

Wolds and Trent Methodist Circuit

The Link



September 2019



Autumn – A Celebration

Pastoral Letter

Dear all,

As I write this it feels like Autumn has arrived but it's still over the horizon, I hope. It often strikes me that Methodists are strange people as our year begins as the calendar year begins to end. The new beginnings of the Methodist New Year, as ever in meetings, means we start to engage in circuit and church with the decisions of the Conference. These can be challenging and this year we have a particular task - to engage with the implications of the Marriage and Relationships report. In this Link you will find an article about how we, as Methodists, engage with the Bible and the reality that we are all different in how we do so. I hope you will take time to read it and think about how you interpret the Bible and also how others might do so differently.

The theme set by the President (Rev Barbara Glasson) and Vice President (Dr Clive March) for the coming year is "What's the story?" Both being writers, they have produced a book which tells their stories and reflects on God at work and how they have discerned that thread and changed in the journey. I think often there are times in our lives when changes happen, when something comes to an end, that we reflect and look on those threads of God. They encourage us to do so, to engage with the story of God at work amongst us and in our lives and begin to tell the story. Stories are a vital part of our lives, and often children remember the stories grandparents have time to tell. Perhaps in the Autumn of life, we have more time to slow down and reflect. Maybe we could learn from that.

So, let's tell our stories, listen with interest to each other, especially where we are different. Let us learn from our new Minister, Heather, as she tells us her story and as we learn from it, develop our own. I encourage you all to come to her welcome service, 8th September at 10.45 am.

I wish you all blessings on this New Methodist year and I hope like me you enjoy the colours and gifts of Autumn.

Rev. Louise

Autumn – A Celebration.

Autumn is a wonderful time of year. Although the daylight hours are shortening and the heat of summer is past, there is much to admire and celebrate. Colour for me is the main attraction. Being a keen walker, getting out in the Wolds of Lincolnshire is always a pleasure. But Autumn is really special, with the magnificent colours that are on display. I often stop and just look and think what a wonderful God we are blessed with to provide us with this marvellous spectacle of nature.

Many years ago, I took a holiday to Canada and hired a campervan at Montreal airport. Then it was off on the open road in Quebec State. It was of course autumn and the forests were absolutely ablaze with colour – reds, browns, yellows, golds – the sight was amazing. Quebec State celebrated this magnificence with a weekend ‘Festival of Colour’. The campsites were free along with all the attractions and activities they provided. What a marvellous way to celebrate – I often wonder if they still have this.

Some of us regard our advancing years as the ‘autumn’ of our lives. Although this means the end of our lives is not so far away there is much to celebrate. Firstly of course, God has brought us safely this far and we praise and thank Him for that. But with the advancing years comes retirement and opportunities to do those things which we previously couldn’t find enough time for. Getting more involved in church matters provides welcome fellowship. I particularly enjoy playing music – piano, organ and mandolin – and celebrate with God that He has provided me with at least a modicum of talent to use this enjoyment for the benefit of our church. The church also provides opportunities to organise various charitable events and the chance to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. At Market Rasen, autumn is the time when our support for the Samaritan’s Purse ‘Operation Christmas Child’ comes to the fore. How is this a celebration? Well just look at the videos on the Samaritan’s Purse website and see the reaction of children in desperate situations when they receive God’s love through the gift of a ‘shoebox’.

So, ‘autumn’ is definitely a word that can have different meanings to each of us and, with a positive mind, each meaning can give cause for celebration.

God Bless,
Bob Bailey (Market Rasen)

Local Preachers and Worship Leaders

We have something to celebrate this autumn.

Christine Baker has now passed all her Local Preacher assignments, received very positive reports on services she has led, and has given testimony to the Local Preachers' Meeting, who unanimously agreed that Christine should be admitted as a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church.

We shall be joining in her Recognition Service on 29th September, at Gainsborough at 6.00pm. We hope you will be able to join in this celebration.

We are blessed that in 2019 we shall have welcomed two new Local Preachers, Sue Brown as well as Christine. We are also blessed that we have a further Local Preacher On Trial, Peter Broughton.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't take this opportunity to ask if anyone else has felt God saying that they could be taking part in this calling of Preaching and / or Leading Worship. If you wish to talk about this, please speak to our Superintendent Minister.

Mike Childs

MIDDLE RASEN METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday 14th September

HARVEST SUPPER &

'HOME GROWN VARIETY CONCERT'

Supper 5.45pm Tickets £7.00

Available from the Stewards or Alice Surfleet Tel: 01673 843256

'HOME GROWN VARIETY CONCERT' 7.30pm

(No ticket is needed for Concert only,
but donations would be much appreciated!)

Sunday 15th September

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

10.30am Community Singing

10.45am Rev Catherine Wylie

6.00pm Rev Sarah Parkin

Harvest Memories

My earliest recollection of Harvest is not the traditional corn harvest but of grass! My Grandpa was a farmer (my Father worked for him) and he grew Lucerne (a type of grass, or as I have just discovered Alfalfa). When the crop was of suitable growth it was cut (I can't remember how) and brought into the shed where it was put through a drier and then bagged as either grass meal or grass nuts. I remember the smell of the drying grass was divine. Sometimes I would go out with my father to make some small load deliveries, around parts of Lincolnshire, in our van which was affectionately named 'the grass box'!

When I was 10 my Grandpa retired and we then moved to our own farm at West Torrington. I spent many hours helping my Dad around the farm. The first job was to convert a large building from a milking shed/parlour into a corn drier. At the time it was quite state of the art (by the time my Dad retired the drier really did struggle to cope with the speed that the corn arrived from the combine as they had advanced in size and speed over the years!) I became very proficient at shovelling corn, (up on the top of the heap, as the corn came off the conveyor belt, to enable us to get as much in the shed as possible!). Before I left school I could look after the drier if my Dad was combining or latterly driving the tractor and trailers from the field to the yard.

One harvest when I was about 12, it was a bit like this year for rain, and when it was dry enough to combine you would keep going as long as possible. I remember one particular night, I was on the combine with my Dad, keeping him company, before the days of cabs, it was so cold I sat on the floor of the driving deck with my back against the engine trying to keep warm!! On marrying Brian, a farmer my skills came in useful. Brian had always been used to using corn drying bins but the farm we moved to had a floor drying system like my Dad's so I was able to give the benefit of my knowledge and the skill of my shovelling! Until my Dad retired, I always used to go and help him at harvest time (and hope that they were not harvesting and putting corn in our drier at home, because it made being in two places at once a bit of a challenge!) I always helped with harvest until health issues prevented me.

I preferred wheat going in the drier because barley awns and dust soon made one very itchy! It was very hard work when I was younger but there was always such a sense of satisfaction when the last load was safely stored in the shed. Nowadays shovelling, on the whole, seems to be a thing of the past because there is machinery that seems to be able to heap corn, however high you need it to be!

Janice Cook (Middle Rasen)

Supermarket Harvest

What does harvest mean to me?
I neither sow nor reap,
But glean through supermarket shelves,
To pluck what's going cheap.

No mellow fruitfulness is here,
But sterile tidy tins
And crops all smart in cardboard coats,
And glossy plastic skins.

No harmony of autumn leaves,
But glaring lives entice,
And labels scream: there's two pence off!!!
It's cheap at half the price.

No sound of tractors in the field,
But crammed full trolleys clash,
And jingling tills bind sheaves of notes,
And gather in the cash.

No need to plough and scatter
The good seed on the ground,
With canned convenient frozen food,
It's harvest all year round.

So through the claustrophobic fields
Robot like I roam,
And long for fragrant country air
And joys of harvest home.

And chapels heaped with fruits and flowers
Arranged with homely art,
Where grateful mortals yield to God
The harvest of the heart.

Our Youth Activities

Early in the summer nearly 90 children (about 60 at Market Rasen and 30 at Marton) became "spies" for a week at holiday clubs run by Lincolnshire Youth Mission youth workers, Gareth and Charlie, and several volunteers, including young people who had "graduated" from previous holiday clubs and were keen to come back to help.

Each day the young spies embarked on seemingly impossible missions, along the way making plenty of spy gadgets, from glasses to briefcases, and playing plenty of games, some rather messy! They even hosted a visit from Her Majesty the Queen!

In the course of the week, the children explored some of the miracles of Jesus, from turning water into wine to the greatest miracle of the Resurrection. They discovered that with Jesus nothing is impossible. Please pray for all the young people who attended holiday clubs, that the seed sown will bear fruit in their lives. Pray, too, for Gareth, as he embarks on ministerial training, and for Charlie, who will be very busy leading and supporting regular youth activities around the circuit and beyond.

Syd and Bridget

Colour

by [Adeline White](#)

The world is full of colour!
'Tis Autumn once again
And leaves of gold and crimson
Are lying in the lane.

There are brown and yellow acorns,
Berries and scarlet haws,
Amber gorse and heather
Purple across the moors!

Green apples in the orchard,
Flushed by a glowing sun;
Mellow pears and brambles
Where coloured pheasants run!

Yellow, blue and orange,
Russet, rose and red —
A gaily-coloured pageant —
An Autumn flower bed.

Beauty of light and shadow,
Glory of wheat and rye,
Colour of shining water
Under a sunset sky!

A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH

The Nature of Authority and the Place of the Bible in the Methodist Church

At this year's Methodist Conference, a report entitled 'God unites us in love' – a report on marriage and relationships in the Church was presented. After prayerful discussion and response, the Conference commended the report. This means that over the next year, District will have an opportunity to consider the proposals before a final resolution is voted on at the 2020 Conference. As a result, of this it is good to remind us that in Methodism we hold different perspectives of Scripture. We are reminded of this by the 1998 report entitled 'A Lamp to My Feet and A Light to My Path'.

The Bible, as the Methodist Church means, is the 39 books of the Jewish scriptures, that we know as the Old Testament, 27 books of the New Testament, which have come to be recognised as 'Canonical' or normative by the 4th century AD. These books were originally written in Hebrew (OT) and Greek (NT). The King James version is today difficult to comprehend, since words have changed their meaning over the centuries. Also today we have a better understanding of the meaning of the original Hebrew and Greek. There has, since the 4th century been further discovery of scrolls and as such this has brought new light to some of the texts hence some of the more modern translations. Also, translations come with their own 'spin' for example, the NIV was written to be a tool for evangelism, the NRSV was at the time considered a particularly academic translation close to the original, versions like The Living Bible and The Message seek to capture something of the essence of the text but can lead you down some interesting roads. This is why from the early church fathers, through the reformation and even today different biblical texts are interpreted with a variety of meanings. Even Jesus and the Pharisees had disputes over how they interpreted the law, as did Paul and his fellow Jews.

The Methodist Church introducing this report in 1998 tried to show the different ways in which scripture can be interpreted. The 7 examples below show different perspectives of biblical authority which are held within the Church and can be heard underlying the preaching from Methodist pulpits. They are not precise definitions and anyone of us might feel that our own position is a mixture of 2 or 3 of these examples. But they are intended to illustrate briefly the range of views which are held, and the reasons for holding them.

View 1 - The Bible is the Word of God and is, therefore inerrant (free of all error and entirely trustworthy in everything which it records) and has complete authority in all matters of theology and behaviour. It is 'God-breathed' and its human authors were channels of the divine Word. The Christian's task is to discern accurately what the Bible teaches and then to believe and obey it. Reason, experience and tradition should be judged in the light of the Bible, not the other way round.

This view is concerned to safeguard the conviction that the Bible has its origin in God. It works from the premise that God cannot be the author of error, and therefore the Bible cannot contain error. To give undue status to any other source of authority is to exalt fallible human insight over the infallible Word of God.

View 2 - The Bible's teaching about God, salvation and Christian living is entirely trustworthy. It cannot be expected, however, to provide entirely accurate scientific or historical information since this is not its purpose. Nevertheless, it provides the supreme rule for faith and conduct, to which other ways of 'knowing', while important, should be subordinate.

This view also stresses the divine origin of Scripture, its supreme authority for Christian belief and practice, and its priority over other sources of authority. But it holds that reliable information on, for example, historical or scientific matters may not fall within God's purpose in giving the Bible.

View 3 - *The Bible is the essential foundation on which Christian faith and life are built. However, its teachings were formed in particular historical and cultural contexts and must therefore be read in that light. The way to apply biblical teaching in today's very different context is not always obvious or straightforward. Reason is an important (God-given) gift which must be used to the full in this process of interpretation.*

This view emphasizes that the Word of God contained in a collection of books written in times and places very different from our own cannot simply be read as a message for our own situation. We must work out by the use of reason how far and in what way the ancient text can appropriately be applied to the modern situation.

View 4 - *The Bible's teaching, while foundational and authoritative for Christians, needs to be interpreted by the Church. In practice it is the interpretation and guidance offered by Church leaders and preachers which provides authoritative teaching. Church tradition is therefore of high importance as a practical source of authority.*

This view is concerned to stress that the people of God, the Church, existed before the Bible and that the Bible therefore does not exist independently of the Church. Interpretation of the Bible is essentially a matter for the Church community, and especially its appointed leaders, rather than for private individuals.

View 5 - *The Bible is one of the main ways in which God speaks to the believer. However, the movement of God's Spirit is free and unpredictable, and it is what the Spirit is doing today that is of the greatest importance. The Bible helps to interpret experience, but much stress is placed on spiritual experience itself, which conveys its own compelling authority.*

On this view, to give too high a status to the Bible may prevent us from hearing what God is saying to us today. We should be guided principally by the convictions which emerge from our own Christian experience as individuals and as a church community, which on occasion will go against the main thrust of the Bible's teaching.

View 6 - *The Bible witnesses to God's revelation of himself through history and supremely through Jesus Christ. However, the Bible is not itself that revelation, but only the witness to it. Christians must therefore discern where and to what extent they perceive the true gospel witness in the various voices of the Bible. Reason, tradition and experience are as important as the biblical witnesses.*

This view emphasizes that the Bible mediates the Word of God but is not identical with the Word of God. We can discover which parts of the Bible are God's Word for us only if we make use of all the resources of reason, church tradition and experience.

View 7 - *The Bible comprises a diverse and often contradictory collection of documents which represent the experiences of various people in various times and places. The Christian's task is to follow, in some way, the example of Christ. And to the extent that the Bible records evidence of his character and teaching it offers a useful resource. However, in the late 20th century it is simply not possible to obey all its teachings since these stem from very human authors and often represent the ideology of particular groups or classes in an ancient and foreign culture. Reason and experience provide much more important tools for faith and practice*

This view also stresses that the Bible was written by people addressing particular times and situations. But, guided by the insights of, for example, feminist and liberation theologies, it further argues that before we can discover in it God's Word for us we must strip away from it those elements which betray the vested interests of particular groups, for instance, the interests of male dominance or of political and economic power-blocks.

It is the task and joy of every Christian reading the bible to be challenged by it and to find their interpretation with the help of various sources (sermons, preachers, ministers, bible studies, commentaries etc). It is therefore important that we listen to each other as our diversity may help us to gain new insights into the nature of God and safeguard us from too narrow a view. As we engage with biblical discussions, may we continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit, so that we can take in to account current thinking to make an informed decision on what we individually believe the Bible is saying to us. This is the mission of the whole Church of God and is a process involving Christian people.

Methodists have developed attitudes, or made doctrinal or ethical judgements, based on their interpretation of different scripture. For example, Methodists have set aside biblical texts dealing with food regulations, texts about women covering their heads in church, we have taken strong attitudes on the use of alcohol and engagement in gambling when explicit biblical instruction is weak or non-existent. The Methodist Church permits the marriage of divorced persons, even though there are biblical texts that explicitly forbid divorce. There are other texts that are ambiguous on the matter. There are many more examples that could be cited and some of these are in the report.

It is clear therefore the bible contains all things necessary for eternal salvation, not that it tells us everything we would like to know about God or the meaning of life, the universe and everything. God explores anything with constraints that we might import on the texts. It often suggests that text and interpretation is not finished but is ongoing and forms an important part of responsible and expectant Christian faith today.

This is my interpretation and understanding of the report. If you wish to obtain a full copy of the report you can do so by logging in to the Methodist church website (<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/1987/fo-statement-a-lamp-to-my-feet-and-a-light-to-my-path-1998.pdf>). In the meanwhile, as we go forward with our discussions may the grace and love of God be evident in all that we say and do bringing diversity but unity through our contradictory convictions.

Written by Rev Helen Croft



**Methodist Women
in Britain**

Lincolnshire District

October District Day

Wednesday October 23rd

Venue Moorland park Lincoln

A Day of music led by Helen Pollard

from the Roger Jones Team

Start 10.30am and end 3.00pm

Lunch will be provided for £4.00 per person

More details to follow nearer the date

Enquiries and lunch bookings to Diane Patrick

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Colours of Autumn

My memories take me back to Whites Wood Lane Methodist Church. We had a family that came to join us at chapel, Mr and Mrs Wall and their son David. Mrs Wall was a local preacher and a " bit of a character". One particular harvest festival she gave a children's address about the colours of Autumn. It has stayed with me ever since, and, when taking harvest festival assemblies at school, I used it myself.

Mrs Wall had a display of fruit and vegetables on a table. They were all painted black and looked really awful. She asked if we liked the display and of course we said " no". Mrs Wall then went on to talk about how the world might look if there was only black in it and we quickly realised that colour was a valuable and important part of our lives.

God' s gift of colour was very special.

It was a very simple story and demonstration of how we take so much for granted in our every day lives but it is one I have never forgotten. As I grow older I love the Autumn colours and can't wait to see the changes that take place in the countryside. Last year the trees were spectacular and gave me so much pleasure. Can't wait for it all to happen again this year. Let us always remember to thank God for the wonderful colours He created.

"Who put the gold into the sunshine?
Who put the sparkle in the stars?
Who put the silver in the moonlight?
Who made Earth and Mars?
Who put the scent into the roses?
Who taught the honey bee to dance?
Who put the tree inside the acorn?
It surely can't be chance!
Who made seas and leaves and trees?
Who made snow and winds that blow?
Who made streams and rivers flow?
GOD MADE ALL OF THESE!!

Jenny Fotheringham (Upton)

Autumn Reflections

For a number of years, I lived in the New Territories in Hong Kong and found great pleasure in climbing the two highest peaks, Tai to Yan at around 2,000ft and Tai Mo Shan around 3,000ft.

Tai to Yan was about a two hour climb and from the summit I had a wonderful view of the Sek Kong plain across to the Chinese border as it was then.

Sitting on the ridge over-looking the many small villages and farms certainly in September/October I was often mindful of the beauty of Autumn in England, whilst there seemed little change in Hong Kong.

On one occasion these words came to me as I sat and pondered:

An Ode to Autumn

Soft hazy hues and mellow mists,
leafy cushions on the ground.
Webs of wonder, dewdrop kissed,
in hedge and bush abound.
Blackbirds search in hungry pairs,
mice through the long grass scurry,
Nature's secrets to be soon laid bare
'fore winters first cold flurry.

Oh, gentle kiss of autumn frost
on shaded well-trimmed lawns.
Those falling leaves, so gently tossed
from branches without scorn,
Their beauty turned from green to gold,
by magic so it seems,
Summers warmth so soon grows cold,
Remembered pleasantly in dreams

Through countless years, these scenes unfold,
With blessings from above,
For every Autumn we receive,
full measures of God's love.

Peter R Atkinson (Glenthams)



Harvest Fruits & Veggies Word Search



Orange
Apple
Cabbage
Peach
Banana
Broccoli
Carrots
Cherry
Coconut
Tomatoes
Potato
Squash
Turnip
Radish
Corn
Grapes
Eggplant
Beans
Watermelon
Mango



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Come, ye thankful people come.....

The rainbow of Autumn is spread before us in all its glory.

The harvest is over. Or is it?

Cereal crops are 'safely gathered in,' but other harvests continue throughout the year and across the world. Harvests that rely on God's promise in Genesis 8:22 that as long as man shall live, seedtime and Harvest will never fail.

For those of us involved in the Agricultural industry, this also means continuing long hours of potato harvest, carrot harvest, onion harvest and the harvest of other vegetables in their season and throughout the year and for gardeners the continuing harvest of fruit and vegetables.

This makes me think of the beautiful harvest Hymn: 'Come Ye Thankful People Come,' and the metaphor that Henry Alford so cleverly created in the nineteenth century.

We sing this every Autumn at our Harvest Festival Services, yet do we read between the lines of each verse?

Have we noticed the new words in 'Singing the Faith,' and do they efficiently reflect the deeper meaning of the 'Parable of The Sower'?

In the original version, 'All is safely gathered in, 'ere the Winter storms begin' is a message of offered hope and of salvation for all: ie. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

The Singing the Faith version has been changed to: 'Fruit and crops (only) are gathered in, safe before the storms begin.' Which for me loses the clarity of meaning.

The original suggests that we, who were sown in good soil, are privy to the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven as the seeds within the ears of wheat sown among the weeds along the path. See: Mark 4:1-19, Luke 8:4-15

Matthew 13:1-30 explains Henry Alford's metaphor further:

He touches on Wesley's teaching in Ephesians 2:1-9: that in everyone is sown the seed of prevenient grace which, when nurtured, grows first as the blade of the wheat, then the ear, then the full corn shall appear. This alludes to the growth of our nurtured faith through the grace of God.

He talks of the final harvest of God's people in Revelation 14:14-15 and the original text alludes to a garner, or mansion, where the ripe wheat or the people of God, will be gathered when Jesus returns as in John 14.

He suggests that God plans for his workers to live within the wider community until the final harvest, when Jesus returns. Then the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven is laid out as, 'free from sorrow, free from sin.'
Four verses that encompass the message of hope and a future to support us through the dark nights of Winter.

As we stand and sing this great hymn, may we reflect on the metaphor contained within it.

Karen Elvidge (Upton)



Ladies, please join us at 'The Willows,' Glenthams for coffee, tea, toast, cakes, friendship & informal discussion about some of the big questions in life.

Saturday 9.30am
21st September
19th October
16th November

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Middle Rasen

My first harvest memory was going out to the field with Mum, Gran and Peter to take food for my Dad and Grandad and being able to eat with them out in the field, happy days! In those days it was a mixture of combine harvesters, (nothing like the machines of today) or binders making the sheaves. My first tractor driving experience was driving from stook to stook (or stowks in my neck of the woods) and the unloading the trailer load of sheaves into the elevator. I can still picture my Dad building a weatherproof stack, thrashing days all the hands would come into the farmhouse for a hot meal. This could mean providing for eight or nine men. I can recall one day when one man at the table complained that he had a severe itch at the back of his waist band only to find it was a mouse having a scratch.

As the years progressed harvest changed. Combines have got larger and one machine can thrash more grain in an hour than nine men could do in a day with a thrashing machine.

Harvesting is very much a team event from the combine driver, those driving the trailers of grain to the yard and the man in charge of the dryer, which is where I spend my time only occasionally actually seeing the combine in operation. Both the combine and the dryer are computer controlled and work fine as long as you can remember to input the right information. Harvest is a culmination of a year's work, involving long hours, complaining about the rain making the grain wet, and the endless amounts of dust.



Harvest starts with sowing/planting the seed and tending it throughout the growing season, giving loving care to the plants to realise full potential. It always amazes me when sowing seed how it knows to grow. As a farmer we can only do so much, the good Lord makes it grow and brings it to harvest. Very similar to our Christian lives we can only sow the seed, it takes the love of God through Jesus Christ to nurture

and make the seed grow and be fruitful and bring it to harvest.

Brian Cook

Harvest Memories

My Mum's side of the family were Asquiths, living on the farm and working up in West Yorkshire.

My earliest memories are of everyone including my Mum and Dad, sister and brother, relatives and near neighbours all being up on my Granny's Farm getting the crops in.

It was more than a full-time job being out in the field all day and, depending on the weather, sometimes well into the night too!!

We would keep going up to the fields to take drinks, food and provisions and everyone was very tired and dirty but they knew it all had to be brought in so they worked and worked and worked until it was!

Then other items were harvested and Granny would be very busy pickling, making jam, preserving things in salt and vinegar and the pantry (built into the rock structure at the back of the cottage so very cold all year round, no refrigeration) shelves would be absolutely full and brimming with glass jars and suchlike with all manner of foodstuffs in them to last the year through. As a little girl I can remember standing and marvelling at just how much stuff was in there, all the different colours and shapes of the foodstuffs and why ever we needed so much food and who would eat it all!!

Then as the year progressed and when I visited the pantry store I would gradually see the provisions and number of jars stacked on the shelves getting fewer and fewer as it was all eaten, or given away, and then the whole process would start again!!



Moira Nichols

More Dates For Your Diary

Glentham

Men's Breakfast 9am Sat. 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, at The Bottle and Glass Normanby-by-Spital.

Autumn Programme of Activities at Market Rasen Methodist Chapel

23rd September McMillan Coffee Morning

28th September Samaritans Purse Wrap and Pack in the Chapel

6th October Harvest Festival Service at 10.45 a.m. and Songs of Praise Service at 6.00 p.m.

7th October Harvest Supper and Auction

19th October Autumn Bazaar

1st December Christmas Coffee Morning

9th December Rotary Carol Service

North Kelsey

We are looking forward to welcoming Richard Alderson of Nettleton to lead our worship on Sunday 15th September. The service will be followed by a light lunch. If folk are able to respond with possible numbers attending from their church then that would be very helpful.

Nettleton Joint Churches Christmas Bazaar.

December 7th in Nettleton Village Hall 2.00-4.00

Christmas Gifts for all -- Cakes and eatable Goodies.

Super Raffle – Tombola – Games – etc. .

Refreshments all afternoon. See You There!



Be joyful

♥ in hope, ♥

patient in

affliction,

faithful

in prayer. ♥

Romans 12:12

And Finally..... A time to sing!!!!!!

WE SHALL COME REJOICING BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES.

WE THANK THEE LORD FOR SUNSHINE DEW AND RAIN.

THE VALLEYS STAND SO THICK WITH CORN
THAT EVEN THEY ARE SINGING!



FOR THE CLOUD THE BOW RETAINETH
WITH ITS COVENANT OF PEACE,
THAT AS LONG AS EARTH REMAINETH
HARVEST TIME WILL NEVER CEASE!

The dead- line for the next issue of the Link is November 15th.

The theme is Christmas: Remembering. jdb1892@gmail.com