

**THE WOLDS AND TRENT CIRCUIT  
OF THE  
METHODIST CHURCH IN  
LINCOLNSHIRE**

# **LINK**



**December 2014-  
January 2015**

## Pastoral Letter

In December all the Market Rasen town ministers get together and lead a carol service for the 11 and 12-year-old pupils at the De Aston Comprehensive School. The theme of the service is, *the true meaning of Christmas*. This year each of us has been challenged to sum up what it means to us in just 140 characters of a 'tweet'. That equates to approximately 30 words and probably the shortest sermon any of us will ever write.

How would you do it? What would you say, how would you explain the Christmas story in approximately 30 words? Here are some of my attempts, it is quite a challenge.

- Angels, Mary, love, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, Jesus as a baby, all point to a new beginning with God.
- God made everything, it was good and it had freedom to choose, but it chose to spoil itself, so God sent Jesus to clean up, following him is the start of putting things right.
- Hope, peace, love, joy; from the beginning this was always God's intention, Jesus came to say it again.

When you pull the crackers on Christmas Day forget the joke or verse that comes with it, take turns to explain the true meaning of Christmas in as few words as possible.

What for you is the true meaning of Christmas?

God bless.

Andrew.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

## Brookenby

**Church Contact:** Mrs M Nicholls 01472 398364

## Caistor

**Church Contact:** Mr M James 01472 851965

Greetings from Caistor

Due to family commitments we have not spent much time at Church in Caistor this month, none the less it has been an exciting time here. Unfortunately for readers it is once again my turn to relate the activities at the end of October.

I was looking through some old Scripture Union children's material a few weeks ago and came across a series entitled "What makes a Church?" Children were led through the early Church in Acts which then linked to our Church today. Now, as then, it concluded that what makes a church is

People who believe  
People who work for God  
People who go and tell  
People who love one another

If confirmation was needed that this is true, once again we experienced it first-hand.

In early September we had concerns that due to other pressures it may not be feasible to run the Bright Light Bash again this year. A meeting of prayer and discussion was organised and I'm sure we gathered with the prime aim of finding excuses to cancel the event. But the Lord wasn't about to let us get away that easily!!

A few days before the meeting Andrew had sent me a link to Scripture Union Light Party pack, which we used to examine our thoughts. We reflected on why we were having the party, the origins of Halloween, the old Christian traditions and could we make it a pastoral opportunity. And surprise, surprise - not only were we rejuvenated with new ideas for the event on 31<sup>st</sup> October but we also had plans for the Own Arrangement service our stewards were leading the week before and the All Age Worship the Sunday after. We had a three-phase approach to proclaiming Jesus, Light of the World. SU led a campaign on Facebook, "7 Days of Light" on the days leading up to Halloween with some wonderful light relate posters and it felt that we were part of that national campaign.

Our illuminated Church and all the Bright Light Bash related activities are now very much part of the Caistor Community calendar on 31<sup>st</sup> October. We provide a safe haven and centre of light for families from both Caistor and Grasby. We are meeting and building up relationships with many of our visitors. The buzz is infectious. I cannot thank the Church family enough for their support - those who donated sweets, food, cakes and money to make this our gift to the community. those who helped on the night including the new volunteers who didn't quite know what they were letting themselves in for, the creative group who make it all happen (especially the creepy crawly corner) and most importantly all the prayers that were offered during the whole build-up and throughout the event. Without prayer warriors we just could not function. What made the night special - for me it was the Garden Service which was attended by so many people, it was oozing with love; as a contrast to all the noise beforehand inside the Church people silently lit nightlights to form a heart and cross.

***A note:*** to the teenage hecklers at the beginning of the service, did they realise that as they strode off they were singing God's words, and to the youths who asked for the pumpkins as we cleared up, you were carrying God's symbols around the town!!!

From the first Sunday where the Church proclaimed Jesus: Light of the World, to the Bright Light Bash itself and the All Saints Service where we re-enacted the story of Gideon, who led God's people to victory with just Light and Noise God's spirit was certainly lighting our lives. Someone described to me that they felt that the light in our church that week was so bright they needed sunglasses. What a God-given experience.

Now I pray that the Light and Noise of our Bright Light Bash may, like Gideon's army, throw the enemy into turmoil and be triumphant for our Lord

I end, as the Garden Service ended with these words

*You have found me  
I have seen you  
Daily I know you  
cherishing me*

*Kindle and draw me  
Into the light of your loving  
every night and day  
of my journey home*

*As the candle  
so my life;  
flickering, burning, changing  
alight and warm  
with light  
which is You*

Christian Blessings from  
Judith

## Faldingworth

**Church Contact:** Mrs C Waite 01673 885249

We went to Middle Rasen on a sunny October morning to join friends who were having a service conducted by Rev Anne. It was good to see familiar faces.

Mr Gordon Dixon came to take our service on the last Sunday in October. It had been quite a while since he was at Faldingworth and it was good to welcome him again. The roses in the Chapel garden were still in bloom and the sun shone so we were able to use our wall heaters instead of the oil heating!

Jane managed to be free that Sunday so it was great to have the hymns accompanied by organ music Glenys, who has moved into Faldingworth came to join us. She was very welcome.

The Memorial Sunday Service was held at the Parish Church this year. Rev Anne and Cynthia Bunch led the service. Some of us were able to attend.

We are fortunate to have a brass plaque in the Chapel and the names of the soldiers who fought and died in the 1914-1918 war are on it. We welcomed Paul, who read these out during the service. We are very grateful too, for the research work put in by Mr David Oliver to find out something about these soldiers, born in Faldingworth.

We look forward to Mr Brown's visit on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Good wishes to everyone and a peaceful Christmas and New Year.  
Laurie

# MARKET RASEN & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

on

SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 2 00pm

Market Rasen Methodist Church

## THE MANCHESTER CAROLS

by Carol Ann Duffy

Music by Sasha Johnson Manning

(have a listen on Youtube)

Conductor - Jeff Blewett

Soprano - Laura Barnes    Baritone - Andrew Gouldin

Narrator - Ian Hogg

### Gainsborough

**Church Contact:** Mr M Childs      01427 610057

As I write, we look forward to the Chapel Anniversary on 16<sup>th</sup> November, to be led by Rev. Terry Nowell. November will also bring a concert at 7.00pm on 28<sup>th</sup> November, organised by Chris Smithson. Inevitably we shall see a lot of activity in December. It starts with a bazaar on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00-1.00. Stalls, tea and coffee (and probably cake) will be available, and musical accompaniment is also promised. We have decided not to have a Christmas Tree Festival this year - the bazaar is a simpler replacement. The men's breakfast takes place the same day, and the ladies have a lunch coming up at Gainsborough Golf Club. On 7<sup>th</sup> December during the service we are pleased to say that Shona Forsyth, Kirsty Smithson and Tina Gardner will be commissioned as leaders in the Girls' Brigade.

'Gainsborough Remembers' takes place on 13<sup>th</sup> December at Gainsborough Trinity football ground. See a notice elsewhere about this. The Carol Service, led by Dennis Lockwood, will be on 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30. We have a Christmas Eve Service at 6.00 and on

Christmas Day we celebrate the birth of our Lord, 10.00am (note the time). Both of these will be led by Rev. Liz Childs.

A happy Christmas to which we can look forward.

The Leprosy Mission collect used postage stamps to raise funds. There might be a few around at Christmas! Please cut from envelopes, with a small border, and they can be passed on to Elizabeth Brockbank at Gainsborough. Perhaps later meetings in the circuit would be an opportunity to send these.

Mike Childs

## **GAINSBOROUGH REMEMBERS CHRISTMAS 1914**

Sunday December 14th - 3pm

at Gainsborough Trinity Football ground

On Christmas Eve 1914, British and German soldiers called a truce,  
played football and sang Silent Night.

Come along to Gainsborough Trinity Football Ground and join the  
Gainsborough  
community as they remember this peaceful interlude in the midst of  
World War 1.

Support the next generation of young boys as they play football and  
then share in  
Community Carol singing.

All welcome.

## Glenthams

**Church Contact:** Mr T Faulkner 01673 818718

It was our pleasure to welcome Malcolm Boot once again at Glenthams, leading our Harvest Celebration Service in October, to share in worship with our friends from the Parish Church and our Messy Church families. Thank you all for your generous donations of non-perishable food items safely delivered to Harbour Place, Grimsby, we have since received a lovely letter of thanks. Beautifully wrapped Shoe boxes filled with goodies for Samaritan's Purse Christmas Appeal were collected at the same time and Alice has taken them to the depot for their onward journey to children who know little of presents at Christmas. This year we look forward with great anticipation to hear where they have been delivered.

November has truly been a month of remembering, starting with the Men's Breakfast, with Mick Brand, our local historian, we followed the lives of two men who joined in 1914, fought through the war, were awarded various medals, including MC, and sadly killed in 1918. Sunday evening of 9<sup>th</sup> we joined with our Anglican friends in the Parish Church for the Remembrance Service. Rev Adrian Smith led the service and Rev Anne gave the address.

Finally, in our Messy Church we talked of what God remembers and what, because of Jesus, he chooses to forget. We were greatly encouraged to be joined by nine children including seven from Hemswell Cliff who began to 'get on the bus' (God Pod) some years ago. A big thank you to our prayer partners.

Very soon we will be having another celebration - Christmas! The birth of our Lord and Saviour and so we all, at Glenthams Chapel, wish each of you a wonderful, peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Please do come along to our Movie in the Chapel 28<sup>th</sup> December 5pm to 7pm with seasonal treats.

Jenny & Peter

**Men's Breakfast**

**'The Crown Inn', Glentham**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December & 10<sup>th</sup> January at 9am**

**(every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month!!)**

**Full English Breakfast £5.50 and free chat!!!**

**Please Phone Peter 01673 878806 & book your place!**



**Gringley**

**Church Contact: Mrs P Gray**

**01427 629250**

Pat Grey

**Lea**

**Church Contact: Mrs M Lilley**

**01427 615933**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**2pm**

**Advent Discussion led by Rev Liz Childs**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**2.15pm**

**Village Guild**

**Members Christmas Event**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

**Members Annual Lunch**



Wishing you all a Happy & Peaceful Christmas  
& a Blessed New Year  
from the Circuit Leadership Team.

Market Rasen

**Church Contact:** Mr G Taylor      01673 843939  
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I sense an air of optimism around our chapel at the moment. We have recently had a number of inspiring events, namely Harvest Festival lead at 10.45am by Rev Alan Robson, with an evening Songs of Praise lead by Rev Andrew Lomax. Followed on the Monday evening by a Supper and Sale of produce. Unfortunately I was on holiday at the time but by comments heard it was a memorable weekend. A few days later we had a return visit of Irish Country Singer Curtis McGee always a popular event with fans coming from far and wide. Followed by our Autumn Bazaar.

All these events providing Fun, Fellowship and much needed funds for our chapel. We look back and reminisce, but we also look forward to the Christmas period events. By the time you read this we will have enjoyed an evening's entertainment by another regular Irish Country Singer Frank MaCaffrey.

On Sunday 14th Dec at 2pm the Market Rasen Choral Society are performing The Manchester Carol [A re-telling of the Christmas story] words and music by Carol Ann Duffy and Sasha Johnson Manning.

The following evening Mon 15th Dec at 7pm we host the Annual Rotary Christmas Carol Concert. not an evening to be missed. For me Christmas starts that weekend!!.

Our own Carol Service will be on 21st Dec at 10.45am which is an "Own Arrangement Service" lead by the Stewards. Christmas Day Service at 11am lead by Rev Andrew Lomax. All are welcome to our services.

Alongside the above our regular meetings and events continue. The Mens and Ladies Group have a joint meeting this month when the Speaker is Mick Harper on his and Viv's recent trip to India.

The early morning opening for Tea or Coffee appears to be gradually attracting interest, long may it continue.

The one disappointment is the Youth Club, started by Elaine and Gareth who have put in a great deal of time and effort, yet unfortunately falling numbers mean it may close.

The size of our building gives us ongoing maintenance problems and concerns, but we are also blessed that we can host such a variety of events bringing in friends to a place of worship, friendship and entertainment.

Geoff Smith.

## Marton

**Church Contact:** Mrs D Kitchinson 01427 718634

As we reach December, we look back at our year of special events and give thanks for the wonderful support we received near and far. G.M.C. was full for our Lincoln Fire and Rescue Concert Band and our Chapel was full for the rededication service following our refurbishments. The support for our 200th Chapel Anniversary celebrations was overwhelming - a full Chapel for the Trentside Singers in concert on Saturday evening and again for our Celebration Service. Our Chapel was also full for our Harvest Service and we managed to pack in 65 for the delicious Harvest Supper. We give a big thank you to all who came and helped in any way and to those who sent cards and letters.

All this has lifted our spirits and given us renewed hope for the future, whatever it may bring.

Our Carol Service on 21st December at **6 p.m.** will be arranged by Jim Porter and his family and will include children's songs, Father Christmas, tea and mince pies.

There will be no coffee morning in December - next one is on 28th January at 10.00 a.m.

Elaine and Gareth now conduct an informal meeting on the last Monday of each month which includes fish and chips (to order). They also host "Tea and Toast" every Monday 9 - 11 a.m. All are welcome to this especially mothers who bring their children to Marton school. Their school assemblies, children's groups and youth club are all flourishing. We do appreciate all the work Elaine and Gareth are doing. They have worked so hard and it is so good to know that their efforts are now bearing fruit.

We send our very best wishes to all for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

I will close with the quote:-

"The best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time"

God Bless

Doris

### Middle Rasen

**Church Contact:** Mrs Moira Nicholls 01673 848129

The presentation Catherine Wylie gave on dementia at the Guild on 22<sup>nd</sup> October was extremely interesting and informative. I would advise any Chapel, group of people or individuals who have care of someone with dementia, to attend or arrange such a meeting. It is not only the elderly that suffer from this condition, but quite young people as well. The talk could really help you to understand the person challenged with dementia, and the condition itself. When you consider that in the future, one in three people over the age of 65 will be affected by dementia - it doesn't bear thinking about. Mind you, it does ... because such a meeting helps you understand - I know from experience!

On 15<sup>th</sup> October, Malcolm Coates opened the Guild Sessions for this winter under "devotional". He went about it in an interesting manner. We were asked to draw a 'shield' - like a family emblem - and divide it into four sections. Then, in each section, we were asked to draw something that represented what was important to us in our lives. Most people drew a cross (for church or faith), matchstick figures (for family), whilst some drew a book (for reading - perhaps the Bible), a selection of food, music, and illustrations representing nature, and so it went on. Perhaps you would like to do the same - it does make you stop and think!

On 29<sup>th</sup> October, the Guild went to the Haven in Grimsby, where we had a lovely evening. We were entertained by the Weelsby Players (a group of elderly ladies) who put on a play written by one of them. We've seen them before. It was really funny - about a group of ladies at a book club meeting. The mother of one of the ladies, who didn't want to be left out, kept interfering. Gradually the ladies turned to reminiscing about the 'old days' - it brought back memories!!

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Dr Don Owen took our morning service. Having been a teacher, Don makes his sermons most interesting and easy to understand (not that other's don't!) but it's the way some preachers put their point across. Part of his sermon was based on Paul's letter to the 1 Thessalonians: Chapter 2 verse 9 where the Pharisees had thought they were better than anyone else and paraded about like peacocks! Some people are full of themselves as they (the Pharisees) were!! But Paul pointed out that you must work for what you want. No one is indispensable. Don read out a doggerel/poem which made us think. One verse read:

"Sometimes when you feel that you're going would  
leave an unfillable hole. Just follow this single  
instruction and see how it humbles your soul.  
Take a bucket and fill it with water. Put your hand  
in it up to your wrist. Pull it out and the hole  
that's remaining is a measure of how much you'll be  
missed"!!

Don also made us laugh about the value you put on material things. He held up a new toothbrush and asked us the value it now, and then its' value if it had been used. He went on to say that, in an auction in America, a famous person's toothbrush had fetched thousands of dollars. He held up a string of fake pearls owned by Jackie Kennedy (Onassis). At a sale, the 'fake' was stressed, but the string of pearls still brought in thousands of dollars because of who owned it!

Finally, he held up a sheet of music supposedly written by Beethoven and, again, it fetched thousands of dollars in a sale. It made me wonder what the money could have been used for in Third World countries, where the people have nothing! Hey ho!!

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, we are again having a display of nativity scenes. Last year they were lovely, ranging from the tiniest scene through to really quite big ones - well worth a visit to Chapel to see them.

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015, the Guild are arranging to go to the pantomime at Louth to see 'Beauty and the Beast' and then on to Mr Chips for tea. If you would like to go, please contact Pat on 01673 842295 - not only children love the pantomime!

I thought how good those words/maxims were in the November's Link that Cecily Maycock wrote about children (how they live and learn) that were posted on her staff notice board many moons ago.

Liz Margrave

### **Methodist Women in Britain**

2014 Easter Offerings £872.28!

This is for World Mission Fund and is used to support Mission Partners worldwide.

2014 donations for Methodist Women in Britain £48.27 to date. This is for mission here and also supports Christian women in other countries. The latest project is helping the Dalit community in India.

Thank you to everyone for giving so generously.

Christine Waite

Treasurer for M.W.I.B

## Misterton

**Church Contact:** Mr S Bilton      01427 810866

### **Womens' Fellowship**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 2pm.

**Thursdays**

10-11am Drop-in for coffee

**North Kelsey**

**Church Contact:** Mrs M Thomas 01652 678365

Our Advent preparations at NK were given a kickstart this week when Jenny Thompson and I attended the Worship Leaders meeting with Andrew and Anne to plan the Circuit Advent Service. This year it is being held at Glenthams and we hope to see lots of friends there from around the circuit. \*\*

We are also starting the preparation for our OA service on the Sunday after Christmas asking folk to contribute their ideas for the carols, poems etc which make up a real DIY service! On the 21st December at 6 00pm we join with friends at All Hallows for a joint Carol Service which again gives us the opportunity to get together for the planning process.

Several of us at NK sing with the Market Rasen & District Choral and hope we shall see some of you at our afternoon concert - as advertised last month and again in this issue. The Manchester Carols - "This new sequence of Christmas carols was written in 2007 by the Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy and composer Sasha Johnson Manning, and premiered in the same year.

They re-tell the Christmas story for the 21st century, celebrating a child's birth and all that man was to become: a man who lived by a humble, selfless creed, championing the marginalised in a society which was, as it is now, fraught with political tensions. These carols are for everybody, the believer and the non-believer, people of other faiths and everyone wishing to join in the Christmas celebrations.

Midge

### Nettleton

**Church Contact:** Mrs Jean Field 01472 852056

December 6<sup>th</sup> - Nettleton Joint Churches Christmas Bazaar (see below)

January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Coffee Morning cancelled

February 7<sup>th</sup>- Monthly Coffee Morning 10.30am-12 noon

To all our friends around the Circuit, we in Nettleton would like to wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

# NETTLETON JOINT CHURCHES CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Nettleton Village Hall  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
2.00pm-4.00pm

Cakes and Preserves----Christmas Gift Stall----Raffle  
Bottle stall---- etc etc

Refreshments available all afternoon.



## Upton

**Church Contact:** Mrs Julie Barrow 01427 838729

Hello to everyone from Upton. What a busy week it has been. Three members of my family have celebrated birthdays this week, but the week started for us last Sunday (9th November), which was remembrance Sunday. Every year at Upton the Church and Chapel unite for our Service of Remembrance. However this year was quite different. Our local Parish Council have organised a Memorial Stone to be erected opposite the Church. After a brief service inside Church we walked down to the Memorial for a dedication of the stone and 2 minutes silence. Readings were presented by 2 members of the Parish Council, also representing the Church and Chapel. A third reading "They shall not grow old" was presented by a young serviceman in army uniform. Following the 2 minute silence the Last

Post was played by a visiting bandsman from Lincoln, and, perfectly timed, we had a fly past from our local aerodrome at Sturgate. The whole remembrance act was extremely moving and we are proud of our permanent reminder of those who gave their lives for us.

We are now planning our Carol Service which, again, is united with the Church, but it is the Chapel's turn to host, and we are hoping it will be different from past services. This year we are inviting all groups that use the Chapel to take part in the service so we hope it will be an all age community Carol Service which could be really exciting. It will take place on Sunday 21st December at 6-00pm. I will let you know how it goes next year!! Can I now close by wishing you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas as you celebrate Christ's birth in your own Churches.

God Bless 'til the next time, from all your friends at Upton. Xx  
Jenny Fotheringham

## **CIRCUIT ADVENT SERVICE**



Glenthams Methodist Church  
Sunday 30th November at 3 00pm  
To be followed with tea  
(Each church to bring a  
plate of goodies sweet or savoury)

## Market Rasen "Book Club": Colin Hare

Our weekly Bible study continues and at present we are wrestling(!) with the book of Romans. How much we miss Colin who was our principal teacher and inspiration, bringing his detailed bible knowledge, his wisdom and prayer to bear upon our discussions and debate!

As our readers will know, Colin was a true Christian in every sense of the word. He had a deep faith and he lived it in his mission work, in his preaching and in his pastoral care of others. For some reason, many of us (and I include myself in this) find openly talking about our faith to others, even other Christians, difficult and sort of embarrassing. Perhaps we have somehow lost the evangelical zeal of the original Wesleyans, or perhaps it's just because we are British! Colin was not like this. He took every opportunity to tell others what he believed, how putting one's trust in Christ can transform lives, how prayer works, how studying the word of God reveals everlasting truth. He enthusiastically supported every initiative introduced by the church, circuit and connexion which had mission at its core. His work at New Toft is well known, his leading of the ecumenical lent courses, his contribution to the "Time to Talk of God" course introduced by Liz Smith and, of course, his and June's encouragement of Marty and John Presdee when they suggested the idea for a Bible study group now known as the Book Club. I know there will be many other examples of Colin's impact upon our Christian lives.

I recently came across something Colin wrote in the souvenir booklet published to celebrate the Middle Rasen Methodist Church centenary. I quote from it, for it sums up perfectly his belief:

*"Without a moment's hesitation I would say that by asking the Lord to enable you to become His child and seeking to honour Him in all things, life takes on a new dimension of true delight, and no matter what happens, He will always bless and guide you and bring you safely through."*

We honour Colin's memory. We thank God for who he was and what he was and we continue to pray for June and the family as they come to terms with their loss.

Geoff Taylor (November 2014)

## **Fundraising for the Nomad Trust**

Many thanks to those churches who have contributed Harvest gifts to the Nomad Trust during September and October. I know that these have been gratefully received and put to good use, enabling the support of those on the streets.

I am very pleased to inform you that, with your help, we have now raised **£2151.02** for Nomad since September 2012. This means we have already raised an amazing **£145.14** between September and November this year!

As I write this, Christmas and the New Year are fast approaching – a time of festivity and celebration for many, but also a time of homelessness for others. The Nomad Trust, working with YMCA and alongside Framework, is constantly seeking to deal with the continuing cycle of those who find themselves without a home, often ending up on the streets across the county. These people need support, counselling and help to enable them both to cope with finding accommodation and to bring stability back into their lives.

Luke's Gospel relates that Joseph and Mary were without anywhere to stay when they had to travel to Bethlehem for the census. The account tells us that Jesus was laid in a manger because there was no room in the inn. The implication is that the innkeeper found shelter for this new family, despite the lack of availability within.

The Nomad Trust, with its night shelter, is at the front end of dealing with those in dire need and, as winter approaches, offers shelter and comfort to those in distress, just as that innkeeper did two thousand years ago in Bethlehem.

If you want to find out more about the Nomad Trust, there will soon be an opportunity to do so. On Saturday 20th December, Lincolnshire YMCA will be joining Nomad Employees & Volunteers in their Street Collection throughout the day, on Lincoln's High Street.

Nomad says: "If you're planning a Christmas shopping trip, be sure to plan it for Saturday 20th December, and come to see what The Nomad Trust is all about!"

On behalf of the Nomad Trust, I offer our thanks and blessings to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

Ian Hardcastle

## Ministers come and Ministers go!

Next September there will be some staff changes in the circuit, Rev Liz Childs retires and Rev Andrew Lomax will be leaving the circuit. Lincolnshire often struggles to attract new ministers so we are very fortunate to have been able to secure two. A prospective new superintendent will have looked round the circuit by the time you are reading this, we will be able to tell you who it is in the next issue of the Link. In January we will find out who is to be appointed as the probationer in the circuit based in Caistor.

From September 2015 there will be responsibility changes; Rev Anne Coates will have pastoral responsibility for Market Rasen, Middle Rasen, Faldingworth and Glentham. The probationer will care for Binbrook, Caistor, Nettleton and North Kelsey. The superintendent will look after Gainsborough, Gringley, Lea, Marton, Misterton and Upton.

Please hold all our ministers in your prayers during this time of change and continue to pray for them as together we work for the glory of God in our circuit.

The Circuit Leadership Team.

## *Sugar & Spice*

There will be **no meeting in December.**

We wish all our ladies a Happy & Peaceful Christmas.  
See you in the New Year.

Next meeting **Saturday 17th January 2015 at 9:30am**  
At the Willows Garden Centre, in Glentham.

All ladies welcome. Informal discussion & chat.

Come along for coffee/tea & a choice of cake, toast, biscuit or tea cake. We look forward to seeing you.

Anne Coates, Jenny Atkinson, Janet Faulkner



**Middle Rasen Methodist Church**

**On Saturday 13th December we will be holding our exhibition of Nativity Crib-sets in the chapel between 10.00am - 2.00pm . Last year we had a variety of nativity sets on display, reminding us of the real meaning of Christmas. ( If anyone has a crib set, they would like to add to the display, please contact me or one of the stewards.)**

**There will also be some Christmas stalls; crafts, tombola, cakes etc.( Christmas theme) Tea, coffee & mince pies are also on offer. Proceeds from the stalls will be shared between Action for Children and Middle Rasen Methodist Chapel.**

**Anne**

# Caistor Methodist Church



Sheep Trail 1st - 21st Dec

## Find the Sheep

The Shepherd wants to visit Baby Jesus  
but needs your help to find his sheep.

Pick up a leaflet from Caistor's Post office or Heritage Centre,  
follow the map and find the names of the sheep.

Then bring along your completed form to  
Caistor Methodist Church on **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10-12am** for a prize,  
(or post it in the box in the Heritage Centre to enter the Prize Draw).

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You are invited to ...

# **Glenthams Christmas Treat**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2014

5pm-7pm

## **Family Movie in the Chapel**

An atheist Professor insists his new class declare *God* is dead.

Unable to do this Josh is challenged to defend his faith and prove to the class that **'God's Not Dead'**

Against all odds he takes up the challenge and stands up for his faith

## **Seasonal Refreshments**

**The Mayors Event and Market Rasen Christmas Market**

**FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER**

**from 4 00 - 8 00pm.**

This enjoyable family event will include music, traditional festivities and food. If you want to book a space or want further details, please contact [juliette.mrtc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:juliette.mrtc@hotmail.co.uk)

In addition MR BIG will be holding their Christmas Market on  
**SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER** - please  
 contact [mrbig.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mrbig.coordinator@gmail.com) for further details.

***WORDSEARCH – THE PRESENT TIME***

F	G	W	K	R	U	D	O	L	P	H	S	M	A
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As Christmas approaches, the buying of presents occupies our minds – so above discover the 12 GIFTS sent in a CHRISTMAS SONG, 3 GIFTS given in a CAROL and finally the NAMES of 5 REINDEER from 1 SONG and 1 POEM (20 in all).

A PEACEFUL AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS TO ALL PUZZLERS FROM  
 C.M.S.

## ***TIMBER! – PUZZLE PAGE***

In the sentences below are hidden the **NAMES** of **40 TREES** and **BUSHES**. There are **2 NAMES** which can be divided into another answer also.

Can you see the wood for the trees?

1. Which is the first plane you can catch to reach Palm Beach?
2. Mash the tea Kate and give Lil a cake.
3. Her new hairpin ended up soaked in the rain.
4. Wee bony Alice darted away from her elders.
5. Did Carla burn umpire's apple pie?
6. Can Nancy press Rowan's shirt collar – check that its dry Ewan and put it in the boxroom?
7. I can't figure out what to appear in at the service on Bible Monday.
8. We sang a psalm on Divinity Sunday in the clubroom.
9. Who is the balder or the sprucer chap – each one slim, elegant?
10. The probe echoed around the tiered wooden floor.
11. I plump for the herbal salve with wych-hazel.
12. "Emma, please fetch my rose-coloured ribbon" said Cherry "for my blind date".

## ALL BOYS TOGETHER - WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

1. ADAM
2. ALAN
3. ALEC
4. ARTHUR
5. BASIL
6. BRYAN
7. BYRON
8. CARL
9. CECIL
10. CHRISTOPHER
11. CLAUD
12. CLIVE
13. COLIN
14. CYRIL
15. DENIS
16. DONALD
17. ERIC
18. FREDERICK
19. GEORGE
20. GILBERT
21. GORDON
22. GRAHAM
23. GUY
24. HENRY
25. HORACE
26. HUGH
27. IAN
28. IVAN
29. JACK
30. JAKE
31. KEITH
32. KENNETH
33. KIM
34. LEE
35. LEONARD
36. LESLIE
37. MAURICE
38. NEVIL
39. OLIVER
40. PERCY
41. RALPH
42. RAYMOND
43. RODNEY
44. ROGER
45. RONALD
46. ROY
47. TERENCE
48. WAYNE
49. WILFRED

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A note from the editor- please wait for the next issue to find out answers for puzzles as requests from the Editor will be declined 😊

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A note from the Editor:

Thank you to everyone who has sent contributions to the Link this year. I wish you a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. I personally am hoping for a "Silent Night". However, with my 3 children under 6, I don't think it will happen!

Kathy