

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

LINK



November 2014

Pastoral Letter

Dear friends

November is a month when we seem to recall the past.

On the 5th we shall remember Guy Fawkes, the man found guarding explosives in Westminster Palace on November 5th 1605 in the plot to assassinate King James 1 and restore a Catholic Monarch to the throne.

We celebrate the failure of the plot by burning effigies of Guy on bonfires.

Here, in 1605, was a group of people who believed they could enforce their religious views on others by force, by an act of terrorism.

On November 11th we shall remember the many thousands who lost their lives in two world wars and various continuing conflicts.

It would seem that the same belief that certain views can be enforced on others by use of force or terrorism is still alive in the minds of many across the world. Recent weeks have seen the murder of men who went to offer aid to countries in need.

What a sad reflection of the human race that - more than 400 years after Guy Fawkes - people still misuse their power and inflict suffering on others to try to impose their will.

As we mark 5th and 11th November this year, in whatever way we do, may we be conscious of the contrast between this misuse of power and the way of Jesus; between the way of war and force and the way of peace and love. And may we join our prayers with those of people all around the world who pray for peace, and join our daily actions with those around the world who are peacemakers.

May you know the peace of God in your lives and in your relationships and experience his blessing throughout this month.

Liz

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Brookenby

Church Contact: Mrs M Nicholls 01472 398364

What a beautiful celebration of “Thanksgiving” we held yesterday. Everyone brought so many gifts for The Nomad Trust in Lincoln - warm blankets, duvets, tins and jars of food, toiletries, as well as paper goods and, would you believe, a big bag of dog food. Our guest speaker – Miss Brenda Shields explained in her talk about the valuable work that goes on in the Shelter; there is even provision made in the basement for TWO dogs, if necessary! All are made welcome even dogs!! Brenda gave a very meaningful talk about the work in which she has been involved for the past 15 years.

We are looking forward to Mr Ken Knapton coming to lead our worship on Remembrance Sunday. After a very short introductory Service, we will assemble on the local Airfield - ex-RAF Binbrook at the 460 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force Memorial for the 2 minute silence. Afterwards various wreaths will be laid by members of the Parish Council and the public to remember all of those who sacrificed their lives during WW2. On our return to Church there will be nice hot soup and bread rolls served, which I’m sure will be very welcome, especially if there is a cold wind blowing that morning on top of the Wolds!! Come and join us (if you dare?) !

Love and Blessings to one and all,

Doreen Wallis

Caistor

Church Contact: Mr M James 01472 851965

A big thank you to all who came along and sang, listened to and ate with the lovely Roscoe gospel choir from Chapeltown in Leeds. Much needed funds were raised for their church boiler and we were treated to, amongst others, the wonderful Wesley hymn ‘And Can it Be?’ accompanied on the steel drum and synthesiser – it was great to experience a different perspective on singing, music and worship.

Our next outreach event is the Bright Light Bash 5pm to 7pm on the 31st October. This has proved to be a popular evening with something for everyone from sweets, buns, games and treats to quiet time for prayer and reflection culminating in a service embracing the light of Jesus.

House groups are up and running after a summer break and they continue to sustain and nourish many in their faith. We are so lucky that we have the freedom to speak out loud with others and voice our thoughts, questions and views on issues of Christianity without fear of persecution. We pray that the silent prayers of those less fortunate will be answered.

As Ian Hardcastle noted at our service last week, there's only seven weeks until the start of Advent. Please help spread the word of our Christmas Day lunch in Caistor chapel hall for all those looking for company and fellowship on this day – all are welcome and transport can be arranged - more details are available from the chapel, the next edition of Link or from Hugh/Kate tel: 01652 628001.

Kate Kelly

Faldingworth

Church Contact: Mrs C Waite 01673 885249

This year seems to have flown by. The lovely sunny days which we have had in September have been welcomed by all of us. It has been an absolute joy to be out of doors and enjoying the butterflies and bees still looking for nectar in the late flowers and fruits.

We were able to get the Chapel garden tidied up whilst the sun shone and the Council kindly took away the debris. The roses are still blooming.

We were able to join Middle Rasen for their Harvest Festival. It was a lovely service led by Rev Sheard. The singing was lovely and the chapel looked really beautiful.

Our own Harvest Service was led by Mr Richard Alderson who has spent some time as an agricultural advisor. Our friends from the Parish Church joined us for the service and some of them stayed for coffee and chat in the schoolroom afterwards. We enjoyed Richard's visit and thank him very much for his splendid collection of God's gifts, which had the congregation looking and guessing what was coming next.

It was so appropriate for a village Chapel in an agricultural county. It brought home to us all the true meaning of seedtime and harvest.

We are having a United Service for Remembrance Sunday in the Parish Church in Faldingworth. It doesn't have a war memorial as such but it does have a Memorial Hall. This building once served as a hospital and was made of tine. It was bricked round and brought up to date by a local builder in the nineteen eighties. Later a modern kitchen and floor was installed. Names of those who went to war are recorded on a wall plaque.

Laurie

Gainsborough

Church Contact: Mr M Childs 01427 610057

October brought the traditional Harvest Festival, and this year we were very pleased to welcome Ken Knapton to lead our worship and thoughts. People were very generous with food for the Gainsborough Food Bank, and a substantial car load was taken.

On 11th October the long awaited 'Thanks for the Memory' street party came to Gainsborough. Rose Lunt and her team brought a memorable and professional event to us, multi-media, moving and at the same time provoking us into thought. Our Girls' Brigade took part in this (and the Harvest Festival incidentally). Catering was very efficiently carried out by Angie and Nicola. Thanks particularly to Elizabeth for making sure everything went smoothly. The regular events continue to take place, and the premises are very well used by church organisations as well as those who rent rooms on a weekly or monthly basis. We are hoping soon to have someone who wants to use a Friday, as that is about the only time we are empty.

In November we look forward to the Church Anniversary on 16th, when Rev. Terry Nowell from Lincoln will lead our worship. We shall join together in a meal in the upstairs room after the service. This will be Kathy Holt's last time to deal with the catering. Kathy has taken a lot of time and care over supplying food and drink for many years, and we are sorry to see her step down. A new catering co-ordinator is needed!

Mike Childs

Date for your Diary: Sunday December 14th – 3pm at Gainsborough Trinity Football ground – commemorating WW1 Christmas Day when the soldiers sang carols and played football – a boys football match and Community Carol Singing. All welcome.

Glentham

Church Contact: Mr T Faulkner 01673 818718

October is always a beautiful month with striking changes in God's garden and for us too a change in worship. Family church went well with Rachael and Alison taking care of the children, following week the Worship and Praise evening with 'Vision was a wonderful Spirit filled time.

The music was well chosen and the singing almost lifted the roof. We were so pleased to welcome folks from Gainsborough, Welton and Hemswell Cliff to our evening.

A very welcome style of worship thoroughly enjoyed by all who came, so much so we have been asked to arrange another. Watch this space!!!

It was great to welcome our old friend Arthur Dawson to Men's breakfast when John and Audrey Beverley shared experiences of Street Pastors. Our Messy Harvest is upon us, led by Malcolm Boot, we collect non perishables for Harbour Place and shoe boxes full of gifts for Samaritan's Purse 'Shoobox Appeal'

Presence Prayer and Bible study has begun to look at Paul's well loved letter to the Galatians.

The numbers of children on the God Pod varies each time but is well received on our twice a month visits - sadly we still struggle to find prayer partners for the two hours we are there!!

God bless

Jenny & Peter.

Dates for your Diary:

Sugar & Spice 15th November

Men's Breakfast

'The Crown Inn', Glentham

Saturday 8th November at 9am

(every 2nd 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

On Saturday 16th August 2014, wearing silver wings and pink feather boas over highviz jackets, Pat Grey, 65, and Veronica Riley, 67, set off on a reverse mini triathlon in aid of funds for Gingley on the Hill Methodist Church. At five minute intervals they walked/jogged one kilometre from the Chapel round Gringley village and back to the Chapel. There they picked up their bikes and cycled the almost 51m to Walkeringham where they finished the event with a three minute swim in a flow pool.

They did it in that order, rather than the conventional triathlon swim/cycle/run, to avoid the unpleasantness of cycling in a wet swimsuit.

Although the whole thing took only around half an hour or so each, it was no stroll in the park for either of them. Pat found the swim difficult; “I had to have a break part way through” she said, while Veronica, although admitting the force 5 wind behind them helped most of the way, said “I still had to push my bike up the steep bit of Wooden Beck Hill. But then it is 51 years old!”

Afterwards they returned by car to the Chapel where their starter and staunch supporter, Fred Wrath, had the kettle on. Several other supporters joined Pat and Veronica enjoying lunch and post event fellowship.

Despite dwindling membership-, Gringley Chapel is a much respected part of the village’s amenities, joining in with village wide activities such as the Flower for Four Parishes weekend and enjoying support from the people of the village and surrounding area for its special events such as the Christmas bazaar and coffee afternoons. But sadly, funds are needed to pay its dues and maintain its fabric.

So far the pair have had promised around £300. It would be much appreciated if those who have offered sponsorship could contact Pat in 01427 629250 or Veronica on 01427 891131.

If anyone else would like to offer sponsorship, they will be very happy to accept donations. Please contact either of them on the above numbers.

Date for your diary:

Bible Study
November 17th
2.30pm
Buttercross Cottage, High Street

Pat Grey

Lea

Church Contact: Mrs M Lilley 01427 615933

Chapel Anniversary
November 2nd at 3-m
Preacher Rev. Carole Holmes (Redruth)
Tea to follow

Village Guild
Thursday 20th November
2.15pm
Speaker: Mrs Christine Baker
Talk on the Samaritans

Prelude to Chirstmas
With the Willingham Band
Sunday 23rd Novmber at 3-m
Tea and mince pies to follow

Market Rasen

Church Contact: Mr G Taylor 01673 843939
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Sunday Services; 10.45 a.m.; monthly evening service at 6.00p.m.
Weekday communion; First Friday in the month 10.00a.m.
Weekday activities & other events; See monthly Bulletin

Middle Rasen

Church Contact: Mrs Moira Nicholls 01673 848129

As I write this, it is pouring with rain. It is hard to think of the last few days which have been really soft, quiet autumnal days ‘season of mists and mellow fruitfulness’ days. At least the farmers have got their grain in and are now about to start on the root crops.

We had a lovely Harvest Supper and entertainment last month at Chapel. The service the Rev. Dr M Sheard gave next day left us with a lot to think about. He is a lovely man and took both services (which made me realise I only mention the morning services as those are the ones I attend!). He partly based his sermon on Leviticus Ch. 19 vs 9 and 10 and spoke at length about leaving the corners and sides of the fields for the poor etc. to glean, and the other meanings this could imply. He made the service more interesting by having symbols of the harvest time banquets brought to the Communion Table as we acknowledged and responded to God’s provision for us. There was:

1. Soil - from our fields and gardens – a symbol of all God has created.
2. Courgettes - harvest of our fields and gardens – a symbol of our work in partnership with God.
3. Seeds of corn for our next year’s crop – a symbol of God’s promise to provide our daily bread.
4. Jug of Water - symbol of our dependence on God for life.
5. A Bread Cob and a bottle of wine – to symbolise the sacrament of His body and blood - the signs of His spiritual food for us.

The Women’s Own had their own Harvest Festival a few days later. On Sunday 12th October, they will have had their anniversary celebrations with Rev. Liz Childs in the morning and our Jane Lloyd in the evening.

One of the stalwarts of our Women’s Own, Renee Trevor, died in September in a care home, and we celebrated her life on 22nd September. We missed her greatly when she became ill – she was great fun (and made lovely coconut pyramids!). We also had a thanksgiving service for the life of Colin on 14th September. He will be greatly missed by many people. Our sympathies and prayers go out to both families, especially to Colin’s wife – June – as her son too is very, very ill.

On 2nd November there is a joint Annual Memorial Service at 1800hrs at the Anglican Church for all those who have passed away this year, led by Rev. Anne and Rev. Charles.

When I write this, I'm never quite sure where I am!! Some things have definitely passed, some things are over before you get the Link, and some things are yet to come! Forgive me!

There was/is a Prayer Triplets meeting again on Monday 20th October at 1930hrs – praying for our community. Anyone can join in or just come for the experience. On 19th October there is/was a joint Anglican/Methodist service for 'healing and wholeness' at 1800hrs at the Anglican Church, led by our Rev. Anne and the Rev. Charles Patrick.

The Guild begins again on Wednesday 15th October at 1930hrs with a devotional meeting led by Malcolm Coates. Then on 22nd October, Catherine Wylie is presiding over our second meeting, discussing dementia. On 29th October the Guild joins with Grimsby's Haven Guild – something we do every year. One Wednesday they will come to us. Both times, we have lovely entertainment.

Talking of food – Chapel joined in MacMillan's Great Coffee Morning on 26th September and raised a fantastic amount – over £500! Anne Crawforth (nee Walker) and her helpers served coffee etc. in vintage tea sets – it really did look attractive and we had a very big raffle and cake stall.

Congratulations to Anne and Geoff who got married on 13th September – may they have many happy years together.

God invented the giving of love, but He won't mind if we borrow the idea! (A saying I read in our monthly Chapel letter!)

Liz Margrave

While sorting through some old files recently, I found the following cutting. I was reminded that when I was teaching (many moons ago!) we had a copy of these words on the wall of the staff room...

If children live with criticism they learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility they learn to fight.
If children live with ridicule, they learn how to be shy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with tolerance they learn to be patient.
If children live with encouragement they learn confidence.
If children live with appreciation they learn to appreciate.
If children live with fairness they learn justice.
If children live with security they learn to have faith.
If children live with approval they learn to like themselves.
If children live with acceptance and friendship they learn to give love to the world.

I wonder how many teachers would prefer these maxims to some of the rules and goals which are constantly changed in schools today?! Everyone thrives on appreciation instead of criticism, don't they? –Sermon over!
God Bless you

Cicely Maycock

Marton

Church Contact: Mrs D Kitchinson 01427 718634

United Remembrance Day Service

9th November

Marton Chapel 9.30am

Coffee Morning

November 26th 10am

No Coffee Morning in December

Carols

21st December at 6pm

Misterton

Church Contact: Mr S Bilton 01427 810866

We are having a village Remembrance Service at the Parish Church, starting at 10.00 am on Sunday 9th November followed by laying wreaths at the Cenotaph.

Sat. 22nd November Christmas Fayre, 11am- 1.30pm, including many stalls and lunches served.

Regular events:

Womens' Fellowship

1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 2pm.

Thursdays

10-11am Drop-in for coffee

Steve Bilton

Nettleton

Church Contact: Mrs Jean Field 01472 852056

We were joined by friends and neighbours for our Harvest Festival which was led by Mr Malcolm Boot from Louth who spoke about food. Foods on the table in Chapel, the large number of cooking programmes on television and how fortunate we are in this country that food is readily available. Malcolm went on to state that all this was vital for our health, but even more important was “Spiritual Foods” for our spiritual health. A though provoking service. The praise and Auction service on Monday was also well attended by those looking for bargains. David King led the time of worship with Rev Andrew Lomax who gave the message and Louis King sang a solo. After that Louis became the auctioneer and David was the cashier for the auction. The bidding was brisk and the tables were soon cleared to make the sum of £198.16 which was sent to All We Can(the Methodist Development Fund). We finished with fellowship as we enjoyed the refreshments that followed.

As many coffee mornings were held the same day, we decided to hold our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday one week later. Although it was a very wet start we were overwhelmed with visitors from near and far. Their yummy cakes were snapped up, raffle tickets were bought and people chatted over their coffee and biscuits (I did see several eat some of the cakes they had purchased).

The morning was organised by Pam Bradley with the help of Chapel members. Pam also caked the raffle numbers and winners claimed their prizes. When the cash was counted it was great to discover that we had made £400 for this very worthy cause.

November 1st: Monthly Coffee Morning 10.30am-12 noon

Jean Field

NETTLETON JOINT CHURCHES CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Nettleton Village Hall Saturday 6th December
2.00pm-4.00pm

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

Refreshments available all afternoon.

North Kelsey

Church Contact: Mrs M Thomas 01652 678365

"October has been relatively quiet after the busyness of Harvest. At was good to look back on the past 6 months at our recent Church Council meeting when we heard an excellent review from Sarah of her work at Kelsey Primary School as they are now well in to the swing of the new school year. Messy Church is taking a while to get established but we shall keep on trying in supporting Sarah with her truly amazing approach to bringing the good news of Jesus into the youngsters' lives. Further good news in that a new Bible Study group started this month at Jenny Thompson's home and led by our minister, Anne.

Our F Team group will soon be busy planning our annual 'With Christmas In Mind' event when we welcome all to join us. It is a flurry of excitement for just two and half hours as we gather to sell lots of items with a Christmas themed Bumper Bring and Buy and serve a choice of home-made soups and breads followed with Christmas Pudding and Custard ! Look forward to seeing some of you on Saturday 29th November from 11 30am to 2 00pm"

Midge

Upton

Church Contact: Mrs Julie Barrow 01427 838729

I have been really struggling to think of something to say this month, but, having just returned from my Uncle's funeral service the "light", if you like, gradually dawned. My Uncle lived to the wonderful age of 92 and he, and his wife celebrated 70 years of marriage earlier in the year. In the eulogy at his funeral we heard about parts of his life that were unknown to me and had been recorded from the memories of his wife. What wonderful memories she had spanning over 70 years. I find that quite amazing. By the time you come to read this Remembrance Day will be upon us and we will be remembering lives lost through war. A difficult time for many, but a time that needs to be remembered always. A time for remembering soldiers, sailors and airmen that paid the ultimate price for us to live in comparative freedom as we do.

By the time you read this The Trentside Singers will have had their 100th concert. We hope to have done well. Money raised from the concert will go to support the Royal British Legion. The final song before the interval was a poem set to the Dambusters' music. I would like to share those words with you at this time of remembrance. In 1954 a boy dressed in an RAF flying jacket sang these words at a school concert in London

"Proudly ,with high endeavour
We who are young forever,
Won the freedom of the skies
We shall never die.
We who have made our story
Part of our country's glory
Know our hearts will still live on while Britons fly....
We know our hearts will still live on
While Britons fly..."

With best wishes from all at Upton.

Dates for your Diary:

Coffee and Chat Wednesday Nov.12th 10-00am - 12-00 noon

Remembrance Service united at All Saints Church November 9th at 9-30am

Jenny Fotheringham

**MARKET RASEN & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY
CONCERT**

on

SUNDAY 14th 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

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

In addition MR BIG will be holding their Christmas Market on SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER - please contact mrbig.coordinator@gmail.com for further details.

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Right gents, as promised, it's your turn now for **CHRISTIAN NAMES** to be found. Above are hidden **49** and all are in full with no shortened forms. **1 NAME** contains **2 ANSWERS** and of course, the ladies can join in the hunt too.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 In a believer's ear!
 It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
 And drives away his fear.

John Newton.

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WATERWORKS - WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

1. AMAZON - BRAZIL
2. ARNO - ITALY
3. COLORADO - U.S.A.
4. CONGO - ZAIRE
5. DANUBE - AUSTRIA
6. DARLING - AUSTRALIA
7. DON - RUSSIA
8. DOURO - PORTUGAL
9. EBRO - SPAIN
10. ELBE - GERMANY
11. GANGES - INDIA
12. HUDSON - U.S.A
13. INDUS - PAKISTAN
14. IRRAWADDY - BURMA
15. JORDAN - ISRAEL
16. LIFFEY - EIRE
17. LIMPOPO - SOUTH AFRICA
18. LOIRE - FRANCE
19. MEKONG - LAOS
20. MEUSE - BELGIUM
21. MISSOURI - U.S.A.
22. MURRAY - AUSTRALIA
23. NIGER – NIGERIA
24. NILE – EGYPT
25. ODER – POLAND
26. PO – ITALY
27. RHINE – SWITZERLAND
28. SAAR – GERMANY
29. SCHELDT – BELGUIM
30. SEINE – FRANCE
31. SHENANDOAH – U.S.A
32. TAGUS – PORTUGAL
33. TAY – SCOTLAND
34. THAMES - ENGLAND
35. TIBER – ITALY
36. TIGRIS – IRAQ
37. TRENT – ENGLAND
38. USK – WALES
39. VOLGA – RUSSIA
40. YANGTZE – CHINA
41. YELLOW – CHINA
42. ZAMBEZI – ZAMBIA

HIDDEN HOLIDAY HAUNTS - ANSWERS

1. CYPRUS, GRANADA, MAJORCA
2. WALES
3. FILEY
4. PETRA, CANARIES, DORDOGNE, TURKEY, REDCAR
5. BUTLINS, NICE
6. GREECE, CANADA, ROME
7. MADEIRA
8. TUSCANY
9. PALMA, TORQUAY
10. BENIDORM, PARIS
11. DUBLIN
12. CORNWALL, AMERICA
13. ORLANDO, SPAIN
14. DEVON, CAPRI
15. WINDSOR, SORRENTO, IBIZA

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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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