**District Agricultural Chaplain’s Farewell Report**

At last I am writing my 'swan-song' after serving the District since May 6th (Synod 2000 at Sheringham Methodist Church) as Agricultural Chaplain for the District.

In October 1999 I was invited for interview at the Chair of District’s house, with Rev'd Malcolm Braddy and Rev'd Ralph Webb, thinking I was one of many for the appointment. Not so, it was just me.

With such a large area it was certainly a huge challenge, and looking back I don't think I have covered the District as I had hoped at the beginning. The appointment has certainly opened doors for me to spread the word, from small church weeknight meetings to the larger involvement of leading the time of reflection at the civic service when I was a District Councillor and the prayers at Bury Cathedral Harvest thanksgiving services.

Yes God has been good, and with health problems with my wife Muriel, who has been so very important supporting my ministry, and my own fracture of the spine which now restricts driving, we can look back with some fond memories of meeting some wonderful people, who I have been aware have been praying for us for the last two years especially.

Farming is struggling, as most of you are aware, with so much water falling since October last year. With pictures of tractors stuck even on lighter land, it is certainly a difficult time. I have always tried to convince myself that things will come good again and they usually do, but with so many areas of land under water for so long I doubt the sown crop will survive. Already I have heard of some re-drilling.

Keep praying that the wars will end and some sort of normality will return.

Thank you to everyone for your support since 2000.

I am hoping a person can be found to replace me, because there is a real need to listen to the farming personnel. The hymn at my commissioning service was 'Will you come and follow me if I but call your name' - will you??

George W Frost