



**Thames North Synod  
Personalia**

**Paper A  
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**NEWS OF MINISTERS**

**RETIREMENTS**

**Revd John Mackerness** retired from the Heathrow Chaplaincy and as Synod Candidating Secretary on 31 August 2024.

**Revd Heather Whyte** retires from Newland Church on 31 October 2024. She will be moving to Fife in Scotland.

**MOVES OUT OF THAMES NORTH SYNOD**

**Revd Melanie Smith**, on her return from Fiji, moved to West Midlands where she has been appointed Training and Development Officer for the synod.

**Revd Mark Meatcher**, on his return from Fiji, moved to West Midlands Synod where he will serve East Birmingham and Solihull Pastorate.

**Revd Leslie Noon (Methodist)** left Howard Memorial Church on 3 September 2024.

**Revd Val Reid (Methodist)** left Christchurch, Hitchin, in September 2024.

**Revd Ayodegi Okegbile (Methodist)** left Askew Road Church (Methodist/United Reformed) in September 2024.

**MOVES INTO THAMES NORTH SYNOD**

**Revd Stanslous (Stan) Chatikobo was inducted** to Trinity Knebworth, Walkern & Sandon and Ashwell URCs on 7 May 2024. He and his family moved to the UK from Zimbabwe.

**Revd Wilbert Sayimani** was inducted to Ickenham and Christ Church Uxbridge on 21 September 2024.

**Revd Vida Fojay (Supernumerary Methodist Minister)** was welcomed to Askew Road Church (Methodist/United Reformed) in September 2024.

**Revd Jacob Donkoh (Methodist)** was welcomed to Christchurch, Hitchin, on 31 August 2024.

**Revd Paulette Tedd (Methodist)** was welcomed to Howard Memorial Church, Cardington, on 1 September 2024.

## DEATHS

**Revd Donald Macarthur** died, aged 91, on 14 August 2024. Donald was born on 7 May 1933 and leaves his wife Pat. He was minister at St Margaret's Presbyterian Church (now URC/Moravian) at Harlesden 1963-69 and St Andrew's Frognaal between 1987-2017. In July last year the Moderator presented Donald with a certificate recognising 60 years since his ordination.

**Revd Greta Morgan** died peacefully at home on 24 July 2024 at the age of 95. She was the widow of a URC minister who served at Askew Road URC and was Interim Moderator there (from January/February 1986 to end August 1987) before his induction. She also served in Birmingham District between 1981-83 and Central London District from 1983-98. She leaves a son and daughter, Jon and Ghislaine.

**John Wheatley**, a longtime member of Bromley-by-Bow URC, died on 11 September 2024. He attended from way back in the 1950's and served as Church Secretary, Treasurer and Synod Representative for many years, indeed until he died.

*Sue McCoan & Colleen Fraser, October 2024*