

## **PASTOR'S PATCH**



## **WANTED!**

Do you recognise this man? I hope so, because he has been working among us for the past 15 months! At the Special Church Members Meeting this past week we considered a proposal from the church leaders regarding the appointment of an Associate Pastor. Following discussion there was agreement that this was a wonderful God-given opportunity and a unanimous decision to support the proposal. He has the full support of the church as we recognise his gifts, his heart for the Lord and his desire to serve in God's Kingdom

I'm therefore delighted to announce Colin Opie as our new part-time Associate Pastor from 1st February 2024 for a term of at least two years. We are planning an ordination and induction service on 20th April 2024, but will benefit immediately from his continued love and service.

Colin will work alongside Darrell and Maria as part of the Ministerial team, and in partnership with the leaders and members of the church. Please pray for the Lord's protection over Colin and Jill at this time, that the enemy may not seek to unsettle them following their obedience to the Lord's call on their lives.

When instructing Timothy about the affairs of running a local church, the Apostle Paul wrote

*The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honour, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.  
For Scripture says, "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain,"  
and "The worker deserves his wages."*  
1 Timothy chapter 5 verses 17-18

At the induction service, we, the congregation will be invited to say these words

*"Do you welcome and accept Colin as your pastor, and do you promise to honour and support him with your love and prayers, working together with him in your shared calling to witness to Christ in this place?"*

Please don't wait to fulfil that promise, but give Colin (and Jill)  
your double honour from this moment onwards.

***Darrell Holmes***