

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

LINK



October 2015

Pastoral Letter

'Then Jesus uploads more heavy duty news. You want to go my way? You've got to jack in all personal ambitions, psyche up for some serious pain – then you're in. If you're only into looking after number 1, you'll end up being nothing. If you're up for the ultimate sacrifice, then you'll get limitless life. Think about it; what's the point in taking over the world if your soul goes out the window in the process? What's the going price for a soul these days? One day I'll stride out from behind a thousand hovering angels- huge production values, as only Dad can-and I'll be handing out rewards for what people have done.

Matthew chapter 17 v 24-27 The Street Bible.

In its usual format, one which is familiar..... but here we are, already established in a new Methodist Year, with new challenges not only ahead of us in each of our churches, but also globally, often listening or reading the 'the News' but not fully understanding the impact of the words.

The issues we face within our Church families, and the buildings we meet in, become secondary to the responsibility we have in responding to the Refugees.

-The new 'marmite' leader of The Labour Party, new policies, new cabinet and a nervousness of what's ahead good or bad becomes secondary to understanding what as a Nation we are united in.

So Globally, Nationally and locally we are challenged as Christians to respond, to get involved, to make a difference – and that will be a sacrificial giving of time, money and resources –

As we each struggle to make sense of a rapidly changing world be encouraged, as we claim and believe that one day 'I'll stride out.....' and well 'receive limitless life.'

God Bless

Elaine Watkinson.

Important information regarding the Link Magazine

It has been agreed that the Link magazine will now be a **QUARTERLY** publication in line with the Circuit Plan.

The next issue will cover **DECEMBER – FEBRUARY**.

There will not be a November issue. If there is something essential that you wish to be advertised for November, please feel free to email Midge and she will email all the Chapels.

Chapels will need to send any information and articles that they wish to have in the Link by **November 1st**.

If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the Circuit office or myself.

The Circuit Plan will be published inside each issue.

Thank you to everyone who continues to send articles and contributions for the Link, it is much appreciated.

Kathy

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Brookenby

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Caistor

Church Contact: Mrs Bridget Andrew 01652 628586

It was fantastic to see so many people from around the circuit at Sarah's welcome service. I hope you also found Rev. Bruce's address on the 3 rules for shepherds equally challenging and inspiring. We must all remember the points he made: it's not about you - it's about the people; sometimes you can't win - it's about being the best we can be and service; and, shut up and do the work - that which God is calling us to do. As Caistor once was the capital for sheep fairs, let's hope the message was well received.

We have also been blessed with the return of a former Caistor minister, Rev. John Bown, to ask us, "What does God require of you?" Thankfully he gave us the answers too - to do justice, to love with kindness and to walk humbly with God.

Our communion service on 20th September with Rev. Sarah was very well attended. Sarah explained that when Jesus answered the question, "Who is the greatest of them all?" He meant for us to welcome the child (someone of the lowest status in biblical times), not act like a child! Also, that anyone can become the means of access to divinity and that when we welcome people, we are welcoming God.

As the month draws to a close, we will be thanking God for the harvest. We ask that you join us in prayer for those that will lead the Bright Light Bash at the end of October and all that will attend and hear the message of the Light of the World. Do join us for this fun event!

Sandra

A Note from some of young people who attended our Pizza and Praise event:

We enjoyed making pizza and playing games, listening to music and dancing to Christian songs. We think our friends enjoyed it too hopefully we will do something similar in the future. As I'm sure many would be interested to come again 19 kids and 10 adults came and we think they got a taste of the spirit. Big thank you to Geraldine and Mac for organizing it and all the ladies who helped with the pizza making and clean up. God bless and thank you love Joy, Emily and Sam Silverwood

Gainsborough

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The autumn round of meetings has started up, beginning with Worship Committee. It is a time to think about the main festivals and our services, and preachers, for such occasions. But also we look at matters to do with all our worship events – and sometimes beyond. There is a core membership, but any member of the congregation is welcome to attend. The question of Own Arrangements also comes up.

For the September Own Arrangement the theme was giving: biblical principles and then celebrating what we already do in supporting charities, both as a congregation and individually. Christine Baker led this, supported by several people in the congregation. When you look at it, we are doing quite a lot. This will be repeated among other churches in the circuit.

However the question sometimes arises about whether this money is being used properly. To address this, Nick Thorley from Christian Aid came to Gainsborough on Saturday 12th September, an event advertised locally and in the circuit. Of the just over £100 million given in 2013-2014, Nick showed how 84% was spent directly on help to overseas causes. Be assured, with Christian Aid the money is well used.

An interesting event. During one of our weekly Saturday coffee mornings, a lady turned up and asked how much a baptism cost. Liz was quick to say that it cost nothing. After some time of preparation, on Saturday 29th August three children (initially only one, but more requested later) were baptised in a happy, if unconventional celebration.

Our God is a God of surprises. What a joy!

Mike Childs

Some future dates:

Harvest 4th October, preacher, Rev. Keith Lackenby.

Jazz Concert 17th October (see the notice about this)

Church Anniversary 15th November, preacher Rev. Dr David Perry

Glenthams

Church Contact: Mr T Faulkner 01673 818718

Hello to you all from Glenthams. August normally a quiet month has proved to be different this year with great services every Sunday. A notable event was held at Prospects House, the home of Terry & Merv, who offered to host an Anglican evening service to which the Chapel folks were invited. A great time of sharing in worship and as we were arranging a Charity Auction for Persecuted Christians, the Church so generously donated the whole of the offering to help. A total of £118.00 was so gratefully received.

After the very well attended Holiday Club, it was wonderful to see so many children at the Family (well done Ali & Rachel) and Messy services. Our God Pod trips were reduced during the month due to the need for servicing but because of their faithful commitment two of the children, Jen and Megan were presented with their own copy of the 'Youth Bible' by Anne at our after Breakfast service. Both have been coming to us very regularly over the past five years at Hemswell Cliff.

Thank you to so many very generous Christians and others who gave freely to help raise money at the Auction. The words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 4 come to mind at this time with verses 7 & 8 very relevant to us and verses 9 to 13 the cries of the persecuted!!

Our gratitude goes to our helpers at the auction which, together with donations, raised around £2000.00

God bless
Jenny & Peter

**Men's Breakfast
10th October**

9am at The Crown, Glenthams

**Sugar & Spice
17th October**

9.30am at The Willows, Glenthams
Come along for a coffee and a chat
All Ladies Welcome

Join Our
NEW YEAR PARTY
at
ABBOT HALL, GRANGE OVER SANDS
* Full Board

* No driving – coach transport

* No single room supplements

* Pantomime at Blackpool included

Plus, day out, fireworks, concert, barn dance.....

Ring John Ramm on 01427 615188

Or e-mail: j.k.rammy@gmail.com

On Saturday 17th October, commencing at 7.30pm, we are having a concert by the Saratoga Jazz Ensemble in the Gainsborough Methodist Church. This is in aid of church funds.

We would love to see you for this foot-stomping session of traditional jazz enjoyed over the years by so many people.

Tickets are £6 which includes coffee/tea/biscuits.

Please contact Joan Sanger 01427 848636 or Steve Underwood 01427 612250/07956273113 for tickets and more information.

Lea

Church Contact: Mrs M Lilley 01427 615933

Village Guild

Thursday 15th October

2.15pm

Mr David Tattersal-Flying for life

Chapel Anniversary

Sunday 1st November

3pm

Preacher: Rev. Terry Nowell

Solist Mrs Pat Grey

Tea to follow

All Welcome

Marton

Church Contact: Mrs D Kitchinson 01427 718634

Coffee Morning

September 30th

10am

All Very Welcome

Harvest Festival

Sunday 4th October

6pm

Rev. Liz Childs with conduct this service

Harvest Supper

Monday 5th October

6.30pm

Tickets £7.50 can be ordered from Jim on 811982

The Chapel will be open on Saturday 3rd October to receive Harvest gifts.

All are welcome to come and give thanks for our food.

Market Rasen

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Greetings from Market Rasen.

Highlights in September ; we welcomed Rev Anne Coates as our new minister; the redecoration of the school room was completed and Woman's Sunday was held on 13th September led by Rev Anne Coates with music by Caboro.

We have a number of events to look forward to in October and would like to invite you to come and join us.

3rd October Samaritans Purse Day

Donations and help filling the boxes would be appreciated.

Harvest Weekend October 4/5th October

Sunday 10.45 Morning worship led by Peter Cook

6.00pm Evening worship Songs of Praise led by Rev Anne Coates

Monday 7.00pm Harvest Supper with sale

Saturday 17th October Autumn Bazaar 10.00am – 1.00pm Stalls and Refreshments

Sunday 18th October Civic Service at St Thomas' at 3.00pm

Regular Events:-

Mondays Tea/Coffee served during term time between 8-45-10.30am, come and join us before going shopping.

Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00pm Carpet Bowls

We also have a men's group and women's group which meet once a month.

Bible Studies

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The Book Club meet fortnightly weeks 1, 3 and 5 in different homes at 7.00pm on various nights of the week.

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Middle Rasen

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Well, Rev Andrew Lomax has left us to carry on his good work in Loughborough and we wish him every happiness. We, as a church family, welcome the Rev. Sarah Parkin to the Circuit in his place, and we hope she will have several happy and fulfilling years with us, based in Caistor.

Women's Own began again on Wednesday 2nd September at 2.30pm with the Rev. David Newlove in the chair. On 9th September, as the speaker was not able to come, we had a 'Members' Afternoon'. Each member was asked to recount a happy or special moment in their lives. On 16th September Eileen Mosey is coming to speak and show pictures about Maasai Mara School in Kenya which they have visited and now assist the school and six surrounding villages in the Mara regions of Kenya.

The Guild will begin again towards the end of October but on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. All are very welcome to both.

Rehearsals have started for our Harvest Festival Concert on Saturday 19th September which follows our Harvest Supper. Rev. Bruce Thompson will take the service next day. It should be great fun as usual. We have some wonderful talent at Middle Rasen – "I bet they have some fun at rehearsals!!"

Rev. Anne has taken two of our services lately. On August 16th it was Holy Communion and she spoke about the meaning of holiness in all its different guises. In the beginning of Methodism the Wesleys had a 'Holy Club' which met frequently. She held up a pair of 'Holy' socks with the fishes and loaves on! Holiness can be found in worship, song, prayers, gifts, actions etc. My mother would often describe something as 'more holy than righteous' – as a joke!!! It is too easy to put into speech unholy thoughts about people or objects etc. (e.g. Computers that won't do what we ask of them!)

On 6th September it was the First Sunday of the Connexion Year and this time Rev Ann spoke about people with passions for things. Some last a life time. People make a commitment towards something and have a real fervour for it. This is what we should do about God. After all, Jesus gave His life for us on the cross and there is a saying 'when in doubt, look up' (at the cross). We look up to some people and want to be like them so we need to follow Jesus' example. 'Hate what is evil and cling to that that is good'. Be passionate and zealous in our prayer life.

We are having a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 25th September a 10.00a.m. – all are welcome.

Thought for the day – People often forget that kind-ness is free!

Liz Margrave

Misterton

Church Contact: Mr S Bilton 01427 810866

Regular meetings are:

Womens' Fellowship

1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 2pm.

Drop-in Coffee Group

Thursdays 10-11am

Nettleton

Church Contact: Mrs Jean Field 01472 852056

Dates for your diary:

October 3rd: Macmillan Big Coffee Morning- details below...

November 7th – Monthly Coffee Morning 10.30am -12noon

Latest on the BIG SHAVE:

Brian will have his head shaved on the 24th September ...

Donations and sponsors still being accepted with a great big Thank You to all who have already been so generous. All monies raised are for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Circuit Service of welcome for Rev Sarah Parkin was a time of joy which was followed by lunch and enjoyed by all who attended.

We had the pleasure of having Sarah on her first day of preaching in our Circuit and we look forward to getting to know her even more.

Jean Field

MACMILLAN BIG COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 3rd October
10am till 12 noon

GREAT CAKES---GRAND RAFFLE

Lots of fun and games

Refreshments available all morning

**NETTLETON VILLAGE HALL, MOORTOWN ROAD
NEAR NETTLETON SCHOOL**

North Kelsey

Church Contact: Mrs M Thomas 01652 678365

Where did September go !? A gentle reminder from our very patient Editor, Kathy, has prompted me into action. A later than normal return from Chapel today as it has been our Harvest Festival service and lunch. We have so enjoyed meeting up again with Kate and Jim Marr from Brigg as we all used to be in the Brigg Circuit together. Kate's service was full of nostalgia and the opportunity to give thanks for God's goodness to us. But we were also challenged in helping to bring young people in to our churches and to address the huge problems we create within our food chain system by buying too much food and then wasting a lot of it too. But we did enjoy the harvest lunch that followed and we were pleased to welcome our minister, Sarah, who joined us following her morning service at Caistor.

We now look forward to our date on Saturday 10th October when we shall welcome the well-renowned Da Capo Folk Group to entertain us. Such a talented group of singers and musicians and we hope you will be able to join us and stay for refreshments after the concert. Starting time is

7 30pm and the cost is £5 per ticket – please book ahead if you can which would help with the catering. Contact me on 01652 678365 or email: midgethomas@btinternet.com

Blessings from us all at North Kelsey

Midge

Upton

Church Contact: Mrs Julie Barrow 01427 838729

Hi everyone,

The friends of Upton wish you all well.

Harvest time is here again and, this year Lea Chapel, Marton Chapel and Upton are uniting for our harvest services. Harvest is always a busy time in the villages, and is also most rewarding. Although the farmers often worry, there is usually always a good harvest, the crops are gathered and the barns are full of produce. Last year, we at Upton decided to collect dry foods and tins to donate to the Salvation Army in Gainsborough. The food was distributed to those local families who did not have enough to feed their families. We are going to do the same this year, and we are celebrating our Harvest Festival next Sunday.

Yesterday, (13th Sept.) was our local Horticultural Show. The colours of the entries were magnificent and the produce on show was the best that people had grown. It all looked wonderful, and it reminded me just how lucky we are to enjoy all the colour in our world. Many, many years ago, I remember a Local preacher, Mrs. Wall, leading our harvest service and she took the theme of "colour at harvest time". She told us how we should never forget to thank God for the colours in our world. To press home the point, she had painted several plastic fruits black, and asked us to think about what our world would be like with no colour in it. I have thought about this several times through the years and used this theme myself in primary school assemblies and harvest festivals. So perhaps we should all just stop for a few minutes and thank God for the gift of colour and eyesight to enjoy colour in our world. May the colours of our world bless you this harvest time!!!

Please support our coffee morning on Wednesday October 14th. From 10-00am onwards.

Bye for now from all at Upton.xx

Jenny

Safeguarding Training
Creating Safer Spaces Foundation Module

Last February, the Circuit ran two training sessions for church post holders who needed to attend this course for their particular roles in church.

Some representatives were unable to attend either of the two sessions offered, so another one has been arranged for Saturday, 7th November 2015 at Middle Rasen Methodist Church from 9.30am -12pm.

Please can you let Ian, Catherine, or Midge at the office know that you wish to attend by Friday 18th September so that we have an idea of number of people who require training.

Many thanks Ian Hardcastle (01673 842391 ianh1910@gmail.com Catherine Wylie (01673 818568 wyliecatherine@aol.com

Methodist Women in Britain & World Mission Fund

Thank you to everyone who donated to Methodist Women in Britain. £90.47 was raised this past year. This supports women's projects in the UK and abroad.

Easter offerings for World Mission Fund raised £835.85 and supports mission partners around the world.

My sincere thanks
Christine Waite

Caistor Methodist Church

BRIGHT

LIGHT

BASH!

Saturday 31st October

5.00pm till 7.00pm

Followed by a short informal
Outdoor service.

Come along for fun, Games and food

Suitable for children of all ages and adults.

All Welcome

Everything Free!

WORDSEARCH – THE JUMBLE SALE

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One of the most regular ways of raising money for Chapel funds, was to hold a Jumble Sale once or twice a year. Nowadays, they are not so popular, so our unwanted garments end up in charity bags or shops/

There are 41 items of CLOTHING and ACCESSORIES jumbled above, so have fun sorting them out. 3 answers are combination (not used!) words.

CMS

PUZZLE PAGE- PERFECT PARTNERS?

Below are hidden the NAMES of some FAMOUS PAIRS for you to unscramble. Not all are human and not all have lived in our era, but you will have heard of them. At least you know the 3 letter word in the middle!

E.g. LEND CLASSWORK CALEB (6,3,9)

Answer: CROSSE AND BLACKWELL

1. MORAL TO DIE JUNE (5,3,6)
2. DID RAVEL NOT ALN (7,3,4)
3. AMERICAN WEB MODES (9,3,4)
4. AVA MADE DEN (4,3,3)
5. SPREE- M. DRANK CANS (5,3,7)
6. DON, MARRY, JET (3.3.5)
7. GIRLS BAND VILLA TONE (7.3.8)
8. SHOW TONITE ERN (3.3.7)
9. H.D. YANKED JELLY (6.3.4)
10. PUNY CHAN JUDD (5.3.4)
11. A YARD UNDER HALL (6.3.5)
12. BASIL M. – LONDON (5.3.4)
13. NOT MAN FROM SUDAN (7.3.5)
14. UM-ROMANS RULED US (7.3.5)
15. JAY BRAND-NO AD (5.3.4)

CMS

THE CHRISTIAN CALLING - WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

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| 1/2. ARCH (BISHOP) | 18. MONK |
| 3. ABBOT | 19/20. NUN (CIO) |
| 4. APOSTLE | 21. OBLATE |
| 5. CANON | 22. PARSON |
| 6. CARDINAL | 23. PASTOR |
| 7. CHAPLAIN | 24. PILGRIM |
| 8. DEACONESS | 25. PONTIFF |
| 9. DEAN | 26. POPE |
| 10. DISCIPLE | 27. PRIEST |
| 11. ELDER | 28. PRIMATE |
| 12. EVANGELIST | 29. PRIOR |
| 13. FATHER | 30. PROPHET |
| 14. FRIAR | 31. RECTOR |
| 15. MARTYR | 32. REVEREND |
| 16. MINISTER | 33. SAINT |
| 17. MISSIONARY | 34. VICAR |

WELL-CONNECTED PEOPLE -PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

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| 1. KELLY | 16. LEE |
| 2. ALEXANDER | 17. KING |
| 3. ANDREW | 18. DAVID |
| 4. STEWART | 19. GEORGE |
| 5. MCDONALD | 20. BRUCE |
| 6. GORDON | |
| 7. ADAM | |
| 8. ROBSON | |
| 9. LYNN | |
| 10. PERRY | |
| 11. CLIVE | |
| 12. DUNCAN | |
| 13. HARDY | |
| 14. RUSSELL | |
| 15. SYLVESTER | |

CMS

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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