

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

LINK



October 2014

Pastoral Letter

This evening, at Glenthams, we joined the Parish Church for a “Songs of Praise” organised by the Church Warden.

The hymns and readings had been chosen by the congregation but no one knew what the readings were until they were read! Amazingly, there seemed to be a theme of “the cross”, in both the hymns and readings. Christ’s death on the cross, and his rising again, is the utmost gift, the best possible, the biggest gift anyone could possibly give us.

While visiting Gloucester Cathedral recently, there was a display of 90 sculptures. Inside and out were many stone, metal, marble and wood creations offering worldly and spiritual interpretations of animals, people and things. Two of the most striking were in the nave of the Cathedral and both stood about 10 ft high. They were crucifixes - one made of metal had spikes sticking out of every part of Jesus body (a very painful reminder of the agony of the cross). The other one was made of wood - millions of tiny pieces of different wood, all stuck together, perhaps a reminder of the millions of people throughout history (and in the future) that Christ died to save.

Yet however poignant a crucifix is, it is nothing without a resurrection, just another Roman crucifixion. It is the empty cross which matters. There has only ever been one resurrection. Whether our empty cross is made of wood, metal, around our neck on a chain or shining through a stained glass window, it is a reminder not only of the most important event in history but also of the bedrock of our faith. We are Christians, followers of Christ, risen from the dead. May Christ go with us and guide us always.

God bless,

Janet Faulkner.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Brookenby

Church Contact: Mrs M Nicholls 01472 398364

Yes, we are still here! Sorry to have been ‘missing’ for so long, hope we are forgiven? We all send you our Christian love and good wishes for a happy Harvest Thanksgiving .

A lot has happened since I last put pen to paper. I hate “goodbyes” don’t you? And yet changes are bound to happen in our ‘changing world’. Our dear friend and Lay Reader here at Brookenby, Jean (Batchelor) lost her husband Mike in February of this year and her family in Norfolk are anxious for her to live a bit nearer to them for support, so in fact her move has already taken place and we will all sorely miss her. We wish her a long and happy retirement in that beautiful county. We held a little ‘afternoon tea’ leaving party two weeks ago to show her how much we care and have appreciated her long and faithful leadership over the years.

On Saturday (13th) a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Toyne was held in the Church when it was a very ‘full house’ with so many folk gathered to remember his valuable and tireless service in establishing the Church along with his wife Margaret, way back in early 1990. RAF Binbrook closed its doors in the late 80’s and all of the ex-MOD married quarters were sold off on the ‘open market’. Margaret and John moved in and offered themselves for Theological Training and after a three year course were ordained as Readers and diligently set about setting up the Church; and of course the Ministry Team to form St Michael & All Angels; at first holding services in the ex-Sergeant’s Mess which then became the Community Centre as we know it today. They secured grant aid for a “State of the Arts” Catering Kitchen among many other ceaseless achievements, more especially using their practical skills of painting and decorating, plumbing, lighting, laying the beautiful floor with the centre piece of the Celtic Cross. What you see today is from their commitment and dedication to building the Church. They were “the Church” until their retirement, a few years ago when they moved to the Lake District. John, aged 84 years died on 31st August after struggling with ill health and is now at peace with his Lord. As I say, it is so sad to have to say “goodbye” – he was a very lovely man. Your prayers are asked to support Margaret as she now has the task of ‘picking up the pieces’ of her life and deciding where her future lies. Thank you!

Again, only yesterday, we had the sadness of yet another fond ‘farewell’ to dear Colin Hare, bless him! Another ‘Saint’ who tirelessly gave so much of his valuable time to the ‘flock’ here at Brookenby. Some of you will remember the “Brookenby Bash” held for three years running, a few years ago now. Everso many of you came along and supported this event, including dear Colin and June too joined in to share the Gospel with the young folk here. It was much appreciated.

Then more recently Colin was responsible for forging links with the other ex-MOD bases of Faldingworth, Hemswell, Scampton and of course Binbrook in setting up Annual Games events. The Olympic Games gave him the vision I think, but ever such a lot of hard work on his part in applying to West Lindsey District Council for funding made it possible to take place. His fatal fall took place on the very day before these Games were to be held on the Saturday 22nd June. Ian Hardcastle very willingly took the helm, giving everyone a warm welcome and performing the opening ceremony as well as running the Raffle! Three of us 'manned' a Tombola stall raising the magnificent sum of £85 which was sent (and gratefully accepted!) by the Nomad Trust in Lincoln.

On a happier note, we have been thrilled to welcome new faces into the congregation and that gives us hope for the future. Your prayers are much appreciated

Finally, we will be celebrating God's goodness to us in the form of a Harvest Festival Service on Sunday, 19th October at 10.30 am when MRS BRENDA SHIELDS - she is the Nomad Trust Fundraising Ambassador, will be leading our worship, telling us about the work of the Nomad Trust at Lincoln, receiving the much needed non-perishable food and goods, taking them with our love to the homeless needing shelter and food, which we all take for granted.

Love & Blessings,
Doreen (Wallis)

Caistor

Church Contact: Mr M James 01472 851965

While many around the circuit travelled to Misterton for the circuit service the young (and young at heart!) joined together for worship at Caistor to celebrate the start of a new Methodist year. We reflect on the year that has passed and look forward to the year ahead: sharing food and fellowship with the Roscoe Singers from Leeds on Saturday, 27th September after being entertained with their gospel concert; celebrating Harvest and supporting Harbour Place with gifts of none perishable produce; and planning the Bright Light Bash in October - an opportunity to welcome back the children from holiday club, their friends and family.

Sandra Burniston

My eldest son, Edward and my daughter, Aliana, and I enjoyed a lovely service in the Chapel hall which was for the children. It started with everyone

sharing fellowship over breakfast, followed by some energetic songs and games and a “story” from the Bible.

A very enjoyable service and many thanks to everyone who organised it.
Kathy Mannion

Faldingworth

Church Contact: Mrs C Waite 01673 885249

We miss Mr John Green who had been a member of our Congregation for many years. He had lived near Newark before he came to Faldingworth. He passed away following a period of ill health. He had made friends with many of the people who lived in Faldingworth and had been a member of the Bowls Club and the Friendship Club and he had become a member of the Market Rasen Luncheon Club.

We have been able to visit other congregations when we have not had a service planned for our own Chapel.

Christine Waite had a nasty fall as she went to close the conservatory door at her home. Fortunately her little dog, Rex, raised the alarm and Ellen, her neighbour, was able to get help. She sustained a shoulder injury and it will take some time to heal. Our best wishes to Christine.

Two of us went to Middle Rasen to join the congregation there on a lovely Sunday morning when Mr Milk Childs took the service. There was community singing with Mr Ray White playing the accompaniment on the organ.

Mr Ken Knapton and his wife come to us the next week. It was lovely to have them with us. Jane Cramm played the organ and we were so pleased to have our other members there too.

We had “Own Arrangements” the last Sunday in August. That morning we had made some damson jam with fruit from a friend, so we chose three hymns: 1. Autumn Days, 2. For the Fruits of His Creation and 3. We plough the Fields.

We had accompaniment from the discs for Singing the Faith.

We found our way to Misterton and enjoyed the Circuit Service on the sunny morning. It had been foggy until we arrived there. But the sun came out as if by magic!

Laurie

Gainsborough

Church Contact: Mr M Childs 01427 610057

Activities are now well under way again, with children and youth activities returning after the summer break. We are now looking to the calendar for the coming months. In Methodism you will well know we have to plan way ahead.

At our harvest service on 8th October Ken Knapton will be our preacher, and we are asking for gifts for the Gainsborough Food Bank, a cause which we have now supported for a year. The Chapel Anniversary on 16th November will be led by Rev. Terry Nowell from Lincoln. Christmas arrangements are not completely there yet – but we don't want to wish time away too much. Two big events have been advertised before. Rose Lunt has arranged 'Thanks for the Memory' on 11th October, and on 14th December we, with other churches in the town, take over Gainsborough Trinity football ground to commemorate WW1 Christmas day – football and carols.

We were saddened to learn that David Herrick had died. He was heavily involved in the building of the present church, and in much more. He enjoyed saying that he was the one who held up the local preachers, having been recognised for this office 61 years ago. We continue to pray for Shirley and the family in their loss.

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.

Thanks for the Memory

A Multi-Media Street Party Commemorating Both World Wars
And Celebrating VE Day

**Watch, Listen and Sing,
Eat and Drink
With Rose Lunt.**

Saturday 11th October
3.00pm
Gainsborough Methodist Chapel
£7.50

Glentham

Church Contact: Mr T Faulkner 01673 818718

Hi from Glentham - we all, that's those who came along to 'our' evening service on 17th August, had a great time of worship. The music group from Gainsborough played and folks from all round the Circuit travelled miles to raise their voices in songs of praise. Reverend Liz gave a very challenging message in effect telling us God accepts all sorts of music as we offer Him worship from the heart in Spirit and in truth!

It was noted He didn't turn off the power whilst we worshipped that evening - praise The Lord!

We're always wanting prayer partners for our trips to Hemswell with the God Pod - please give us a ring if you are able to help

God Bless

Jenny & Peter

Dates for your Diary : Mens breakfast will be 11th October and Sugar & Spice is 18th October



‘VISION’

Sunday 12th October 6pm
Praise & Worship
Glentham Chapel

Please come and share an evening of Praise & Worship led by
Music and talents of ‘VISION’ worship group

Men's Breakfast

'The Crown Inn', Glentham

Saturday 11th October 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

Lea

Church Contact: Mrs M Lilley 01427 615933

Village Guild

Thursday 16th October at 2.15pm

A rep from Bransby Horses

Chapel Anniversary

November 2nd at 3-m

Preacher Rev. Carole Holmes (Redruth)

Tea to follow

Join Our New Year Party in Cornwall for 2014-2015

At

Treloyhan Manor

This Victorian Christian Guild Hotel overlooks the beautiful
Carbis Bay close to St. Ives.

Sunday December 28th 2014

To

Friday January 2nd 2015

For more information and booking forms, please contact
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Market Rasen

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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**

We are now into our new Methodist Year with a great variety of meetings and events being held in our church.

On a weekly basis we have Carpet Bowls, Toddler Group, Youth Club, Keep Fit and Water Colour Painting. As a new venture we now have coffee mornings on Mondays between 9.15 and 10.30a.m. We also have regular Book Club (Bible Study), Men's and Ladies' Group meetings.

On the first Friday of each month we have communion at 11.00a.m., followed by a light lunch, open to all, between 12 noon and 1.00p.m.

On 5th October we welcome the Rev. Canon Alan Robson to lead our Harvest Thanksgiving at 10.45a.m., followed at 6.00p.m by a Harvest Songs of Praise, led by the Rev Andrew Lomax. We will conclude our Harvest celebrations with a supper and sale on Monday 6th October at 7.00p.m.

Two special events take place in October with a return visit of the Irish singer, Curtis McGee. The concert is on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30p.m. Tickets are available from Mick Harper, 01673 844214.

Our annual Autumn Bazaar is on Saturday 18th October between 10.00a.m. – 1.00p.m. There will be a variety of stalls and refreshments to enjoy.

We hope to welcome many visitors to all of our services and events.

David Islip

Middle Rasen

Church Contact: Mrs A Surfleet 01673 843256

We are now into our Autumn festivities. Women's Own began again on Wednesday 3rd September with the Rev H Marshall taking the Chair. They celebrate their Harvest Festival on Wednesday 24th September. Chapel have their Harvest festival on Sunday 21st September led by the Rev. Preb. Dr Michael Sheard. The evening before (Saturday 20th) we have our Harvest Supper and home-grown variety concert. The latter is really hilarious – we have so much talent in Middle Rasen! Rehearsals have already started. The produce from our Harvest Festival goes to the NOMAD Trust in Lincoln (for the homeless providing food, night shelter and 'move on' accommodation) so unperishable foods, but in particular, white goods and other kitchen equipment, clothes, beds and bed linen are all urgently needed – some to be sold in their shop, and donations of any sort of course, are always welcome.

On Wednesday 10th September at 7.30pm, Catherine Wylie gave a presentation on how to be a Dementia Friend. Anyone who would like to become a Dementia Friend needs to attend a session – the Guild is hosting one on Wednesday 22nd October at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome. The session is an Alzheimer's Society-led initiative aiming to increase dementia awareness and change the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about dementia. It's also part of the Prime Minister's Challenge. For further information, you can ring Catherine on 01673818568 or her email address is wyliecatherine@aol.com. As the population gets older and older, we need to understand the problems that face the elderly living with dementia, and these meetings will give some insight into their often bewildering life challenges. You do not need to commit to being a Dementia Friend however I think, as Christians, we are all committed to being a Friend anyway.

Thinking about the elderly, on Sunday 24TH August, Catherine took 'an out of the ordinary' service and should have been accompanied by Janice. Unfortunately, Janice had to rush to the hospital to her father who is a resident at Stones Place in Lincoln, which is a Methodist Home for the Elderly. The service was about the MHA (Methodist Homes Association) and both Catherine and Janice had put the service together. They had taken photos and had recorded people from Stones Place talking about MHA. We are so fortunate at Middle Rasen to have a screen – it makes a service like this so much more interesting with illustrations that can be shared.

I have some very sad news to report. Colin Hare unfortunately, after fighting for so long and thinking he was a little better, has passed away. Please hold June, the family and friends in your prayers. May God's peace rest on us all.

Liz Margrave

Marton

Church Contact: Mrs D Kitchinson 01427 718634

Our next coffee morning is on Wednesday October 29th at 10am. All welcome

The United Remembrance Day Service will be
at Marton Chapel
on Sunday November 9th
and will continue at the Village Cenotaph.

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM”

Misterton

Church Contact: Mr S Bilton 01427 810866

Nettleton

Church Contact: Mrs Jean Field 01472 852056

October 4th : Macmillan Charity Coffee Morning 10.30am-012 noon

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

The Circuit Safari Trek seems a long time ago but we enjoyed it greatly and would like to say “Well Done” to the organisers, all the Chapels who supplied the various courses and Glenthams Chapel who served us with tea and coffee and Birthday Cake (made by Midge). The Service which finished the evening was a lovely finish to the Trek.

Brian and I are truly grateful for your prayers and the many messages of encouragement we have had about the kidney transplant between my two sons. Richard has been told he must have triple heart bypass before this can take place so we ask you to continue the prayers for Richard and also for Michael who is the donor.

Jean Field

**NETTLETON CHAPEL
MACMILLAN BIG COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 4th October
10.30am - 12 noon
Cakes Stall - Bring n Buy - Raffle
Refreshments Available**

**PLEASE HELP US RAISE MONEY
FOR THIS VERY WORTH CAUSE**

North Kelsey

Church Contact: Mrs M Thomas 01652 678365

We are now in the season of Harvest and we celebrated with a service with harvest lunch to follow. It must be quite daunting trying to make harvest fresh each year! The task was accepted by the Rev Stuart Gunson of Epworth, who will be known to some, as I understand he and his wife Marion once lived at Misterton manse. He introduced us to some different hymns to complement "Come ye thankful people, come". New hymns usually help to stretch our thinking. He took the parable of the wheat and weeds as his starting point and spoke of how a farmer invests time and money when seeds are planted and has patience while seeds germinate. He must be prepared to take risks, because yields will vary from year to year and a crop may even fail, but he has faith in past experience and continues to plant. As seeds have to do battle with adverse conditions and weeds, so God's kingdom struggles to grow where evil co-exists with good. If we are to be co-workers with God, we need to invest; to be patient; to be willing to risk failure and to remain faithful. It is through Christ's life and death – arguably God's greatest risk – and his resurrection that we can have faith that God's kingdom will succeed in his own good time. This feels like a good message to share at Harvest, even if it doesn't do justice to all that Rev Gunson said! It was a good service.

The Anglican Church in our village has been without a priest for a long time but we now have Priest-in-Charge for the Kelsey Group of Parishes who will live in North Kelsey. Midge has already met him, as he is a talented musician, has accompanied the Market Rasen and District Choral Society on the organ and enjoys popping in to the chapel there to play it. Our minister, Anne,

welcomed him on our behalf at his installation service and from his address it was clear that he values inter-denominational working. We look forward to his ministry here.

In common with so many we will miss Colin Hare. He came to Kelsey to preach on numerous occasions and his commitment and the joy in his faith were inspirational.

God Bless

Sylvia

Upton

Church Contact: Mrs Julie Barrow 01427 838729

Hello to everyone from Upton. Last weekend (14th September) found us celebrating our annual Harvest Festival. We had a wonderful morning celebrating all the Good Lord provides for us. We had friends from Marton, family members and lots of locals, all there to help us celebrate this special season. Our preacher was Rev. David Lees from Epworth and we had a great time with him. This year, for the first time, we asked for donations of dry goods and tins so that we could donate to the local food bank in Gainsborough. We think we had more than usual and we thank everyone for their generosity. We would also like to thank the people that decorated the chapel with flowers and greenery, the person that tidied the garden for us and the ladies that provided coffee and biscuits after the service. A HUGE thank you to you all!

As we head towards Autumn we will be having our next Coffee and Chat on Wednesday October 8th. On the same day we send our best wishes to our local WI group who will be celebrating 50 years of WI in Upton and Kexby.

The Trentside Singers are celebrating their 100th performance on October 17th at Gainsborough Methodist Church at 7-30pm. If you would like to come tickets are £5.00. The tickets are going well so please make sure you have one. No - one will be admitted without one. They are available from me(Jenny Fotheringham 01427 838347) or from any choir member.

We hope that everyone reading the Link is in good health and good spirits. With our love and best wishes from all at Upton.

Jenny Fotheringham

What's Your Favourite Hymn?

BBC Radio Lincolnshire's Sunday Breakfast presenter Rosie Duffield writes: for me it has to be All Things Bright and Beautiful or I Vow To Thee My Country - but I also like Gospel music. I try to play a mix of traditional and contemporary Christian music each Sunday morning. You can also send in your requests. 'We Plough The Fields And Scatter' has been a popular one recently!

It's usually a busy show with news from Lincolnshire's churches and other faith communities. It's always good to discuss the week's big stories from a faith perspective and a local church leader joins me in the studio each week to digest the morning's papers.

As the seasons change you can also send in your gardening questions for our experts to answer. I'm on air from 6 every Sunday morning on 94.9FM and online at www.bbc.co.uk/radiolincolnshire

We're also busy planning the BBC Radio Lincolnshire Carol Service which will be recorded in Sleaford in December. I'll let you know how you can get tickets nearer the time.

Rosie

The Nomad Trust

Well, we did it! The total of money raised overall since 2011 when we embarked on fundraising project reached the total of **£2005.88** by the time we celebrated our first year of the Wolds and Trent Circuit at the September 2014 circuit service at Misterton.

Altogether, the money you have raised this past year has totalled a magnificent **£603.16**

My thanks to each of you and for your giving, which continues to help make a big difference to those who are homeless.

If you would like a replacement box, or wish to help fundraise for Nomad using the collection box scheme, please contact me on 01673 842391, or email ianh1910@gmail.com .

Ian Hardcastle



WORDSEARCH - WATERWORKS

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Above **42 RIVERS OF THE WORLD** can be found. 2 are in ENGLAND and 1 each in SCOTLAND and WALES.

When you have discovered the others, can you name ONE of the COUNTRIES through which the flow? Enjoy your navigating.

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
 Over all victorious, in its bright increase:
 Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day;
 Perfect, yet it growth deeper all the way.

Frances Ridley Havergal

HIDDEN HOLIDAY HAUNTS – PUZZLE PAGE

In the sentences below are hidden the NAMES of 30 COUNTRIES, CITIES, RESORTS and AREAS which are well-know HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS, both at home and abroad. I hope that you all enjoyed a break somewhere this lovely summer.

1. Have Nancy, Pru, Susan, Gran, Ada, and Major Callow left yet?
2. The pub is stocking some new ales.
3. Please file your Income Tax returns in here.
4. The pet ranch had in stock – canaries, a condor, dog, new turkey and a stuffed red caribou.
5. The halibut Lin sells is nice.
6. We agree Celia can adapt her CD Rom easily.
7. The government made IRA accountable.
8. Augustus, can you help me please?
9. Park your pal Matthew's motor – Quay 9.
10. In the night club, Enid or Mary sip a risky drink.
11. Did the Queen dub Linford last year?
12. General Cornwallis fought in the American Revolution.
13. Orlando's art is painful for him to create.
14. Spread EVO-NEW to stick the woolly cap right on the doll.
15. Did the Duke of Windsor rent on Ibiza?

CMS.

LINCOLNSHIRE'S HEROES - ANSWERS

1. ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON
2. CHARLES WESLEY
3. SIR JOHN FRANKLIN
4. ANNE ASKEW (ASCOUGH)
5. KING Henry IV
6. SIR HENRY NEWBOLT
7. CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH
8. SIR ISAAC NEWTON
9. JOHN HARRISON
10. MATTHEW FLINDERS
11. SIR JOSEPH BANKS
12. MARGARET THATCHER

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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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