

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

# **LINK**



**September-November  
2016**

## **Pastoral Letter**

I had thought that by now the dust would have settled and we would have a clear picture of the future. Well the dust has settled on the decision but the last month has been a blur in so many ways. Leadership in short supply, a seeming wall of shootings and destruction in which it is not clear who is responding to what and all this leading to fear and mistrust. In many places an increase in race crime being reported. We might well look to signs of impending doom, but in that Jesus told his disciples not to get misled by signs of the age but to stand firm with heads held high.

The Methodist church has responded to this with a statement read in each church on the Sunday after conference, itself a logistical feat! This letter reminds us that our belief as Methodists (Christians) is that the UK is enriched by diversity, that racism is the denial of the good life and that if we stay silent as others are abused we are colluding with those wishing to create division (<http://www.methodist.org.uk/nationallife> for the full text). It reminds us that we have commitments to challenge racism and discrimination by loving our neighbour, the gospel reading for the Sunday it was read out being the Good Samaritan. It challenges us to do something practical, to email our MP, or to wear an empty safety pin. Why? Well this is a national campaign to show you are safe to sit with on a bus, on a train in a place where you might feel unsafe by the behaviour or words of others.

The challenge in turbulent times is to stand firm, to hold our heads up and live in the heart of our Christian Discipleship, and we can signify that with something as simple as an empty safety pin. Mission and witness to the love and compassion of God for the most vulnerable. The readings from the lectionary remind us of that again and again, it is the season of sun and holiday and we are being reminded to stand firm, to deal with the weakest with compassion. To involve ourselves in the mission of God, repeated again and again in the scriptures.

So for the beginning of the Methodist year, let us commit ourselves to standing firm, to holding our heads up and exploring what the mission of God is in our communities and finding the way we can be involved as partners with God.

God bless you, thank you for the welcome I have had and the work you have shared in with me and the staff. I look forward to the next year

Louise Carr

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Brookenby

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

Caistor

**Church Contact:** Mrs Bridget Andrew 01652 628586

Well it has been a very busy and exciting time at Caistor Chapel over the last few weeks.

Geraldine and I took it upon ourselves to finally form a Church Band as it is something that we have been wanting to do for a long time!

Our poster had a good response and we had our 1<sup>st</sup> practise in June which was a great success! We have two guitars, a cello and percussion along with singers and it is a lovely full sound.

We did our first “gig” at John’s All Age Worship service in July during which we led four of the hymns and we had very positive feedback from the congregation.

We had our second service today at Sarah’s All Age Worship service, where we led all four of the hymns/songs. We even got asked for an encore of the last hymn!

I get such pleasure from being part of the Church band and how we can use our music to praise God in an enthusiastic way!

Our aim is to make ourselves available for Worship Leaders to use us to lead any songs or hymns that they would like us to –as an addition to the brilliant piano and organ players we already have here at Caistor.

Looking forward, we have our Bright Light Bash in October which we will hopefully play at.

Kathy Mannion

**Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Easter Offerings for World Mission Fund raising £548.80 and for small change saved for Methodist Women in Britain raising £48.98.

Christine Waite

## Gainsborough

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

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As I write, we are having some proper summer weather and enjoying the quieter time of the church year. The business of the new connexional year will however soon be upon us, but the weather may be different. The regular groups, having mostly had a break during August, will be in full swing again, including all the different work with young people with which we are blessed: Junior Church, Girls' Brigade, Toddlers' Lunches.

We have now completed the fitting of the new foyer carpet, ahead of schedule, which is a much more attractive welcome to the church.

The Jazz Concert is on 24<sup>th</sup> September (see separate notice). This was greatly appreciated last year and a very worthwhile event, for which we thank Steve Underwood. The turnout was very good, both from Methodist connections and other Jazz enthusiasts. Do come along.

The two usual autumn events for GMC take place: Harvest and Church Anniversary. Mrs Sandra Clack from Lincoln, who used to live in Gainsborough, will take our Harvest Worship on 25<sup>th</sup> September, and Rev. Bill Riley, a former minister in the Gainsborough Circuit, will be making a welcome return to lead our Church Anniversary on 6<sup>th</sup> November. As usual we shall share a meal together that day.

Among the activities at GMC is the group called: SING FROM THE HEART.

Below is an article written by Christine Baker to explain what this is about.

In 2014 an enterprising, retired local "rock star" called Don – along with his wife Joan - had the idea of taking their music out into the community. They knew of a national charity called Sing for Your Life who promote singing as a truly wonderful therapeutic activity, and they wanted to start something similar in Gainsborough.

Don had attracted interested singers, but the cost of becoming part of the Sing for Life network, and alternatively the risk of going it alone, made those two options prohibitive. In stepped GMC. Under the umbrella of GMC outreach mission, GMC Sing from the Heart was born.

We are not a formal choir – in fact quite the opposite. Apart from Don, we are a motley, multi-denominational crew of people having fun, giving freely of our time to show love and care in our community.

We meet each Thursday and have a quarterly cycle of engagements. Four weeks at GMC to practise and deliver a programme of about 20 songs, then one week at each of 8 residential care homes, the local hospital and community centres. We also support their fetes, local fund raising efforts and local town council promotions.

“Anything goes”, as our repertoire of over 100 songs testifies - covering the war years, through rock and roll and the swinging 60s, songs from the shows to modern pop. We’ve dressed as hoola girls, swinging monkeys and our version of Hello Dolly has to be seen to appreciate our acting prowess. We just love doing what we do.

It is truly amazing and so very rewarding to see how uplifting music can be; an aid to accessing long term memory for listeners with dementia, Parkinson’s and similar memory related illnesses; and it can bring a smile to someone racked with pain or crippled with a debilitating illness.

We always take a cross with us, symbolising Jesus in our midst, and it is surprising how many people we meet who come from a religious background and long to talk with like-minded Christians. They often feel forgotten and neglected by the church, shut away from society, and we will pray with anyone who would like us to. In this respect we have found that the singing group complements the pastoral work of GMC and has led to requests for church services in three residential homes.

Our thanks are due to the church council and Rev. Liz for backing this initiative, and to Rev. Louise for maintaining that support and encouragement.  
Mike Childs

**Jazz Concert**  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
**7.00pm (please note the starting time!)**

The Saratoga Jazz Ensemble at Gainsborough Methodist Church.  
Come and join us for another foot-stomping session of traditional jazz.  
enjoyed over the years by so many people, and very much appreciated at  
Gainsborough last year.

Tickets £6 in advance or pay on the night (includes coffee/tea/biscuits)

More information: Joan Sanger 01427 848636

Or Steve Underwood 01427 612250 or 07956273113

## Glenthams

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

### **Glenthams Good News**

What a wonderful week of Holiday club we enjoyed with all the children who signed up for an exciting journey with Joseph. Yes we might have been flagging a little come Thursday but we made it through to our usual Messy Church round up (sorry desert crossing onto the verdant plains of Glenthams Chapel) and picnic.

A great week, overall we had sixteen children and five adult helpers, next year we are doing????? Watch this space.

Please help raise funds for the chapel by signing up either to do the sponsored cycle ride/walk or to sponsor someone who is!!

This great event is followed by a special worship service at 6pm led by our friends VISION from Welton! Put it in your diaries please!

God bless  
Jenny & Peter

# **‘VISION’**

Sunday 9th October 6pm

**Praise & Worship**

**Glenthams Chapel**

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

Light Refreshments to follow



## **Men's Breakfast**

10<sup>th</sup> September, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 12<sup>th</sup> November  
9am at The Crown, Glenthams  
Please contact Peter Atkinson to book.  
All welcome

## **Sugar & Spice**

24<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November  
9.30am at The Willows, Glenthams  
Come along for a coffee and a chat  
All Ladies Welcome

## **Sponsored Walk / Cycle Ride**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am

Start / Finish at Glenthams Chapel  
4 mile circular walk via Normanby  
or 15 mile circular cycle ride

Drinks & cake available at the end  
All children to be accompanied by an adult  
In aid of Glenthams Chapel  
We have replaced 3 windows & now need to  
do some electrical work & repairs to the roof  
Please come along & help  
Sponsor forms available  
from Janet (818718) or Jenny (878806)

## Lea

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

Harvest Festival  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am  
Preacher: Mr R. Alderson  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm  
Sale of produce

### **Village Guild**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2.15pm  
Speaker: Rev L. Carr  
Subject: "Our Muriel"

### **Village Guild**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2.15pm  
Speaker: Mrs Celia Lord  
Subject: "Lincoln Cathedral"

### **Chapel Anniversary**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 3.00pm  
Preacher Rev Philip MacDonald from Newark  
Soloist: Mrs. Pat Gray  
Buffet tea to follow  
All are welcome

### **Village Guild**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2.15pm  
Speaker: Mr Nigel Burn  
Subject: Lincoln Castle

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 3.00pm

### **Prelude to Christmas** by

The Willingham Band

Tea and mince pies to follow

**Marton**

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

**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.

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

**Lunches at Swallow Court-Thursdays**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
**“Ride and Stride”**  
**For Notts Historic Churches Trust**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
Village Harvest Service  
Followed by  
lunch at 12 noon

**Methodist Evangelicals Together (MET)**

On the same date, 24<sup>th</sup> September  
There is a MET gathering at Hexthorpe, near Doncaster.

These are day conferences – so you could still get to the Jazz! The speaker will be Rev. Peter Phillips. Several from Wolds & Trent do go.

Please contact Mike Childs (01427 610057) if you have any questions.

## Market Rasen

**Church Contact:** Mr Geoff Taylor      01673 843939  
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Bob and Rosie started their contribution to the last edition of the Link with the words “by the time you receive this Link let’s hope we will be basking in the Summer sunshine”. Well I think we had that two days last week, that’s the English weather for you.

I had the pleasure of walking into our Chapel this week to the sound of young people enjoying Holiday Club. I don’t know what they were counting down for but the decibel level was high. The theme this year was Going Bananas and that sounded exactly what they were doing. 30+ children attended every morning and learned something about a character in the Bible each day.

Over recent weeks we have enjoyed some excellent concerts. We welcomed Radcliffe Male Voice Choir supported by Quadraviox, a most enjoyable evening by two groups of talented singers and musicians. If you missed them this year you have another chance to hear them next year on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Our good friends Da Capo supported by Wragby Bell Ringers gave us another entertaining evening. Some of us surprised ourselves by joining the Bell Ringers for their final item and mostly ringing at the right time.

Mick’s three more Country/Irish music nights arranged. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August All Haron & Marion Curry. Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September Curtis Magee. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October Frank McCaffrey. All start at 7.30pm.

We welcomed Rev David Newlove to lead our Chapel Anniversary Service. You will remember David when he was a Minister in our Circuit at Caistor, he doesn’t look a day older.

I am writing this report only a few days after the terrible murder of the Catholic Priest in France. One has to wonder what is happening in our world- almost every day we hear of some terrorist event which results in the death or serious injury to many innocent people. I can remember a time when Churches and Chapels were sacred places and even the most hardened criminal wouldn’t desecrate such places. How times have changed.

One could ask , “Where is God in all this?”. That’s a question I will leave each and every one of you to answer for yourself.

Geoff Smith

## Middle Rasen

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

Chapel continues to be busy one way or another. Women's Own has now closed until September as has The Guild, which will start again in October. All are very welcome to both. The Women's Own is on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm and The Guild is on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. 'Coffee, Cake and Chat' continues on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (and sometimes the 5<sup>th</sup>) Thursday of each month at 10am, with The Luncheon Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Coffee Morning, with a Bring and Buy stall, continues on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month as well. We have welcomed four new members to our Chapel in the last few weeks – two as a result of Faldingworth Chapel closing and two who have moved down from Yorkshire and who are already much involved in Chapel activities! Our Chapel family is growing and thriving and a very happy place to be. We do, however, need a new treasurer and more stewards to help with the running of the Chapel.

In connection with this, each month, I write a short article for our Chapel Monthly Letter under the heading of 'Liz's Musings' - the June one drew quite a few comments so I thought I would like to share it with you.

### *Jigsaw Puzzles*

*Recently, after a visit from a little friend of mine – he's just turned four years old – it brought to my mind that Life is rather like a jigsaw puzzle. Each time he comes, he brings with him some jigsaw puzzles to play with. They are in bags so there is no picture to follow! He knows them off by heart so is very quick at putting them together! He thinks it a good idea for me to do one at the same time and see who wins! Unfortunately, as I have no pictures to go by and am busy talking to his mother, I am very slow, which he points out to me with only 'that look' a child can give you, and offers to help me. A child's puzzles are small and uncomplicated, whilst adult ones probably have as many as two thousand pieces or are three-dimensional.*

*Each piece of the jigsaw fits into a prearranged pattern. Life is like that, with all its twists, turns and experiences, finally they fit together to make a whole. At the beginning, like my little friend's jigsaws, we cannot see the whole picture so trust in God and wait for Him to lead us. I don't believe in 'Fate', but I am sure that things are meant to be. I often think 'if that hadn't happened, this wouldn't have happened'. If I hadn't been 'guided' to move to West Rasen, I wouldn't have met my wonderful church family at Middle Rasen which has brought me great happiness one way or another. But we have to trust in God to lead the way – 'He works in a most mysterious way, His wonders to perform'. (Hymn 65)*

*Jesus and Samuel were just two examples – they knew from a very early age to trust in Him and He would direct their path.*

*Our Church family is rather like a jigsaw, although there is no 'puzzle' about it! Each member goes towards making the whole although the whole is not finished yet! The members with 'the jobs' are the outside pieces keeping everyone together and drawing them into the middle where God reigns. The ministers and preachers are the corner pieces guiding those round the outside. No one is more important than another in God's eyes. If one 'piece' is missing, straight away concern is shown as to where that 'piece' is, because Chapel needs all the 'pieces' in 'working' order!*

In June, from the 7<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> inclusive, meetings were arranged for informal discussions about 'The Life and Times of Jonah' followed by refreshments – and interesting thought.

On 9<sup>th</sup> July we held our Summer Evening Fayre at Whitehouse Farm as we do each year to raise funds for Chapel and it was very enjoyable, as usual.

Liz Margrave

### **The Jubilee Games**

The Jubilee Games were held successfully at Hemswell Cliff on Saturday 25th July when teams from the Hemswell Cliff and Brookenby communities competed for the Jubilee Games and Tug of War shields.

The scores were level going into the final competition which was the tug of war. Hemswell Cliff were the victors, winning both shields. Congratulations to all who took part and also those who assisted on the day with both the Jubilee Games and Hemswell Cliff Big Lunch.

Many thanks to those of you who helped by either by contributing raffle prizes or by providing a donation. With your help, we were able to raise just over £80 for Jubilee Games funds.

After five years as secretary, I am standing down from the Jubilee Games Committee following the 2016 Games. The proposed venue for the Jubilee Games in 2017 is Newtoft, who are looking forward to the completion of their new community facilities at the end of this year.

Ian Hardcastle

## North Kelsey

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

Writing this on the first day of August and remembering how blessed we are with our Local Preachers having just had Messrs Lockwood, Ramm, Smith and Childs in that order! Yesterday we welcomed David Islip from Market Rasen to lead our worship and then Jenny Thompson and I headed over to Nettleton to lead their afternoon service. We used a service we had prepared earlier in the year at NKMC on the fruits of the Spirit. There was an opportunity for us all to share our thoughts on which fruit we would choose to represent a particular gift that we can use to help us be more like Jesus. We also looked at those fruits we felt that we were not particularly gifted in and how we could improve. Food for thought indeed!

Talking of food we shall be looking forward to our Harvest Festival Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> September) when we shall welcome Rev Michael Sheard to lead our worship and followed with a Harvest Lunch. Always a season to look forward to as we give thanks for God's goodness to us and enjoy the opportunity to share a meal and spend time with others.

Blessings from us all at North Kelsey.

Midge

### Lincolnshire Youth Mission- QUESTION Project

As you will be aware the QUESTION Youth Project is now working under Lincolnshire Youth Mission and I thought you might like to be brought up to date. Elaine Watkinson has now left the project to work in Hull as a Mission Enabler and Family Worker.

Sarah Hoyes is returning to work from September after her maternity leave and much of her work will be based in Market Rasen.

Charlie Watkinson has now been appointed on a permanent basis to work within the project and alongside the GodPod project based in Lincoln which is now working under LYM too.

During Charlie's four month maternity cover he has developed new work in Lea School, so the project now works in Marton, Lea, Misterton, Market Rasen, Caistor and Nettleton.

Holiday Clubs have been held over the summer in Market Rasen and Marton, attended by a good number of children who thoroughly enjoyed learning Bible stories and discovering the joy of Christian activities.

The work is going well and we look forward to a more stable future with this team of workers and volunteers.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that you can support the project in its outreach work by praying for it, by volunteering and by financial support. Please contact Liz Childs (01427610057) if you would like to share in any of these ways.

Gareth Sherwood

## Nettleton

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

Normal Coffee Morning 10.30am-12 noon September 3<sup>rd</sup> & November 5<sup>th</sup>

Our annual charity coffee morning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July was opened by Richard Alderson and we had a minutes silence and prayer remembering Jean and Brian Field, who had to be called away urgently, to be with their son Richard who sadly passed away, about the time of our prayers.

The coffee morning was a success with our friends from near and far. Our Anglican friends also came to support us.

The cake and provision stalls did well and also the raffle and bric-a-brac also did well. The tea and coffee were well supported.

Our thanks to all who helped set up and a special thanks to Stephen and Brian who put the tables and chairs away in record time, including the dividing door.

The total raised was £300 for The Methodist Homes Music Therapy  
Joyce Smith

### **MACMILLAN BIG COFFEE MORNING**

**Nettleton Village Hall**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**10am-12 noon**

**Cake and homemade produce**

**Great Raffle**

**Refreshments**

**Help us raise funds for a wonderful charity**

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**Come and Join us!**

**All welcome**

### **Nettleton Garden Party**

**By kind invitation of Joyce Smith**

**6 Burghley Close**

**Nettleton**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

**2.00pm- 4.00pm**

**Cakes Stall ----- Tombola ----Raffle**

**Games for all ages**

**Delicious refreshments all afternoon**

## Upton

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

Hello everyone from Upton.

Eventually summer arrived and now my thoughts are turning to Autumn as I think about the things I need to tell you.

As a Church we are moving forward in the knowledge the God is working with us on a daily basis and answering our prayers. We have some new members including some who have joined us as their Churches in Sturton and Ingham have sadly closed.. Having new people in our worship means we have more skills to support us. Julie has renewed her love of guitar playing and joins Jim with his guitar to inspire us before our service begins. Karen joins them in the singing of old favourites and new, and I help on the piano where I can. There have been occasions when the preacher for the day has come and joined us in the pre service singing. Coffee after the service is becoming more popular and gives us the opportunity to get to know our new friends better and share fellowship with everyone. People have commented how happy our worship time is, and as they say, nothing succeeds like success. We still have members who are ill or have other problems to deal with but we are supporting each other where and when we can. We have a large garden at the side of the Chapel, and an allotment at the back. The person who has looked after it is sadly unable to continue and the managing of it has been a problem. The Chapel's neighbour kindly cut the grass for us initially, and now we have someone who is going to continue through to Autumn. This offer has been gratefully accepted. The bench was in need of repair and happily someone came and sorted that for us too. In both cases no bill has been presented. People are very kind!! Thank you to them all.

A few weeks ago we celebrated the wedding of Doris' daughter. Another happy occasion. Louise led the service and put everyone at their ease, especially the groom. We wish them well in the future.

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September is our local horticultural show and this year the committee are hoping for a display of scarecrows around the villages of Upton and Kexby. I already know that "Dolly" scarecrow will be sitting on the bench outside Chapel as she is almost complete!

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October The Trentside Singers will be presenting their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert at the local Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets will soon be available from Jenny Fotheringham 01427 838347.

In conjunction with our own Chapel, the coffee mornings are continuing on the second Wednesday of the month, between 10am and 12 noon.

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September we celebrate harvest with Michael Page at 10.30am. Donations of dried food, tins etc will be received and taken to the food bank in Gainsborough.

The Remembrance service this year will be a united service with our friends at the All Saints Parish Church in Upton.

And finally....last Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> July) Patrick and I were having a coffee in the cafe at Belton House near Grantham. Philip and Ellen Macdonald came in and we had a lovely catch up with them. They send their love and best wishes to all who remember them. What a lovely surprise it was!! Philip will be preaching at Lea Chapel in November for their Chapel Anniversary celebrations.

Well I think that is all for now. We wish you joy and peace as we go forward in faith.

With love from all at Upton.

God Bless!

Jenny Fotheringham

**Lincolnshire Methodist Safeguarding Conference 2016:**  
***“Getting Real About Safeguarding”***  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

This will be held at William Farr School, Welton, Lincoln LN2 3JB from 9.30am to 4pm. It is an opportunity to continue to build on the work within the District and to further develop our knowledge and practice in Safeguarding.

The conference is open to all those with a Safeguarding role or interest of any kind, no matter how slight or vague! There will be keynote speakers, workshops and up to date information on current Safeguarding development.

To book a place, please contact either Ian Hardcastle or Midge Thomas. (District has requested that bookings are made through Circuit Reps for this conference.)

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## TESTIMONY CORNER

Thank you to Midge Thomas who wrote the last Testimony. Can you guess who this one is written by?

“When I was 8 I knelt and prayed with my Headmistress the Jesus would come into my heart, and he did and I was a new person. Rev.chapter 3 verse 20 & 2 Corinthians. Chapter 5 verse 17.

I was born in South India in Ootacamuns (Ooty) Nilgiri Hills one hour 20 minutes after my twin sister.

My Father, in 1932, went out to India as a missionary with the Central India Hill Mission and my Mother went in 1934 where they met and married. In 1941 they joined The Leprosy Mission and worked in Purulia until 1946 when they were asked to take over the hospital and house in Naini near Allahabad, central provinces for the next 25 years.

We went to Hebron high School in Coonoor Nilgiri Hills, a 3-4 hour train journey from home, until we were 11. We saw our parents at the school for two weeks in May and then home to Naini from Nov-Feb.

My Mother came back to England with us to finish our education. She had been accepted to be in charge of the first Leprosy Hospital in England, The Jordan Hospital in Surrey, an overflow from the Hospital of Tropical Diseases in London.

I went to Clarendon School in North Wales. Both schools had very strong Christian Principles and a lot of Bible Teaching.

As a family we worshipped at the Baptist Church where I was baptised when I was 16. We have attended several other denominations-Union Church in India, Brethren in Wales, C of E-Christchurch in Highbury, London where I met Stuart whilst I was training at the Royal Free Hospital where I joined a very active Interhospital Nurses Christian Fellowship. I later went to Woolwich to the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies,after each delivery a prayer was said.

Stuart and I were married and moved to Bideford North Devon where 3 of our 4 children were born. We attended the Congregational Church in Northam and then the Mission Hall and Methodist Church in Bideford-the Minister was the Rev Josiah Clutterbuck, a delightful gentleman!

In 1967 we moved to Caistor and I joined the Methodist Church and Stuart the Cof E, to us our Christian Faith was our foundation. We both take an active part in both Churches and have made many good friends and together support each other.

In my journey of Faith God has always been very close. He knows and loves me better than anyone and I love Him.

I thank God that I can be sure of His love and support at all times with my hand in His, so that I can share this love and support with others.”

Do you have a testimony that you would like to share with our Circuit? Please email or post it to the editor before the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**PUZZLE PAGE-**

**WORDSEARCH – SEEDTIME AND HARVEST**

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At this harvest-time we consider God’s bounty to us in the form of FRUITS . There are 36 kinds above, grown in both TEMPERATE and TROPICAL CLIMATES, and these days nothing seems to be out of season. I hope that you can P.Y.O and find them all.

“The trees ripe with fruit stand proud in the sun.  
We gather them now that Summer is gone.  
For yours is the wonder, yours is the power,  
Yours is the glory of fruit and of flower.

So in all our plenty, help us to see  
The needs all around, whatever they be.  
With food for the body, strength for the soul  
It’s healing and caring making them whole.”  
Jancis Harvey

## KEYWORD CHALLENGE-ANSWERS

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|------------|--------------|
| 1. CLEAN   | 11. BATTLE   |
| 2. WOLF    | 12. GAME     |
| 3. BALL    | 13. AMERICAN |
| 4. FEATHER | 14. BASE     |
| 5. QUEEN   | 15. KING     |
| 6. GRANNY  | 16. BEAN     |
| 7. ACE     | 17. CAR      |
| 8. HAND    | 18. HAIR     |
| 9. DUMB    | 19. EARLY    |
| 10. HAT    | 20. DRAW     |

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| 1. ANORAK       | 25. SCARF        |
| 2. BAG          | 26. SHIRT        |
| 3. BELT         | 27. SHOES        |
| 4. BERET        | 28. SHORTS       |
| 5. BLAZER       | 29. SKIRT        |
| 6. BLOUSE       | 30. SLIPPERS     |
| 7. BOOTS        | 31. SOCKS        |
| 8. CAGOULE      | 32. SWEATER      |
| 9. CAP          | 33. SWIM/SUIT    |
| 10. CARDIGAN    | 34. SUIT         |
| 11. FLEECE      | 35. TIE          |
| 12. GLOVES      | 36. TRACKSUIT    |
| 13. HAT         | 37. TROUSERS     |
| 14. JACKET      | 38. VEST         |
| 15. JEANS       | 39/40 WAIST/COAT |
| 16. JERSEY      |                  |
| 17. JUMPER      |                  |
| 18. KILT        |                  |
| 19. MACINTOSH   |                  |
| 20. MITTENS     |                  |
| 21. NIGHT/DRESS |                  |
| 22. DRESS       |                  |
| 23. PULLOVER    |                  |
| 24. PYJAMAS     |                  |

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