

## Rev. John Gareth Hughes

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I was born in Chester but raised just along the coast in Flint and spent many a happy holiday in this area.

It was a delight to return to North Wales to take up the position of Superintendent Minister of the Bangor & Holyhead Methodist Circuit in September 2019. For the 5 years prior to this I was a Minister in the Bridlington Circuit on the East Yorkshire Coast.

Following a career in the Civil Service and Local Government – where I was active in the Trade Union movement - and trained for the Methodist Ministry at the Queen’s Foundation in Birmingham. I was Ordained at Wesley’s Chapel, London.

One of the exciting aspects of moving to this area is that I have been invited to serve as the Methodist Chaplain (and as a member of the Chaplaincy Team) at Bangor University – that embraces offering a listening ear to both students and staff - in such a vibrant setting.

I have been described as a ‘people person’ and have found through chatting, praying and working alongside individuals, congregations and communities that fresh opportunities for change, challenge and growth can be discerned and developed. I view myself as being a reflective practitioner and encourage others to exercise this approach. I am an experienced administrator with a sound knowledge of governance practice within Methodism which I believe provides our Churches with solid foundations for responsible safeguarding practice and adventurous outreach.

My personal Ministry has been enriched through the active cooperation of my wife Christine (herself a Local Preacher) in a practical and prayerfully supportive way. Christine and I enjoy visiting historic houses and gardens and watching football – the beleaguered Chester FC in particular. I am a keen amateur photographer and a half-decent cook! I am a fluent – but very rusty – Welsh speaker!

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