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## Pastoral Letter

I can hardly believe that as you get this magazine we will be almost at the beginning of June ...the last few months seem to have 'flown by'. As I was thinking about this I also realised that not only the months, but the weeks & days also seem to have disappeared. I don't know about you, but I often find that I am waiting for, or planning for a particular event and in that busyness it's easy to forget that each day is special in its own right.

I have a cartoon postcard with a picture of a cat happily playing with a ball of string and the caption reads 'Enjoy this day..... It's a gift from God'!

Sometimes our days do get filled with tasks and appointments, with unexpected happenings. There are days when we hear sad news, but also days when our spirits are lifted by good news. Sometimes simply because the sun shines, as we've enjoyed recently, we find ourselves marvelling at & enjoying the colour, pattern & intricacy of God's beautiful creation. The cat in my postcard seems to just be allowing itself to enjoy & have fun with the simple things of life; a reminder for us all.

Each new day is a gift from God & we acknowledge that there will have been & will continue to be 'hard days' for all of us, but as we wake each morning & give the day over to God we will find that he walks with us on our varied journeys. He will help us to enjoy the ordinary days, sustain us in the difficult days & remember the special days.

*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"*

*Psalm 118:24"*

Anne

## Christmas Angels:

A few reflections, and facts and figures

- At least 895 angels left churches in the circuit for new homes
- Caistor, Gainsborough, Glentham, Lea, Market Rasen, Middle Rasen & Upton churches all took part
- Some sent angels to particular people
- Some targeted schools or nursing homes
- Some gave them to houses around the church
- Some "angel-bombed" the local community
- The circuit set up a face book page "Christmas Angels Wolds and Trent Methodist Circuit" which was very active in December.
- Our oldest knitter is 98, although she wasn't the only knitter over 90!
- Angels were picked up very quickly, Gainsborough, Middle Rasen and Market Rasen seeing them disappear within a couple of hours
- Bus stops were a great place to leave them and many travelled by bus!
- One angel from Sandsfield Rd in Gainsborough, travelled as far as Thailand – the story is on the facebook page
- Others graced Christmas trees across the area and in Eastbourne, Cornwall and Northumberland
- People sought out the facebook page or the website to thank us
- One shop sold Christmas trees with angels attached
- Many of those who contacted us we did not know
- Conversations were started in so many ways by these angels, both in the making and the giving of them.

So thanks to all involved, a simple idea which one person told us "really helped to put people in the Christmas spirit as a community", not sure we can ask for more than that and all the conversations begun.



## Upton

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

Hello everyone,

Hopefully by the time you read this the sun is shining and we are enjoying some late springtime weather. There have been several occasions over the last few weeks when Noah and his boat have been mentioned!! Needless to say we are still suffering from flooded roads, and the pot holes get ever more exciting to negotiate!! BUT there is always good news ( as Patrick tells us every Sunday), and the grandchildren have had great times exploring the depth of puddles and testing their wellies for leaks!

We had a great time over Easter with inspiring services, wonderful fellowship and good food to follow. We thank all who helped to make our celebrations a success.

We will have celebrated our Chapel Anniversary by the time this magazine goes to print but we are really looking forward to the day, and whatever might happen in the year ahead.

One of our members Karen G. Has just had a new knee and we wish her a speedy recovery from her operation. Sadly Karen and her husband are leaving our village to move nearer to family members. We wish them both good luck in their new home. We thank Karen for all she has brought to us in her time with us, especially for her hard work insetting up the Gift Aid for us. Thank You Karen!x

Patrick is now making steady progress after his recent treatment and would like to thank all who have helped and supported both of us through this tricky period in our lives. Thank you to you all.

Our coffee mornings remain a popular event and continue the second Wednesday every month. Thanks to everyone who supports and helps in any way.

We wish you all a wonderful summer and watch out---- there may be some scarecrows about in Upton.... later in the year.

God bless and love to all from your Upton friends xx  
Jenny Fotheringham

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### **Brookenby**

Church Contact: Mrs D Wallis 01472 398738

It is with great sadness that I share our grief in the sudden passing of our friend Marian (Nicholls). Her untimely death was on 7<sup>th</sup> February and her funeral was held in the Anglican Church in Binbrook village on the 27<sup>th</sup> February. The Service was led by both the Vicar, Rev Edward Martin and our Rev Sarah Parkin. Marian and her beloved husband, Robert have been faithful and loyal members of the former Binbrook Methodist Church for many years; they were Stewards and Robert the organist/pianist right up to the closing of the village Chapel, I think, was in 2008. Then eventually the few, perhaps 8 members, moved to join our Anglican friends at "St Michael & All Angels" up at Brookenby. We are devastated, and our hearts go out to Robert, their sons Daniel and Mark and all their families. We pray God's richest blessings, strength and comfort to them in the knowledge that Marian's very many friends within the Circuit are sharing their sorrow and grief at the loss of a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother.

In this small congregation and sometimes without any musical accompaniment to lead the worship, Marian is missed greatly; her beautiful singing voice has led us, and we had come to rely on her leading. She was a great asset to the Circuit Choir of which she loved being a member. She was also a loyal member of the hand bell ringing group at Wragby, which she thoroughly enjoyed. May she rest in Peace.....

It is an absolute age since I sent in any news of what is happening in this part of the world, but I can reassure you that we are still 'alive and kicking' and receiving great fellowship each week in worship, led by both the Anglican and Methodist ministry for which we are very grateful. Our Rector, Rev John Carr retired in the middle of last year so we are in what is called in Anglican terms "Interregnum" (a new word to me!!); we now await the new Rector being appointed. We have been blessed with the arrival of a young Curate, namely Rev Chris Hewitt, who has undergone a 4 month period in his training and has been 'on loan' to us. He came at the end of November and is due to leave after the Easter period, but what a real "breath of fresh air" and rich blessing it has been. He led a very meaningful "Crib Service" on Christmas Eve which was well attended, and we had already enjoyed a four week 'Advent Course' with him previous to that. We have just completed a five week Lent Course "Who is Jesus?" led by Rev Chris; it was well supported by members of the Walesby Group of Churches, and was an opportunity to meet and get to know one another better, especially at the Lent Lunch taking place in between. All was held in the lovely setting of the 'Viking Centre' at Claxby; which was a bit of a challenge getting there across the Wolds some days in the recent wintry "Beast from the East".

We've survived!! and we all wish you a very happy and healthy Spring-time to enjoy with God's richest Blessings.

Love from us all, Doreen

## Caistor

**Church Contact:** Mr Ian Short 01472 852517

**Youth Club** For school years 3 (age 7/8) and above. Wednesdays 6-7.15pm; optional Bible discussion 7.15-8pm.

**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.** – Fortnightly, Tuesday evenings. (contact Paul Collins 07843 755002)

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

## North Kelsey

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

My last contribution included thoughts of our Women's World Day of Prayer service, Mothering Sunday and our Chapel Anniversary. All went well bar the WWDP service which was cancelled due to the snowy weather!

We now prepare for our contribution to the Open Churches Weekend with our usual catering on both days - 12th/13th May. We shall be holding a cake stall on the Village Green from 9am - 11am on Saturday 23rd June which is always very well received by both regular customers and passers-by!

I shall be attempting an organ play through our 'Singing The Faith' hymnbook on Saturday 30th June. I hope to have support from other organists from around the Circuit who may like to join in from 10am. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. Please get in touch if you would like to take part.

Another popular event is being repeated when we hold our Pudding Club on Saturday 11th August starting at 6 30pm. Savoury starters will be available followed with a delectable array of a wide variety of popular puddings from trifles to sticky toffee to meringues.

Look forward to seeing you at all or some of the events.

Midge

## Nettleton

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

Led by Rev. Sarah Parkin it was good to share prayers and fellowship with others daily during Easter week. A meal followed by Communion on Maundy Thursday as the Lord did on that last Thursday, made it an emotional time.

Good Friday after the service in church we proceeded the "Walk of Witness" to Caistor market place for a short time of worship. Our service in the afternoon was led by Rev. Sarah Parkin and closed with tea and hot cross buns which were greatly enjoyed by all.

### NETTLETON CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

Nettleton Village Hall

July 1<sup>st</sup>

10.30am-12 noon

IN AID OF Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance

Cake stall – Raffle – Tombola – etc

Refreshments

PLEASE COME AND HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THIS VERY  
WORTHY CAUSE.

## Gainsborough

**Church Contact:** Miss S Forsyth 01427 311494

Website: [www.gainsboroughmethodist.org.uk](http://www.gainsboroughmethodist.org.uk)

### Prayers:

Grant to me, O Lord, the penitence of the publican who dared not raise his eyes to heaven, the desire of the prodigal who longed to return home and the wisdom of the merchant who surrendered all to possess the kingdom. Amen.

### **Rabbula of Edessa (d. 435)**

#### **Prayer for farmers**

Loving God, we give you thanks for all those who work so hard, in all kinds of weather and, sometimes in very difficult circumstances, to produce food for our tables. May we never take those who work on the land for granted, but always be mindful of the struggles they face. We pray for all those who live in small villages where amenities are dwindling. May our rural churches and chapels support them in the fight for justice in daily living. We pray for young farmers groups, for chaplains in the auction markets and for the work of the Farming Community Network. And may we trust you for all that is to come as we give thanks for all that is past. Amen.

**Jane Gibson, deacon, North Lancashire Circuit**

Visit [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk) for lots of resources.

### MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

July 1<sup>st</sup> (see above)

August 4<sup>th</sup>

10.30am to 12 noon

All welcome

## Glenthams

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

Almost 32 years ago the worst nuclear disaster in the world occurred in Chernobyl, Ukraine. Thousands of people were affected by the fallout from the explosions of the nuclear reactors and even today people are still suffering.

Since 2006, young people and their leaders from SideDoor in Grimsby have travelled to Ukraine to give practical and spiritual support to families of Vyshgorod, just north of Kiev. On 9<sup>th</sup> August this year I have the privilege of being included in the group of young people going out to be a part of this amazing Christian work and have, therefore, set myself a target of raising £500.00 to cover the cost of my trip.

My first event was a Coffee, Cake & Chat on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at Glenthams Chapel which raised an amazing £205.00!!! Which added to donations already given by those of you who weren't able to join us brings my current total to £375.00!!! I would like to say a **huge thank you** to everyone who has supported this event so generously, for helping to set up, making delicious cakes, buying the delicious cakes, serving drinks, washing up, giving donations and also giving me so much encouragement.

I now only have £125.00 left to raise to reach my goal!!!!

Jen Heron x

### Upcoming Ukraine Fund Raising Events

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May – I have a table top at Nettleham Methodist Church Brazilian Coffee Morning

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June – I will be having a stall at the Hemswell Cliff BIG Lunch

## Glenthams Chapel Holiday Club

Launch – 10:45am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Holiday Club

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Jul – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 10am-12noon

Celebration – 10:45am Sunday 5th August

## Middle Rasen

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

The snow is over thank goodness, with all its inconveniences, also Easter – with all its activities is over although we must never forget what Easter is really all about.

On Mothering Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March, all the ladies in the congregation were handed a posy of Spring flowers.

On Palm Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> March, we had a united service with the Parish Church which started off with a procession walking from the Church to the Chapel. It is always lovely to join with our friends from there.

On Good Friday, during the Service, rocks were placed at the base of our wooden cross and then on Easter Sunday, each member of the congregation placed a posy of Spring flowers on the Cross turning it from a 'Cross of Sorrow' to a 'Cross of Joy' – it looked really beautiful as usual. Prior to this, breakfast was served for those who wanted it in the School Room – a happy, congenial occasion. The smell of toast as you entered Chapel made the mouth water! On the evening of Easter Sunday, we welcomed all our friends from the Wolds and Trent Circuit, which included Holy Communion.

The Guild is now over for the Summer and Women's Own won't be long before it too finishes. One of our most recent meetings for Women's Own was pertinent to our members' age group. It was about making Wills, organising Powers of Attorney (both Financial and Health) and planning for any eventuality. It was most interesting and, I am sure, beneficial to everyone. People tend to shy away from making these decisions! The advice was all free. We have had many helpful and informative meetings as usual, as well as fun things at both Women's Own and Guild, and we enjoy the fellowship that they bring.

We also, as a Chapel, do our best to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We raise money for charities in various ways – such as the charity afternoon that Women's Own had, which raised money for St Andrew's Hospice. At the Harvest Festival, all the produce was donated to the Nomad Trust. We have recently, for a second time, collected non-perishable items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. We have also collected items and money for such things as 'All We Can' and TWAM – 'Tools With A Mission'. Both of these charities are helping people in less fortunate countries than ours to help themselves. There are always people much worse off than ourselves and helping them gives us joy and satisfaction.

Our membership remains very stable.

Liz Margrave

### Market Rasen

**Church Contact:** Mr Geoff Taylor 01673 843939  
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We held our usual soup lunches over the lent period, one each week for 5 weeks. They were very well supported by members of Market Rasen and Middle Rasen churches as well as the local community. We were given a short talk during each event to give us some thoughts to reflect on during lent. The time was well spent in fellowship and we look forward to similar events in the future.

Also during the lent period we collected food for the Harbour Place Day Centre in Grimsby. Harbour Place provides a place for homeless people to find shelter and support in trying to get their lives back on track. Homelessness is one of the worst things that can happen to anyone and very often it comes about because of a sequence of unfortunate events. These people are often characterised as lazy, useless, and a scourge on society. But whenever I have been to Harbour Place they have always been welcoming, friendly, helpful and very very thankful for the support they receive. They are after all God's children as well and we are blessed in having the opportunity to provide help and support to them. Harbour Place goes from strength to strength and we wish them continuing success in the future and congratulate them on the excellent work they do.

At the time of writing we are planning for this year's Holiday Club open to all children between the ages of 4 and 11. The theme this time is the Wild West which I am told is being written by our youth worker Gareth. This is the first time we have used a 'home grown' theme and we wish Gareth every success with it and look forward to working with him, Charlie and Sarah again. The registration day (Saturday 21 July) is being combined with a community barbecue and we are hoping to provide a variety of games and entertainment as well. This will be open to everyone and is part of our continuing endeavour to reach out into the local community. So please come along if you are able, and have a fun time.

God Bless everyone and have a very enjoyable summer.

Bob Bailey

### **Sugar & Spice**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> & July 21<sup>st</sup>**

9.30am at The Willows, Glenthams

Women gather for food and friendship (Open menu)

All Ladies Welcome

### **Men's Breakfast**

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup> & August 11<sup>th</sup>**

9am at The Crown, Glenthams. £5.50

A different speaker each month.

Please contact Peter Atkinson to book.

All welcome

Do you know that **Christians are the most persecuted** religious group in the world, with around 90,000 killed for their faith each year?

"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

Come along and hear what The Barnabas Fund is doing to support Christians who are persecuted in the UK and around the world.

The Lord may have something for you here.

### **GLENTHAM CHAPEL CAFE CHURCH**

**GUEST SPEAKER: MARK SIMMS OF THE BARNABAS FUND**

**Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

*At cafe church we sit at tables, drinking tea and coffee, and sharing our evening "tea" meal of finger foods we all have brought with us. Our speaker shares in the meal and also speaks of what the Lord has put on his or her heart.*

*The atmosphere is warm and welcoming.*

## Lea

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

### Village Guild

Monthly on Thursdays

**21<sup>ST</sup> June**

**AGM 10am**

**19<sup>th</sup> July**

Strawberry Tea at 2.30pm

**5<sup>th</sup> August**

2.30pm

Open garden at the home of Mrs Margaret Holmes

14a Green Lane

### Prayer Shawl Fellowship

The Prayer Shawl Fellowship will meet on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 20<sup>th</sup>

August at 10am for fellowship, prayer and knitting shawls etc

For further details please ring Margaret on 01427 615933

or Pat on 01427 629250

### **The Little Retreat @ Lea**

Lea Methodist Church has a vision of developing the premises into a place open for prayer and reflection, with a quiet garden. Sunday worship will continue, underpinning the retreat facility with the faithful prayer of the people of God. The sacred space that is the worship area and the facilities will be refurbished to a high quality building on the light and sense of the sacred. This we believe will provide a tranquil space for quiet days, art workshops and exhibitions and much more. It will attract people from across Lincolnshire but also neighbouring districts due to its location.

The initial inspiration came though the Chair of District when he first preached in the chapel in 2017. The vision has been wholeheartedly owned by the church members, and by the District, Bruce is very enthusiastic in his support of this. At the moment we are looking for the right architect and working out the reality of the vision and the cost!

The people of Lea Methodist Church ask you

- To pray for this project and them as change approaches rapidly
- To encourage the exciting possibilities
- To support the fundraising.

The Little Retreat Prayer

Gentle God

Who enfolds all people in love and care.

Enrich our lives by creation's art

And fill us, our community and world with peace.

Amen

## Marton

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

## Misterton

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

Regular meetings are:

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

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