

## **Minister's Letter**

I've been privileged this summer to see God at work in a variety of different places and in different ways. In the Knights hospitaller in Malta, seeking to help the sick, injured and the poor. In the thousands of young people who worshipped, prayed, got filled with the Holy Spirit, were healed and came to know Jesus for the first time at Soul Survivor. In the living room and the bread church where people who struggle with life generously shared all that they had with each other. Leading children in worship and being led by children in worship at holiday club. God was definitely leading me when I needed the words to say at several bedsides whilst covering the hospital chaplaincy and through the re – invitation process. It is good to know that God is still active in our world, through ordinary people just like us.

I remember listening to conversation between two people a long time ago, the first person was bemoaning the fact that God appeared to be absent in our world today whilst the second person insisted that God is still active we just need eyes to see it. Sound advice it seems to me as it can be easy to focus on what is wrong and completely miss what God is doing. I wonder where are the places in your world that you've seen God at work over the last months? It would be great to share those experiences with each other so that we could all be encouraged. Maybe you could start to keep a journal that records all such times and then share it someone you know needs encouraging.

This connexional year I pray that God would give us all eyes to see what God is up to and where God is working.

**Blessings, Rev Jan**

### **From the Southport Circuit**

Congratulations to **Rev Jan** whose work with Messy Church has been recognised and who is now the Regional Coordinator, not just for the Methodist Churches in Southport but for all the other denominations as well. Messy Church is a great opportunity for outreach to families and young people who may not normally consider attending church.

On Sunday, 6th September, the welcome service will be held at St Philip & St Paul with Wesley for our new Superintendent Minister, **Rev. Marie-Anne Kent**. Marie Anne will be the Methodist Minister in charge of PPW & St Francis churches and will be living in the Manse in Falkland Road. We welcome Marie-Anne, husband David and their two sons, Josh and Sam to our circuit and look forward to a great time together.

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