

## **An introduction to Ian Purcell and to sharing his newsletters with the Circuit**

I have been asked by one of your members to introduce myself and my role. I'm Ian Purcell, a 50 + year old, husband and father of 2 girls. Originally from rural borderland North Wales I now find myself working in borderland South Wales as a Rural Missioner employed by a group of 12 Baptist churches in Monmouthshire and South Herefordshire. Since I left home at 18 I have lived almost always in towns and cities so my imminent move from our Cardiff home to a rural setting again will be exciting!

I started working in July and have used the time to get to know those who attend the various congregations. It has been said it will take the whole church to take the whole gospel to the whole world. Locally I believe that means it will take Methodists, Baptists, Anglicans and all those of faith working together to take the gospel to those in our communities. Luke 14:22-24 excites me - it means there is room in heaven for all who live in our country lanes to come in!

I have so enjoyed getting to know some lovely folk across the Methodist circuit in my early days and I look forward to our working together in the days ahead for the sake of the gospel. Exciting days ahead!

We as a Circuit find this interesting as we too are serious about the place of and opportunities for the rural chapels, and would like to offer Ian our prayers and, hopefully, also in future, our practical support in this outreach mission work.