

Rev Kate Strange

Greetings friends I am the Rev Kate Strange and below is a few words of introduction as you have just received the hopefully exciting news that I will be joining the circuit from August 2022.

I am currently serving in the heart of Derbyshire where I am working in 'team ministry alongside other colleagues' this we have found has allowed our natural gifts and skills to flourish. I have pastoral charge over 6 of the 22 churches in the circuit and serve as the co-superintendent with the Chair of District. Within the circuit I am responsible for the training provision, this currently is for the Local Preachers and the safeguarding as well as encouraging and enabling all families and children's work which is a real joy!

Within the wider District of Nottingham and Derby I uphold the position of one of the Deputy Chairs. This role has been a real joy travelling across the district seeing different projects supporting people and learning new skills. I am a District safeguarding Trainer and the independent chair of the District Safeguarding Executive and therefore safeguarding is a high priority for me. I am a Local preacher tutor and trainer and enjoy seeing people flourish and progress through their studies. In the wider connexion I have for the past two years had the opportunity to sit on the Methodist Council and have been for the past year working on the Deliverance working party. Although my time with council draws to a close the deliverance working group continues something I feel passionately about. I also serve on other connexional committees which I feel broadens my ministry and helps to keep me abreast of the current policy's, procedures and strategies of the Methodist church. Previously I have served in the Black Country and as Superintendent in North Wales as well as seven years as Head of Pastoral and Spiritual care in a large NHS Trust working with those with Mental Health challenges and end of life care. My degree is in Theology but my Masters is in Palliative care. I am a published author and I have a passion for creative writing, music and puppets!

I live in Tansley near Matlock with my husband Paul, who is the Senior Circuit Steward and a Local Preacher, we have 4 children and 8 Grandchildren between us and live with our 2 dogs and 3 cats. We love motorbiking and scuba diving when we get some free time. We are both really looking forward to coming and serving with you and making our home with you all.

