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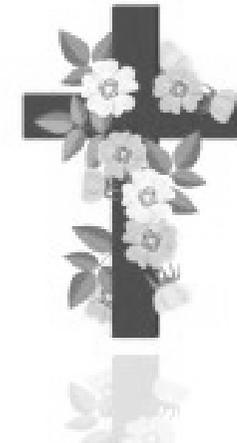
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## Pastoral Letter

Happy Easter Season,

For when this comes to you it will still be the Easter season, which does not finish until Pentecost. By now the commercial signs of Easter will have been wiped from the supermarkets, indeed many had got rid of them before Easter Day! A previous colleague of mine would call in at the local supermarket asking for Easter products in the week after Easter day to be told Easter was over- he took that opportunity!

As Christians we know the Easter season is longer, but it often gets squeezed with the ordinary things of life, planning for summer holidays, half term child care for parents and grandparents, the run of bank holidays and the exam season and no doubt many other things crowd in. This Easter season we are looking at “Forward together in Hope”, an appropriate theme for the season. A time when we recall the energy and purpose of the disciples and the beginnings of the church. A time when a persecuted and frightened minority found their voices and the power and presence of God to become a confident expression of the resurrection hope.

We are not persecuted as they were but indifference can be harder to deal with and we are in many ways a minority and in a society where religion is increasingly greeted with suspicion. Like those early Christians we have to find ways of expressing our beliefs. We need a confident faith, an authentic faith. Our weekend, ‘Forward Together in Hope’ is about bringing us together in faith (confident means together in faith) to renew our hope in the power of possibility of God. An opportunity to think about how we express that in our towns and villages and in the fabric of our lives. It is a chance to explore together our faith and our expression of it.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the weekend, as we explore how we move forward in hope, in confidence in Christ

Easter Blessings

Louise

## Wordsearch-All Stitched up - Answers

1. APPLIQUE
2. BASKET
3. BASTING
4. BIAS
5. BLANKET
6. BUTTONHOLE
7. CABLE
8. CHAIN
9. CHALK
10. CREWEL
11. CROCHET
12. EMBROIDERY
13. FAIRISLE
14. GARTER
15. HEMMING
16. KNOT
17. LACE
18. LAZYDAISY
19. MOSS
20. PATTERN
21. PICOT
22. PIN
23. PLAIN
24. PLY
25. PURL
26. RIB
27. SATIN
28. SILK
29. SMOCKING
30. STEM
31. STITCH
32. TACK
- 33/34 TAPE/ESTRY
35. THIMBLE
36. THREAD
37. TRANSFER
38. WOOL
39. YARN
40. ZIP

## PUZZLE PAGE-BODY SEARCH

Hidden in the sentences below can be found 43 NAMES FOR PARTS OF THE BODY. All have more than 1 NAME to be discovered so examine carefully but not medical terms are used.

1. The ship sailed quietly out of the East Humber Mouth to Vanailsen in Denmark.
2. The street urchin who shinned up the lamp post came to no harm.
3. To help, Elvis will wait on guests tonight at the front high table.
4. From Ross to Maa, Henry and their pal Mike- they all marched in step.
5. The violin pupils heard that their playing was too thread but still thank Leslie, their coach and sponsor.
6. In the nave Lynn and Iris kneel to face the altar and sing each air of response.
7. Legend has it that this martyr was broken on a wheel- a belief in Germany.
8. John's pine table and also leather brown stool had no serious offers made for them.
9. Dr Elim Bruno's trilogy on Medical Forensics was used as evidence in a bribery case.
10. Should Eric's steel browsprit on his boat in Rochester be as long as that?
11. The light bulb rains a glow on Philip as he gazes at the Ruskin teapot.
12. The temp we have in the office leaves early to catch the train which passes thro' at noon.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### Brookenby

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

### Caistor

**Church Contact:** Mrs Bridget Andrew 01652 628586

**Youth Club** (in the church Wesley room) for school years 3 (age 7/8) and above. Wednesdays 6-7.15pm; optional Bible discussion 7.15-8pm.

**Worship for all ages:** 1st Sunday in the month 10.15am

We have a very wide variety of Social gatherings available. There are a number of Home groups that meet, as follows:

**The Rambling with God Group.** – [No walking involved just verbal rambling] – meets Tuesday evenings, Fortnightly. (contact Kate Kelly ☎ 01652 628001 or Bridget Andrew 01652 628586)

**Thursday Group.** – Meets Fortnightly at 2:00PM. (contact Yvonne Woolston ☎ 01472 852337)

**Men's Group.** – Weekly, Wednesday evenings. (contact Paul Collins 07843 755002)

**Church Band-** We meet most weeks on a Monday at Church at 6.45pm. We welcome any who want to play and/or sing with us. Contact Kathy for more info 07398 711730 kathy\_link@hotmail.co.uk

Sharing food and fellowship has been a strong theme in Caistor over the past few months:

At Ramblers, one of the house groups, which has met on a weekly basis during Lent, people looked at various meanings of Communion, which initiated discussion around past, present and future ways of participating in Communion, how communion sits within the context of the Lord's Supper and what Communion meant to us as individuals and as a Methodist church. At our final session we shared bread and wine.

A sunny and blustery afternoon heralded an informal church walk from Caistor church through the fields of Nettleton. We rested and ate our picnic together in the play park adjacent Nettleton Village Hall. Walking and eating are such wonderful ways of sharing ourselves with others and offer the chance to learn more about each other, including those familiar faces we see each week at church.

We were blessed by sunshine as Sarah took our Easter Sunday early morning service in the garden of the church. We praised, prayed and sang, before placing flowers on the cross. After the service, we moved into Hall to share breakfast and fellowship (again!!). This is one of our favourite meals of the year and yes, the food was great but the company was better.

Hugh and Kate

### HOLY WEEK in CAISTOR

As the years go by it is all too easy to drift into the familiarity of celebrations and traditions of the Christian calendar but just when we are comfortable isn't it amazing that our Lord gives us fresh insight and meaning of His Word. And so it has been at Caistor during Lent and Holy Week

Sarah led two house groups through Lent looking at different topics. Ramblers looked in depth at the meaning and purpose of the Sacrament. Interesting we each had our own personal take on this most precious gift from Jesus but as we ended the study sharing bread and wine we were as one.

Peter Atkinson commenced our Holy Week with a varied Psalm Sunday service from Jenny's noisy parade, through carefully selected readings, a strong message and Ray's echoing tones of "Where you there when they crucified my Lord" it set the scene for the week ahead.

For each day of Holy Week Sarah led varied activities of meditation, worship, and prayer as we journeyed through John's gospel. For several years in Caistor we have shared in a simple meal and communion on "the night He was betrayed". This year we shared this at North Kelsey with our friends from there and Nettleton. We were hosts to our Anglican friends for our Good Friday service and Walk of Witness. On Saturday morning Sarah led us through a brief history of the Old Testament interceded with appropriate prayers and readings. A gentle afternoon stroll to Nettleton for a picnic in the park helped to appreciate the beauty of God's earth.

The atrocious weather forecast for Sunday morning was unfounded as the sun shone beautifully for our early morning Garden service and decoration of the Cross. The shared breakfast preceded a Family communion service which was the crescendo of a busy week.

So thank you Sarah for listening to and allowing God to lead us through this memorable Easter time.

On a personal level I have gained so much from this time. From realising that Jesus commands us to celebrate the sacrament, to gaining new insight into John's gospel, to setting time aside for prayer and meditation without interference from everyday calls on our time. I was guided to digest words from Isaiah 52-53, Genesis and Zechariah. Over coffee I entered into conversation with our Anglican friends on various translations of the Bible, the walk spawned the idea of a family picnic further afield and the sense of "community" was almost tangible at breakfast time. Surprisingly (or perhaps not) despite all our other commitments we were always free at the time of each activity and eagerly awaited the next day. As we travelled the Week with Jesus He opened our eyes

I am so mindful of the words of Jacob when he awoke from his dream "God is in this place - truly. And I didn't even know it." Perhaps I too was slow to recognise our amazing God.

Judith Collinson

### Lincolnshire District Synod

On behalf of the Circuit Leadership Team, thank you to everyone who helped in hosting the Spring Synod at De Aston school on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The car parking stewards did a sterling job with their signs and helpful directions. Jo Kershaw and her team ably kept the kettles boiled and everyone fed and watered. Many people throughout the circuit had provided homemade cakes and sausage rolls which were much appreciated and enjoyed.

Everyone was successfully signed-in and given the relevant information by the competent registering team, Jo Johnston accompanied our singing and our Ministers led the thoughtful devotions.

Glenda Taylor had spent many hours liaising with De Aston school and the Synod secretary which enabled the day to progress so successfully.

All of this was only possible because of the help of the many willing volunteers.

Thank you all for giving of your time and talents.

Janet Faulkner.

### Rev Sarah Parkin's Ordination Service

The ordination service for Rev Sarah Parkin will take place on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June** at 4.00pm at Coventry Cathedral.

A number of tickets are available for members of the Wolds & Trent Circuit who would like to attend and support Sarah on this very special day.

Admission to the service is free but a ticket is needed.

If you would like a ticket please telephone me on 01673 843362 or email [annercoates1@gmail.com](mailto:annercoates1@gmail.com) as soon as possible so that we can organise transport if necessary.

Thank you

Anne

## Upton

Church Contact: Mrs Julie Barrow 01427 838729

Hello to everyone from Upton.

As I write this we are looking forward to our 195th Chapel Anniversary on Sunday 30th April. Quite amazing when we think back 15 months and we regularly had about 7 in our congregation. My how things have changed for us since then. We are now averaging 20+ in our services with occasional visits from some of our members grandchildren too. Wonderful!!

On March 19th we had a very special service led by Rev. Louise. One of our newest friends was baptised and then made a member of the Methodist Church, a big day for us but a huge day for Karen as she committed herself to God in front of us all. It was a moving service for everyone, followed by a wonderful lunch at Karen's home. She is already proving a great asset as she produces a bi-monthly news letter for us, and she is guiding Patrick through the mysteries of gift aiding our offertory. Welcome Karen we love having you in our Church family.

In preparation for Easter we were invited by our Parish Council to decorate the village phone box. I boldly said yes before asking anyone else. We had an afternoon making paper flowers for the main feature in the form of a large cross that just fitted in the box. It was decorated with the flowers and draped in a white cloth. We had spring flowers around the bottom of the box and notices about our Easter services on the sides. We also had appropriate Bible quotes too and we were pleased with the results. We hope people passing by have enjoyed the display.

This year, for the first time we had a lent cross at the front of Chapel, and every week through Lent, different members read bible passages and added objects to the cross at the start of the services. It has been very rewarding with so many taking part. (A first for some of our congregation). Our Good Friday and Easter Day services went extremely well and a group of 24 enjoyed fish and chips on Good Friday tea time !!

We wish you all a happy summer, and if you are in Upton come along and join us at our 10-30am services or Coffee and Chat, the 2nd Wednesday in the month.

Bye for now from all at Upton.

God Blessxxx

Jenny Fotheringham

## Gainsborough

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Hello Everyone,

Hope you have all been enjoying the lovely sunshine, which has been very nice to see. Everyone at Gainsborough Methodist church has enjoyed our Easter Breakfast communion led by Rev. Louise Carr. This was well attended, special thank you to Nicola and shone for all the preparation. Followed by our Easter Sunday service. At Gainsborough we are very privileged to have a Girls Brigade, Girls Brigade I hear you ask what is Girls Brigade all about? Is it like Brownies and Guides you may say? Let me enlighten you!

Girls Brigade has been going around England and Wales for over 115 years.

The aim of the Girls' Brigade is to help girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and through self control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life.

The Meaning of our badge.



In the centre is a cross, the symbol of Christ and His church. Below it a lamp, that His glory may shine out upon the world. Above it a crown, that we may own Christ as our King. Behind it all a torch, the flame of Christ's living spirit and our devotion to Him.

The Motto: Seek, Serve and Follow Christ

We meet on a Friday night, our night consists of crafts, games, learning new songs and loads more fun activities. Oh not forgetting tuck shop too.

Explorers 5-8 yrs

Juniors 8-11 yrs

Seniors 11-14 yrs

Brigaders 14-16 yrs

We always Welcome new girls to come and join us, why not look at our Facebook Page too 1<sup>st</sup> Gainsborough Girls Brigade.

Last year our numbers were low only having 7 girls, but we persevered and now our numbers have increased to 12, which we are pleased to see Praise the Lord. This month we had our Enrolment and Dedication service, where the girls performed a worship song to everyone, which was also part of their Motivation badge. The Girls and Leaders were rededicated in Girls Brigade.

Miss Shona Forsyth  
Girls Brigade Leader

**Glentham**

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

After a beautiful Spring time of above average temperatures the wonder of Easter, celebrating the gifts of God's Son, forgiveness of sins and eternal life, summer, which lies ahead, seems like an anti-climax and yet we all welcome the long nights, warm days, BBQ's and holidays.

At Glentham we are looking forward to, as well as Rev. Sarah's ordination, a variety of services including Father's day Messy Church and picnic to which you too are invited. The Holiday club, first week of August, features this year 'Champions Challenge' with all the promise of an exciting time for all. Of course this will be followed by the end of club Celebration and Picnic, on the lawn.

In August there are no services at Glentham as the congregation will be travelling around the Circuit to visit and support other churches, so keep a lookout it might be your Church we visit!!!

Every fortnight, on Sunday afternoons, '**The God Pod**' (Mobile Church) is taken to Hemswell Cliff. There are two separate sessions in different parts of the estate. We have seen an increase in those attending and enjoy welcoming children and adults. Children enjoy various activities and games with adults often simply having a chat with Peter and Jenny. This ministry reaches many in the neighbourhood. Prayer partners are always needed on the afternoon so please call Jenny & Peter to offer your time. It would help enormously.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> the God Pod will be used at Hemswell Cliff annual 'Big Lunch' providing refreshments, opportunities for prayers, leaflets and relaxed discussions about Jesus.

On the second and fourth Thursdays of the month our 'Presence' prayer and bible study meets at 'Tilsit' the home of Jenny & Peter.

**YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO THESE UPCOMING EVENTS PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US**

Hope you all have a wonderful summer  
God bless, Jenny & Peter

**Men's Breakfast**  
**10<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> August**  
9am at The Crown, Glentham. £5.50  
A different speaker each month.  
Please contact Peter Atkinson to book.  
All welcome

**North Kelsey**

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

Too late for our Pudding Club which is on 22nd April !

But we shall be making more of the sweet stuff in June when we hold a cake stall on the Village Green on the 24th. Last year's event was a great success and so we decided to do it again. We hope the weather will be kind to us again too - if it's wet we'll be in chapel.

Our monthly Open House (2nd Mon) continues to attract around 20-25 villagers and folk from further afield for tea/coffee and cake. There is happy chatter for an hour and a half and it is always good to welcome newcomers. We regularly have our F Team meeting before Open House as we prepare fund-raising activities, or, as now, our plans for the WLDC Churches Festival weekend as we offer lunches and refreshments on both days - 20th and 21st May.

Watch this space - as we hope to host another 'Junk or Genuine?' antiques evening later in the year with Jenny Thompson's son, Gary, who is an expert on such items - will let you have the date and further details.

With good wishes to you all,

Midge

**Nettleton**

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

The Leprosy Mission Service held recently with the Speaker was Lynda King of L.M.S. She was able to update us and it was good to hear that with modern advances in the medical profession that leprosy can be cured.

These medicines are very expensive and that is why L.M.S is working to help wherever is necessary and money needs to be raised to help. Nettleton presented a cheque for £500 to Lynda for which she was grateful and said it would do a lot of good.

Afternoon tea was served and enjoyed by all.

Jean Field

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>

10.30am to 12 noon

All welcome

**CHARITY GARDEN PARTY**

**July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**at 2pm till 4pm**

**27 Lincoln Drive, Caistor**

Cake Stall     Super raffle  
Fun and Games for everyone  
Refreshments all afternoon

All proceeds to I.A.

A support group for people who have had bowel surgery.

**ALL WELCOME**

**Sugar & Spice**

**17<sup>th</sup> June,**

9.30am at The Willows, Glentham

Women gather for food and friendship (Open menu)

All Ladies Welcome

**Lea**

**Church Contact:** Mrs M Lilley     01427 615933

**Village Guild**

**15<sup>th</sup> June**

10am

AGM

**Village Guild**

20<sup>th</sup> July

2.30pm

Strawberry Tea

**Open Gardens**

At the home of Mrs Margaret Holmes:

14a Green Lane, Lea

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

2.30pm

Donations for Lea Chapel Funds

**Marton**

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

**Middle Rasen**

**Church Contact:** Mrs Moira Nicholls 01673 880206

**Misterton**

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

Regular meetings are:

**Womens' Fellowship  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 2pm.**

**7th June** chair exercises

**21st June** crafts; Rev Louise Carr

**5th July** AGM

**Thursdays 10-11am Drop-in Coffee Group**

**Market Rasen**

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“They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit” Acts 2:3-4a. Greetings from Market Rasen, in this season when we celebrate Pentecost. A time when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit and Peter’s message as the church started to grow.

A time to think about the future; we had our Healthy Churches meeting recently, which was followed by afternoon tea. It was an opportunity for us to spend time reflecting on what our church is about and how can we meet the needs of a changing society around us.

In our church life there are events we would like to invite you all to; Monday Coffee between 09.30 -10.30am if you are in town please pop along. We have a Bible study every Thursday at 7.30pm if you are available we would be pleased to see you.

The Spring Fayre in 20<sup>th</sup> May come along and meet up with friends old and new over a cup of coffee or lunch.

Preparations are underway for the Holiday Club in July. This has been running for a number of years & many adults in the town remember coming when they were young. An important event to sow seeds for the future!

God bless  
Malcolm