole Circuit and beyond, we will continue to water many more fields, gardens... with Christ, the gift of God, as our living water (**John 4:10**).

With every good wish,

Janet



ECO WIN!



Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Plan to incorporate locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness, ensuring superior flavour compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, this month, include giving thanks for your local food producers.

CIRCUIT PRAYERS

Chopwell “With Wednesdays” coffee and drop in preceded by a prayer time
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9.15 am Wednesday 2nd July

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