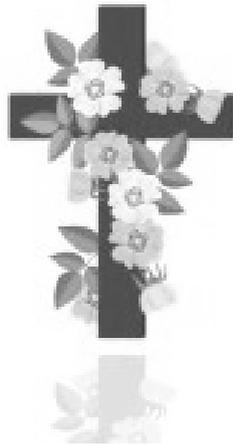


**THE WOLDS AND TRENT CIRCUIT  
OF THE  
METHODIST CHURCH IN  
LINCOLNSHIRE**

# **LINK**



**June 2015**

## Pastoral Letter

Dear friends

In the liturgical year we have entered the period of 'Ordinary Time'. It strikes me that this suits us well as we are Ordinary People. At least that is what we might call ourselves.

This set me thinking about our role in the God's world.

Yes, we are ordinary people but each of us is also a unique person with a role to play in God's world that no-one else can play. There are no understudies for our life! We are inclined to live (especially in the church) on an 'I can't' map – 'not me, I'm just an ordinary person' we say.

Yet take a look at the Bible and throughout it we find ordinary people being used by God in amazing ways - Abraham, David and Gideon to name a few in the Old Testament, and each of the disciples in the New Testament.

Each one of these was an ordinary person getting on with the day to day tasks of life and then God uses them for his unique purpose which only they can fulfill.

As we enjoy the summer months may we find time to reflect on our unique role in God's world and ensure that we fulfill the unique tasks that we called to and recognize that though we are ordinary people, with God we can do amazing things.

God bless you all

Liz

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### Brookenby

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

### Caistor

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

Dear friends

A huge thank you for sending us money to buy a projector for the Methodist school. We are amazed at how many people contributed and how quickly the amount was collected! The need for good English teaching here in El Salvador is urgent, as more and more jobs are only available to those who have reached a competent level. There is no national provision of English teaching until age 12, so the Methodist school is unique in our town in offering a daily English class from 3 years old, and we hope to give children a better chance of supporting themselves and their families in the future by improving their job prospects.

We have bought one (a group coming from the US to work with the church brought it with them – it was cheaper in Walmart than here!) and are now using it daily in our classes. We use a curriculum called Genki English, developed by a British teacher working in Japan, which teaches English through songs and visual games on a projector screen. The idea is that you don't need much space or resources, which is ideal for us, as we often have 29 four and five year olds in a classroom as big as the Caistor primary school office! Most classes here are taught by rote, where children copy from the board, so we hope by using music and visuals we can offer children who find it hard to read and write a different way of learning.

There is lots of money left over, with which we are planning to buy tactile resources for our classroom (hard wearing toy animals, play foods, musical instruments and sets of dominoes/picture cards) and basic stationary. So far we have bought folders, so the children can store their own work, and whiteboard markers which the children use for working on little boards to save paper.

We also teach at a project called 'Infancia con Futuro' (Children with a future) which works with vulnerable young people at risk of being recruited by gangs. Gangs in El Salvador are currently killing 16 – 20 people a day, and often recruit children aged between 8 and 12 to start working for them before they are old enough to be arrested and sent to prison. By giving children something to do in the afternoon, they are less likely to be on the streets visible to gangs.

Thank you so much for your generosity, and for helping transform our teaching space into a fun exciting English classroom!

Maura Cook and Paul Collins

## Faldingworth

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

The members of the Methodist Chapel are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. This will take place in the Chapel and will last from 10am - 12noon. Do come if you can.

On Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Service in the Chapel, in the afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock.

The Rev Alan Robson has been invited to lead this Service. He is the Agriculture Chaplain for Lincolnshire and at one time was a Circuit Minister in the area. He was instrumental in improving the conditions in the kitchen at Faldingworth Chapel with a grant from the Arthur Rank Association. It was much appreciated by the ladies and everyone.

It would be lovely if we could have a "full house" for Alan's visit, You are assured of a warm welcome.

The service is to commemorate and give thanks for the many years there has been a Methodist Chapel in the village. At one time (1882) there were two small Chapels belonging to the Wesleyan Reformers-according to Whites Directory of Lincolnshire.

Mr Stamp, whose photo is in the Vestry at Faldingworth was largely involved in the present building.

As I write this "Jesus Christ the apple tree" is being sung on the radio. As I look out on the garden the Bramley apple tree is laden with breathtaking blossom-coincidence?!

Laurie Oxborrow

## Gainsborough

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

Of particular note: Sarah Hoyes, one of our circuit youth workers if you have not met her, gave birth to a daughter, Eloise Grace, on 9<sup>th</sup> May. We rejoice with Sarah and Joe, and Eloise's grandparents.

After our service on 10<sup>th</sup> May we had our Annual Church Meeting, with about 20 people attending, all of whom brought food to share. Stewards were appointed, more properly reappointed, and we were glad also to welcome (in her absence) a new Church Council Secretary. That business was followed by a discussion, led by Liz, about the question of same sex blessings, a theme which Methodist Conference asks us to consider. It was useful to do this and hear different opinions, all of which will be brought to Church Council in September.

The carpet has been fitted! It looks good and has received approval all round. The piece of land on the corner by the church is being sorted out, with plans to create a garden, with some bushes retained, but more added and tidied up. The celebration of Pentecost is yet to happen as I write. As well as our church service, it is a time when we particularly look outward to the community in Gainsborough, and bring our prayers for the businesses and organisations in the town. Our own arrangement will centre on Christian Aid week. For the moment it has been decided to discontinue Café Worship, but we hope to have a re-launch in the autumn.

Rev Paul Wilson from Methodist Evangelicals Together (MET) will be preaching in Gainsborough at 10.30am on 7<sup>th</sup> June, and in Middle Rasen at 6.00pm. In the afternoon from 3-5pm Paul will lead a seminar, under the title: "The Treasure of Methodism: The Four Alls and their relevance today." You will be welcome at any, or all, of these events.

On 14<sup>th</sup> June a speaker from The Leprosy Mission will lead our worship. Elizabeth Brockbank, one of our members, passes on this information:

‘It is hard to believe that a bunch of used stamps can help transform the lives of some of the world’s poorest people. But the fact is it can! In 2014 The Leprosy Mission England and Wales raised £127,341 as a result of stamps and collectables. We welcome your gifts of all types of stamps, even the most common. It is preferable for stamps to be left on their backing and not soaked off. If possible trim around the stamps so that they have no more than a 5mm thickness around each edge.’ An easy way to help!

Elizabeth will be pleased to receive gifts, if you send them to Gainsborough Methodist Church.

Mike Childs

### Glenthams

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

Exciting times in Glenthams continue - during our absence children were having to be bussed in for the Family service, new faces were present and a great time was had by all.

During our recent holiday in Antigua we were privileged to worship on both Sundays at the Gilbert Memorial Methodist church on Zion Hill. A lovely old chapel built in the early 1800's and named after Nathaniel Gilbert who introduced Methodism to the island in 1760. He preached to slaves on his and other plantations, which grew sugar cane. There is no metalled road up the hill to this chapel and driving up at 7.15am we met an elderly lady slowly making her way up the rough stone covered track as she had done for many years. I suppose the hill is as steep as the Caistor hill.

It was a wonderful time of worship which in spite of the difficulties enjoyed a congregation of some forty adults plus fifteen children. Service began at 8am and finished around 10.30am. (we could introduce those times here!!!) Our café style church led by Rev Anne was lively and enjoyed by children and adults and oh so different from the dullness of some traditional worship services!!

Our trips to Hemswell are so exciting, the more we go the more we know, people I mean. Truth we never know who's coming to see us and thanks to our prayer partners they keep coming.

June sees the village celebrating Armed Forces day 'and the Big Lunch on 27<sup>th</sup>, it's a bit like a village fete with various stalls, Bouncy Castle etc, so please come along and offer support we'd love to see you!! The God Pod will be there too, starts at 11am finishes around 3pm.

God Bless  
Jenny & Peter

Please help with prayer for the work of the God pod at Hemswell Cliff – could you offer two hours on a Sunday afternoon once or twice a year?? If so please call us.

**Men's Breakfast    13<sup>th</sup> June**  
9am at The Crown, Glenthams

**Sugar & Spice        20<sup>th</sup> June**  
9.30am at The Willows, Glenthams

## **Help for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East**

I think we're all aware of the very distressing situation facing many Christians in the Middle East. Murder, rape, slavery and other means of torture inflicted on men, women and children as whole populations flee from the evil of so called Islamists. How can anyone support such a religion after seeing on TV the havoc created by these terrorists and yet little seems to be done about curbing their violence and oppression.

You may not realise what is happening in the Middle East today is almost a repeat of the genocide which happened in Turkey over one hundred years ago when over a period of twenty years 3.75 million Christians were murdered by the Ottoman Turks. Yes 3.75 million!!! The world stood by then and it stands by today.

Persecution of Christians is also happening in many other countries, India, Pakistan, Khasikstan, Uzbekistan, Somalia, Nigeria and other places, I write to draw your attention to these suffering brothers and sisters and to offer an idea of how we can all help.

Sadly my brother in law died early April but when visiting his house we were amazed at the number of new and unused items he possessed. The idea began to form as to how these 'things' could be used to help our sisters and brothers in need in their refugee camps. Why not bring what we can down here to our Circuit and have a sale to raise funds?

Since then our thoughts have grown to include you as well as you read this. I'm sure most of us have new and unused items sitting in cupboards or on shelves which if you were willing could be sold to raise necessary funds. After all they're only things and truth is when we die most of them will end up in

the skip or charity shops, whilst fellow Christians are living in horrendous conditions and even dying through lack of support today.

Perhaps I could ask you to look at Acts 2: 42-47 and apply it to us as Christians in the Wolds and Trent Circuit, today.

Please let us know if you are willing to contribute to this effort, (01673878806) we'll organize a sale in a few weeks in a central location. Please I ask you, spare a thought and a prayer for suffering Christians, search your heart and your home and give freely.

In His name

Jenny & Peter

### Lea

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

#### **Coffee Morning**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

10-11.30am

Usual stalls

Everyone Welcome

#### **Village Guild**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

10am

Village Guild AGM

### Marton

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

I hope you all heard the applause at Marton Chapel about 4 p.m. on Sunday April 19th.

Mr Jim Porter our Chapel Treasurer and popular friend was 90 years young that day and a birthday tea had been arranged by Chapel members for Jim's family and friends. Jim is a very well known man having lived and worked in the area. We had to limit the party to 60 but many more sent best wishes and

cards. After tea there were numerous congratulations for Jim including special poems, readings and solos.

A hand made card and cake depicting Jim's interests plus a large portrait were greatly admired. The party closed with everyone singing Jim's favourite hymn "When I survey the wondrous cross".

There are eight crosses in Marton Chapel all hand crafted by Jim.

Many generous donations have enabled Jim to choose a teak garden seat. We all hope he will find the time to sit on it!

On Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> the family of the late Rona Wood (nee Scott) of York brought her ashes to be buried near her mother in Morton Cemetery.

In her younger days Rona was a member of Marton Chapel and Youth Club, so it was with great pleasure that we welcomed the family to the Chapel. Here, they were joined by friends of Rona and we enjoyed tea, cakes, photos and memories.

We remembered, amongst others, cycling from Marton to Gainsborough Girls High School in all weathers and we could never be late. Also, squashing in to Ray Wilkinson's bus to go to the "never to be missed" Circuit Youth Club where Ministers, Local Preachers, marriages and life-long friendships started (much more fun than texting)

After over two hours of socialising the family thanked us for our hospitality. I hope all visitors to our Chapel feel they can do the same.

Our 201<sup>st</sup> Chapel Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am and will be conducted by Christine Blackburn of Reepham. After the service a carvery lunch will be enjoyed at the Rose and Crown, Upton. If you wish to join us for this please contact me asap.

Coffee Morning is on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 10am. All welcome.

Yours in friendship

Doris

## **“THANK YOU”**

Two small words that mean so much, but seem inadequate to say for the beautiful garden seat and wonderful birthday cake, tea and fellowship for my birthday.

Thanks to all who donated and attended, especially Mrs Kitchinson for all the organising.

God Bless you all,  
Jim

# **Safari Tea**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

Savoury food at Market Rasen, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Sweet treats at North Kelsey, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Please book your places by email or phone to

Midge Thomas 01652 678365 or

Janet Faulkner 01673 818718

by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Cost is £4:00 per person, payable on the day.

Followed by a

## **Farewell Service for Rev Andrew Lomax**

At Caistor Methodist Church, at 6:00 pm.

Tea & coffee will be available at Caistor before & after the service.

Come & join us for tea, the service or both.

Everyone is welcome.

## **Market Rasen**

**Church Contact:** Mr G Taylor 01673 843939  
glt332@yahoo.co.uk

On 26th April many of us joined friends from around the circuit for the dedication of the Easter offering. The offering goes to the Methodist Relief and Development fund, and the service featured 3 reports on projects around the World that the fund is involved with, which I found interesting. The screen at Middle Rasen was used to show some of the people involved and benefiting from these projects. It was good to be part of a Circuit service. The hymn singing goes so much better with a full church! At the close there was a welcome cuppa and biscuit, and a chance to chat. Thank you Middle.

On 3rd May Rev. Lomax took our service. One of the readings was about Jesus as the true vine, and the need to remain in him to produce good fruit. Andrew talked of the lusciousness of grapes and how we all enjoy them. He then went on to say how the acts of kindness and good neighbourliness are the fruit we produce for others to benefit from.

On 10th May we had an OA. Our service was taken by Mr Quinn Hough who talked about discipleship. He had a flip chart to help him make his points. There was a river, with us on one side and Jesus on the other bank, behind some trees (cares of the world) and stepping stones going across the river to represent a progression towards Jesus. There were 6 stepping stones each with a word to represent them. The first being a vague SUPPORT for the Church and the last being a life of SERVICE as a disciple of Jesus.

As I write this we are looking forward to open churches and our Spring Fair next weekend.

Margaret Dawson.

## Middle Rasen

**Church Contact:** Mrs Moira Nicholls 01673 849129

I begin with a few words about the preachers that we have had these last few weeks. As the preacher Rev. Cotton was ill on Sunday morning 19<sup>th</sup> April, it was left to the stewards to make their own arrangements and Catherine Wylie stepped in. She chose the subject “what does God look like?” “How do we picture God?” and “How does the Bible describe Him – what words does it use?” We were given an illustrated leaflet as we entered Chapel.

Catherine began by inviting one of the congregation, Brian Cook, to come forward to answer some questions – the subject being “describe a good or special friend” you have. The questions were mostly about character, attributes, personality, etc. and then lastly, to describe their physical appearance. To each question, Catherine gave her own answers about a special friend she has, but when it came to their appearances, Catherine’s were very different because it was about her dog Holly!!!! Isiah describes what he feels about God not what he saw – as *we* do. We can’t say what he looks like, (he is not human) but we know in ourselves His omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence (my words) – He is always there whenever we need help or advice – He never fails us. During Catherine’s questions, with a slight ‘hiccup(!) Ray played Sanctus Fairas Requiem which describes a brief glimpse of angelic praise in heaven. We had a lovely service.

On 26<sup>th</sup> April, we hosted the Circuit Easter Offering Dedication Service – another lovely service. Chapel was packed to the seams!!! It is so nice to meet old and new friends – I met two people that I haven’t seen since 1976 and they actually don’t live all that far away!!!

I joined the Women’s Own on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Since the Guild finished in the middle of March, I’ve always meant to but, like many things. I put the thought to one side!! Now I realise Women’s Own takes a holiday at the end of June for a few weeks!

Next week it is MViB Circuit Afternoon at our Chapel with Mission Aviation Fellowship. On Sunday morning, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Ken Knapton came to preach. He started by talking particularly to the gardeners in the congregation – I gather he is not a keen or expert gardener!! – however he knows that several of the members belong to the Horticultural Club! He used this subject to emphasise our relationship with God and the land. “I am the vine” said God “You are the

branches”. If vines and plants are pruned correctly, more grow and are healthier. Plants grow more strongly and so do we – when all the ‘bad’ or ‘dead wood’ is pruned out. The same with weeding – get those out and the plants we want to grow have more room and grow strongly. We sang a hymn with which we are not too familiar with from ‘Singing the Faith (p258)’ – “You are the vine – we are the branches”. Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May we have United Service for Christian Aid Week. It is a pity I don’t go to the evening services as I know I miss a lot of good sermons!!!

When you have read this we shall have had our Church Anniversary Concert and Supper with a Sankey Evening. I hope some of you were able to go.

As I write this, it is a cold, blustery and wet day although it was gorgeous yesterday and I actually got burnt but, and these are words one of our members has found in ‘The Friendship Book’ – “Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine”. Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves”.

Liz Margrave

**A note of Thanks:**

I was sorry that I was unable to attend Chapel for my 60<sup>th</sup> Preaching Certificate.

I would like to thank all our members and friends for their prayers and support and Christian fellowship throughout these many years.

With love and blessings

Peggy  
(M.M. Thwaites)

**On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**, Rev. Paul Wilson will be coming to the circuit. He is the outreach worker for Methodist Evangelicals Together (MET) and comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Paul will be taking the 10.30am service at Gainsborough, then holding a seminar from 3.00-5.00pm at Middle Rasen, before leading evening worship, again at Middle Rasen.

If you are able to come along, it should be a very worthwhile and inspiring time.

### **Misterton**

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

Regular meetings are: **Womens' Fellowship**

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

6 May, Recipe afternoon

20 May, Rev Liz Childs

3 June, Martin Holman talks about his visit to Pakistan.

#### **Drop-in Coffee Group**

Thursdays 10-11am

#### **Study Group:**

Mon. 18th May, 7-8.30pm

in schoolroom

Steve

## **LINK COMITTEE AGM**

Have your say on how the Link is put together!

4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

7.30PM

GLENTHAM CHAPEL

All welcome.

If you are unable to attend, please email any items you would like discussed to the editor:

[Kathy\\_link@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Kathy_link@hotmail.co.uk)

North Kelsey

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

Zimbe ! My last missive dwelt heavily on our Choral Society's preparation for a mega-presentation of Alexander L'Estrange's 'Zimbe !'. So I must report that it was very well received by a record audience which was boosted by the parents of the schoolchildren who contributed beautifully and enthusiastically to the event ! One of the traditional South African hymns included in Zimbe ! is in Singing The Faith 483 to the tune 'Siyahamba'. We sang it in African without copies – as we were encouraged to sway to the rhythm and clap hands !! We were accompanied by Alexander's Jazz Quintet and they also accompanied a separate piece by the choir – Bob Chilcott's 'A Little Jazz Mass' – a very different experience and enjoyed by choir and audience alike !

We have had another very busy weekend with the WLDC Open Churches Festival weekend when we open our doors to all who come. We provide drinks and salad lunches all day and I can report that we had a steady flow of visitors on both days. Our church and schoolroom were regaled with tea towels of every description (when we cleared up we had a count and we have 65!) which provided a very colourful and interesting background to some beautiful flower arrangements created by those who can! I am one who can't – but I was happy to provide my usual contribution of tray bakes!!

We all always enjoy each other's company and work well together. We had several return visitors plus newcomers from quite a wide radius including Long Sutton and Worksop who all appreciated our hospitality and, not least, our loos!!

It was great to meet up with so many friends from around the circuit at Middle Rasen for the Easter Offerings Service. It is always good to hear so many voices singing our hymns together and no doubt we shall have a good sing at the last service at Faldingworth Church on 14<sup>th</sup> June. I'm sure I won't be the only one approaching the day with very mixed feelings. I guess many will have read or even seen Colin Hare's play 'Faith as a mustard seed' – a community play to celebrate the Centenary of Faldingworth Chapel. It's the story of the part that George Stamp played in the vision and building of Faldingworth Chapel in 1897. A fact of which I am very proud as George Stamp was my great- grandfather! A very sad day for Faldingworth but also a time of celebration for the years of faith of all those involved.

Midge

## **A Special Invitation for all Methodists:**

Caistor CofE & Methodist Primary School is part of our circuit. It was the first joint school in the county, country, world!

You don't often get a chance to visit it, but on Tuesday, **July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am** they will be putting on entertainment just for you. Refreshments will be served, the children will showcase their performance talents and there will be the opportunity for a guided tour of this growing school.

This is for the circuit only, and helps us to keep up contact with 'our' school.

Please put the date in your diary and join us for an enjoyable time together.

Last year the school really appreciated the encouragement of those who came.

Any questions please speak to Andrew.

## Nettleton

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

Congratulations to Sarah and Joe on the safe arrival of daughter Eloise Grace Hoyes.

We joined with many others for the Easter Offering service in Middle Rasen. As there were so many people it was necessary to put chairs into the aisles. How wonderful it would be if all Chapels could be like this for Sunday Services. Thank you to the Worship Leaders for arranging the Service and allowing Andrew, Liz and Anne to assist you.

The “Soup and Sweet” lunch was enjoyed by all those who attended. There was praise for the cook’s on the selection of soups and sweets available. Some diners even managed to eat more than one sweet! The raffle was drawn and the winners claimed their prizes. Thank you to all who made this such a success.

Jean Field

Dates for your Diary:

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Coffee Morning 10.30am-12 noon

Jul 4<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Coffee Morning 10.30am-12 noon

## Methodist Women in Britain – MwiB

### **DISTRICT DAY**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

10.30am-3.00pm

At

St Christopher’s Methodist Church, Grimsby (DN32 9JA)

Morning Worship and Communion led by Rev Jade Bath

Short business meeting to include information about MwiB archiving project

Afternoon led by Rev Jenny Henshall

## Zambia Reflections

Please bring a packed lunch-drinks will be provided.  
Further details from Diane Patrick 01469 573638  
Or email [pdiane15h@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pdiane15h@yahoo.co.uk)

### Upton

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

Hello to everyone from Upton.

The next coffee and chat will be on Wednesday 10th June 10-30 - 12-00 noon.

As I write this the sun is shining, the birds are singing and it's a gorgeous afternoon. Last Sunday we had Peter Atkinson preaching and Jenny came too to help with parts of the service. We had a lovely time of fellowship together with our relatively "new" friends. The theme of Peter's service was "love thy neighbour" a phrase used many times and in differing contexts through the years. It was even the title of a TV sitcom more years ago than I care to remember. However it set me thinking during this week.

After the service on Sunday we had to go and help my Dad who had fallen. He had been unable to contact us as we were at Chapel so he was a while before we could help. His neighbour helped us pick him up and make him comfortable. A good neighbour indeed!

A few days ago we were saddened to hear of another earthquake in Nepal, the second in only a few days. A very good friend and neighbour, living near us, quickly organised a coffee morning at her home to raise money for Nepal. The coffee morning, and 2 quizzes, plus some generous donations raised over £900 for victims of the earthquakes. Another unsung hero who "Loves thy neighbour".

The press don't seem too interested in stories of good deeds so I felt like sharing a couple today!!! We all know people who do good and sometimes it's nice to hear about them. It cheers us up and gives us hope for the future.

So I would like to thank Peter for his wise words on Sunday, it set me thinking for my few words today. What can we do to help and show our love for others? Worth thinking about isn't it?

With love from us all at Upton,

Jenny xxx

## **Spring Synod April 2015**

The sun was shining brightly as I drove to Welton near Lincoln for this year's synod and together with the rousing hymns in our opening worship the tone for the day ahead was set.

The early part of the morning session included several positive reports including those from finance, business, local preachers, property and youth work which showed that there are many people working extremely hard in our district. However, there was a disturbing report from Action for Children which works with more than 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers each year across the UK. In Lincolnshire the invaluable support this charity offers is under threat as much of their funding comes from the county council who are not willing to provide guaranteed funding beyond March 2016. This puts staff and volunteers under a great deal of stress and it is feared that highly trained and valued staff will be lost during this period of uncertainty as they seek more secure employment. Synod decided to send a letter of concern to those organisations involved or directly affected.

The workshops and presentations available this synod included:

“Pioneer Ministry” led by Revd. Stephen Lindridge, Chair Designate of the Newcastle District.

“Christianity and Social Media” led by Revd. Mark Stennett.

Exploring “Seasons of my Soul” (a new ecumenical resource which explores themes such as memories, identity, forgiveness and reconciliation) led by Jane Bingham, Discipleship & Ministries Learning Network in our region.

“Money 4 Mission” led by Michael May, District Treasurer.

“Confidentiality in Safeguarding” led by Howard Smedley, District Safeguarding Officer.

“Everyday Evangelists” led by Revd. Paul Wilson.

With such talented people leading these workshops it made it difficult to choose and so the team split up and attended different ones. Revd. Ann Coates was impressed by “Everyday Evangelists” and since we are lucky enough for the Revd. Paul Wilson to be visiting our circuit in June it is highly recommended that you go along and listen to him if you can.

When we left shortly after 3.30pm the sun was still shining and only having to drive from Welton, it was warm enough to enjoy a coffee in the garden before cooking dinner.

Jo Kershaw

### **The Jubilee Games**

Just a reminder that the 2015 Jubilee Games will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at RAF Scampton. As things stand, with the continuing support of the community coaches, all four of the ex MOD sites are expected to participate, including Newtoft, for the first time since 2012. It is one of very few activities which brings families from these often isolated communities together.

June Hare has very kindly donated a memorial shield in memory of Colin, which we hope will be presented annually for the children’s tug of war competition. She has also accepted an invitation to present both this and the Jubilee Games winner’s shield at the end of the day.

As mentioned previously, Pat and I will be running a raffle at the Jubilee Games in order to raise funds. Any prizes or donations are welcome and need to be passed on to me by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.

If you would like to come along on the day, the Jubilee Games commence at 10am and finish at 4pm. Access is via the ex MOD community road and not via the main RAF Station entrance.

Ian Hardcastle

## **Fundraising for the Nomad Trust**

Many thanks to all of you who have continued to help raise money for the Nomad Trust. I am very pleased to inform you that we have now raised £2376.09 overall since the project commenced.

In their recent Easter Newsletter, the Nomad Trust published the following case study:

*Callum is 19 years old. He is from Lincoln and spent his whole life here. He became homeless after a relationship breakdown with his family due to his behavioural issues. He had been rough sleeping for a few months before accessing the Nomad Trust. He has found being homeless quite tough as he never expected to be in this position but is now looking for longer term accommodation and looking to get into work so that he can rebuild his life and his self esteem.*

The Nomad Trust is a Christian based registered charity which provides welfare services in the city of Lincoln for those who are homeless or otherwise in need. It upholds the worth and dignity of all individuals and asserts that everyone should have the basic essentials of life not least companionship.

If you wish to join in fundraising for Nomad using the collection box scheme, or have not been able to pick up a box at your church, please contact me on 01673 842391, or email [ianh1910@gmail.com](mailto:ianh1910@gmail.com) .

Ian Hardcastle

## **Launch of QUEST-ion Youth Project under Lincolnshire Youth Mission**

As I hope you are aware it has been agreed by the Circuit to transfer employment of our Mission Workers to Lincolnshire Youth Mission – an umbrella organization for youth projects across the county. The aim is to make the work sustainable for at least the next 5 years.

We are holding a launch event for this new venture on **Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> at Marton Primary School.**

**At 12.00 there will be a BBQ, followed by worship and a presentation of the project at 1.00. At 2.00 there will be an opportunity to discover more about the work by viewing the caravan, joining in some activities and talking with the workers.**

**Everyone is invited, so please try to ensure that someone from your church comes along to discover just what this mission work is all about and how it can develop in its new format.**

### ***LINK WORDS – PUZZLE PAGE***

As our gardens burst forth into glorious blooms, in the sentences below are the NAMES of 33 PLANTS for you to find. Thank you God for all flowers which give us such pleasure.

1. Ted Hinch, a rebel lying low, was glad I, Oliver helped him.
2. At base camp, I only had 2 pans, years old cutlery and a lot of useless instructions.
3. I received a parcel and in each pack an offer – new, universal, viable gadgets!
4. She was so skint, Holly hocked her watch at the pawnbrokers – she's not thrifty.
5. The boys would tease Lionel and pull his ear lobe; Liam though objected.
6. The adverb Ena used is an Americanism.

7. While reading Roald Dahl, I actually remembered I owe Diane money.
8. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, lipread what the master builder was saying.
9. What a strange gent Ian Stocksworth is – a tragic lover.
10. BA Zulu pinned down a Guardsman in the mad crush of battle.
11. The hungry croc used his teeth to free Sian away from her rescuers.
12. The Irishman, Ambrose Senior chided his grandchildren on their behaviour.
13. In all honesty, Ralph Loxiter could not swear on the Bible.
14. The wasp I distracted enough to catch in an open stem on a wall flowering with blooms.

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### ***WORDSEARCH – WE'RE IN A STATE!***

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There are 25 of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA to search for above, and 1 state is contained in the name of another. Also as an extra puzzle, can you name the CAPITAL CITY of each state? You'll find some interesting names often featured in films and Country music.

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### **BIBLICAL BODYCOUNT - WORDSEARCH ANSWERS**

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|--------------|--------------------|
| 1. AARON     | 22. JONATHAN       |
| 2. AHAB      | 23. JOSEPH         |
| 3. BENJAMIN  | 24. JOSHUA         |
| 4. BOAZ      | 25. LEAH           |
| 5. DANIEL    | 26. MICAH          |
| 6. ELI       | 27. MIRIAM         |
| 7. ENOCH     | 28. MOSES          |
| 8. ESAU      | 29. NAOMI          |
| 9. EVE       | 30. NEBUCHADNEZZAR |
| 10. EZEKIEL  | 31. NOAH           |
| 11. GIDEON   | 32. POTTIPHAR      |
| 12. GOLIATH  | 33. REBECCA        |
| 13. HABAKKUK | 34. REUBEN         |
| 14. HAGAR    | 35. SAMSON         |
| 15. HANNAH   | 36. SAMUEL         |
| 16. HOSEA    | 37. SARAH          |
| 17. ISSAC    | 38. SAUL           |
| 18. JACOB    | 39. SETH           |
| 19. JEREMIAH | 40. SOLOMON        |
| 20. JEZEBEL  | 41. URIAH          |
| 21. JONAH    | 42. ZADOC          |

### **LINK WORDS - PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS**

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| 1. PROOF      | 11. GALL      |
| 2. WALLFLOWER | 12. TRAP      |
| 3. WRENCH     | 13. BROADCAST |
| 4. MANILA     | 14. CAMP      |
| 5. SCARF      | 15. ARCH      |
| 6. FLUFF      | 16. FLING     |
| 7. ARSENAL    | 17. CALYPSO   |
| 8. BECOME     | 18. PRESERVE  |

9. LAUNCH  
10. WORST

19. CHARGER

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