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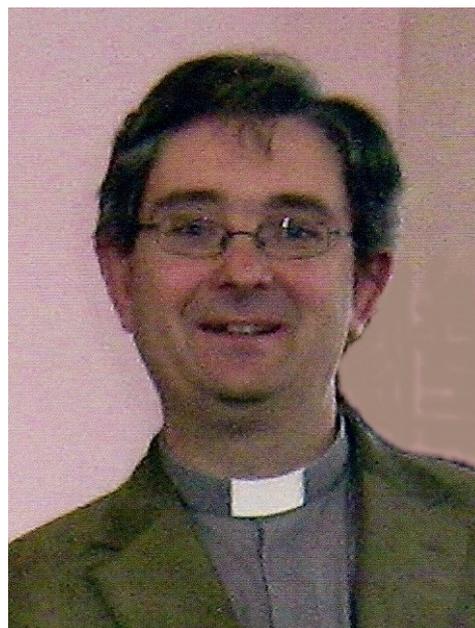
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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear friends

The time has come for me to write my final pastoral letter in The Link. After nine years as Superintendent minister from the inauguration of the Central Norfolk Circuit in September 2010, we will be moving in August to Acle to be the Co-Superintendent of the Norfolk Broads Circuit. These nine years have been, mostly, a highly enjoyable time, as were the previous eight years in Dereham when I was a part of the Dereham & Swaffham and then the Mid-Norfolk Circuit. Therefore after 17 years in this part of the world it will be hard to leave many friends behind.



Equally it is hard to put into one article how to summarise my reflections over all these years. It has been a privilege to have shared ministry over that period of time with some wonderful colleagues both ministerial and lay in the Circuit Team. This year I pay tribute to Andrew, Barbara, Betty, Cliff, and Liz who have made a fantastic staff team. Also during this coming quarter we will rejoice with Cliff supported by Christine and Divine when Cliff will be received into Full Connexion at the Sunday morning service at Methodist Conference in Birmingham on Sunday 30th June. Maybe you don't know that the Methodist Conference is streamed live so we can watch all the sessions via the Internet. Also some of our churches have internet access, which will make it possible for us to watch the service during our Sunday worship and see Cliff being Received in Full Connection at the moment when it actually happens!

I also want to pay tribute to the lay members of the Circuit Leadership Team who give up so much of their own time to make certain that all Circuit matters are dealt with and looked after well. For our Circuit stewards, who are entrusted alongside the ministers, for the spiritual and material wellbeing of the Circuit, such as the state of Circuit finances and the manses, the stationing process and care of ministers, and oversight of the well-being of all our churches. I thank John, Aileen, Jill & Pippa for their work as they continue to fulfil their role as Circuit stewards. My personal gratitude to Lew Pearson who is doing a great job as our Circuit Treasurer. Much thanks to Fred Garner who has served our Circuit so well for 11 years as our Circuit Property Secretary. Special thanks and appreciation is given to Mrs Avril Temple, who stood down in March, after almost 20 years as Circuit Meeting Secretary initially in the Fakenham Wells & Holt Circuit and since 2010 for Central Norfolk. My personal thanks go to Avril for all her help and support to me during this time.

This year has been a year of focusing upon where we want the Methodist Church across the Central Norfolk Circuit to be, as people called to be disciples of Jesus Christ. For example we celebrate with Swaffham who having completed their initial renovations will be having a service of Celebration and Thanksgiving in June. Other churches such as

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As we approach the end of the Connexional Year we face more changes in the Circuit and the way we do things than since the amalgamation nine years ago. It will be sad to say 'farewell' to Andrew who has done so much under God for Christian witness in this area as Superintendent first of the Mid-Norfolk Circuit and then of the Central Norfolk Circuit. We wish him and Sarah well for the future and pray they may be both blessed and a blessing in their new appointment based in Acle. Also we look forward to welcoming Jacqui and Jen and pray for them as they prepare to join us in September.

The Circuit Awayday highlighted a number of other changes with two chapels ceasing to worship but not closing their buildings (further details elsewhere in this edition) and now also Hindringham requesting to

cease worshipping. While, in one sense, all these are sad at the same time they provide some new exciting opportunities. Likewise the amalgamation of Fakenham and Sculthorpe. While we should never forget to give thanks for the past we worship and follow a God who looks to the future and has great plans for us—it's our job to discern these and, with his help and guidance, put them into practice.

As always may I encourage you to use *The Link* not simply as providing information, but as a stimulus for prayer, day by day. Prayer is the powerhouse of the church. See the quotation at the bottom of page 23.

May we prepare in prayer for an exciting future!

Tony Hey

AVRIL TEMPLE

My sincere thanks to all those who sent cards and telephone messages during my recent illness. They were all much appreciated, as were all the good wishes and prayers.

NELSON TUBBY

Nelson wishes to express his thanks to everyone in the Circuit for their thoughts, prayers and cards at what has been a difficult time. He much appreciated the large numbers who came to Ann's funeral.

DEADLINE

**FOR THE
SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER
EDITION**

SATURDAY JULY 27th

*Please include details of activities
up to the end of November*

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Watton are getting near to funding their accessibility scheme as the first phase in moving forward as a Church. Mattishall want to make their premises more flexible by removing most of the pews, and by creating more space groups like the Dementia Café can grow even more. Since the 1st April, Mrs Sam Parfitt is now an Employee of the Circuit as a Pioneer Rural Church Planter. This has been made possible by the help of a substantial Connexional grant, enabling us to establish a five year project, initially in Blakeney and Walsingham, to create and plant new church congregations. Already the establishing of Café Church each Sunday morning in Blakeney at 10.00 am has seen the congregation more than double from previous numbers attending on a Sunday evening. By linking Walsingham & Blakeney together under a new more flexible structure, people have the chance to become members of a Pioneering Community, as well as joining more traditional forms of church in other places.

I was impressed by the number of people who attended the Away-Day at Trinity Church, Dereham, in March and for all the feedback received. We were greatly inspired by Yasmin's leadership and for me the highlight was Liz & Barbara's sketch. Also my paper, which had only initially been shared at the Circuit Meeting earlier that week, was discussed in groups made up of people from neighbouring churches. Since the day itself, many of our churches have given it further thought and have prayerfully discerned its contents in the context of their own situation. Wighton and Wells will be bringing to the next Circuit meeting their merger. Hindringham will seek permission to cease worship from August. Other churches are addressing the serious challenges they face to remain viable and a relevant witness in their community. I share again the four questions my letter poses to all of us from whatever church we worship in:

1. How can we usefully deploy our ministers so that they feel effective and fulfilled in carrying out their ministry
2. Make effective use of the gifts and resources available to each local church by networking with our neighbours
3. To find sustainable patterns of worship that offers worship that glorifies God.
4. How the Circuit can improve its communication with each church, and how each church can improve upon the way we communicate and share news within our own fellowship.

Finally I am happy to share with you that our welcome service will be on Thursday 29th August at 7.00 pm at Acle Methodist Church if anybody wishes to attend. More importantly, the following week our Circuit welcomes the Rev Jacqui Horton as our new Superintendent Minister & Deacon Jen Woodfin at Watton Methodist Church on Wednesday 4th September at 7.00 pm. We are very fortunate and blessed to have both Jacqui & Jen stationed to our Circuit, and all my best wishes and prayers will be with them as they minister to us and lead us into an exciting future

With every blessing
Andrew

CIRCUIT AWAY DAY

From Stephen Lynn: These are my personal thoughts on the Away Day at Dereham Trinity, and do not constitute any part of the conclusions the Circuit Leadership team might draw from the event.

It was good to see such a good turn-out for the day, and to see so much of the Circuit represented. In fact, I would venture to say that it was almost a victim of its own success, with so many in the room that at times it was almost impossible to hear what the next person was saying.

From a personal point of view, being a hearing aid wearer, and relying on directional sound, if the exercise is repeated, it would be good to be in a larger venue where tables could be set further apart. I wasn't quite sure of the reasoning behind putting church groupings together, rather than mixing folk up, or letting folk sit where they wished. If there was a reason, it would have been useful to have had it explained at the start of the day.

A real positive was to have Yasmin Finch with us to lead the day. Her enthusiastic energy was infectious, and her presentation style a real joy. You could easily believe that she was a Norfolk native as she certainly knows how to 'Dew diffrunt'!

Most of the day was spent looking at various aspects of possible Circuit make-up, deployment of Ministerial resources, and taking a look at how we can make real differences in our individual churches to enhance the proclamation of the Gospel.

There were two things that have really stuck with me from the day, Firstly, the video that Yasmin showed us of her husband Matt's church in St, Ives. Obviously a place that is vibrant and alive, with comfy sofas scattered around alongside more traditional seating; folk of all ages, from toddlers to very mature, all obviously enjoying being together; and a real sense of family about the place. All this conveyed in around five seconds. The second thing was a phrase that Yasmin used in conveying her message that it is so important not to be afraid of trying something new. She told us that it is so important that we must not be afraid to give ourselves permission to fail.

I feel she has hit the nail on the head, and it reminded me of the old saying that someone who never makes a mistake never makes anything.



Hingham Garage/Yard Sale
Around the town from 10am -2pm on Saturday July 13th 2019.
Maps £1 on sale from 9am at Hingham Methodist Schoolroom,
Bond Street, Hingham

MRS ANN

(9th October 1945 –

*This is the text of Andrew's appreciation of Ann given at her funeral
in Salle Parish Church on Friday, 1st March.*

Today we give thanks to God for the life a greatly loved sister, wife, Mum, Nanny, a beloved family relative and a very dear friend, in Mrs Ann Tubby. We celebrate the life of a truly wonderful woman whose beauty and goodness shone through in everything she did. Ann was born on the 9th October 1945 at Kerdiston near Reepham, Norfolk, but moved as a young child to Stibbard which became Ann's home and the place where she shared her childhood with her siblings Michael, Joy, and Andrew and with Ethel and Ashley her mum and dad. After attending the village school, Ann then went to secondary school in Fakenham, and her first job on leaving was at W. Harmer's clothing factory. It was not a good place to work and Ann left them just a week after she started!

Ann then worked for Newman's in Fakenham before moving onto Whitehead and Miller the Opticians on Oak Street. During this time Ann married Robert Page and she was blessed with two children Mark and Sarah. Later Ann was employed by the News Centre on Bridge Street, and here she became a close friend with Wendy Myhill. Ann became like a member of the Myhill family and she enjoyed working there for many years; and when Wendy's two daughters married she asked Ann to make their wedding cake and all the dresses as well.

All of us who knew Ann appreciated what a multi-talented lady she was. Dressmaking and catering were two of Ann's many gifts. She started her own business the Fakenham Sewing Centre, which was Ann's own shop. In 1979 Ann met Nelson. At the time Nelson was a friend of Raymond and Joy (Ann's sister) and through them he was introduced to Ann. I think it was fair to say that when Nelson first saw Ann he was bowled over by her! They went out for a meal and romanced blossomed, and in 1981 they were married. With daughter Laura, as well as Mark and Sarah, Ann & Nelson had a wonderful family life together, and they had a very happy marriage of 38 years.

A major part of Ann's life was the 25 years she worked for Digby's of Holt at the chocolate shops. It started when daughter Sarah, who knew Digby, suggested to him that her mum was the ideal person to help him get the shop off the ground in Holt. Digby's of Holt was born and Ann helped him establish the business and then she ran the shop. The business expanded by opening another shop, its main store, in the Royal Arcade in Norwich, where Ann was in charge of the ordering of stock. For so many people Ann was the public face of Digby's, and Ann got to know all her regular customers and what were their needs. In return so many people trusted Ann and regulars would share with her their life events, and Ann was always there to offer wise advice and counsel. Ann was never ashamed to share her Christian faith and values; and particularly the friends at Fulmodeston Methodist Chapel would ask Ann and Nelson to take their Advent service each year and Ann would share stories from the shop of when people came in to buy Christmas items and how she

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would listen to their stories and gently guide people to think about the true meaning of Christmas. When Ann locked up the shop or took her break by walking through Norwich Market, all the traders knew her and would call out to her because they greatly loved her. Ann had time for every customer and she cared for each one of them.

It was through the commute to Norwich on the bus that Ann met Janet. From those initial first conversations, they realised that they had so much in common especially a wicked sense of humour. Later Janet also worked for Digby, but their friendship went far beyond the workplace and they

enjoyed so many happy times socially being together.

Even though Ann married and moved away from Stibbard, the village and its chapel remained home. It was the place where she grew up and was nurtured in the Christian faith. All of us involved in chapel and village life remembered how much Ann loved Harvest Thanksgiving at Stibbard. From a child with Mum & Dad, it would be decorating the chapel for Harvest and especially the need to bring grapes to the harvest table. Harvest Suppers were legendary and until just the last few years they were held in a packed village hall. Regarding catering Ann would leave nothing to chance, and time would be taken off work and a very early start by 5.00 am on Harvest Supper day to prepare and cook a banquet fit for a king! The same was true when on a 5th Sunday in the month the chapel held its Church Sunday lunch. Ann would be in charge of a three course meal, with the table immaculately laid and after a starter the choice of roast meats and usually seven vegetables to accompany it, plus choice of desert, particularly Ann's bread and butter pudding that one could die for!

Ann also had a wonderful voice like an angel. From a young girl she loved to sing especially in chapel. When Ann would take preaching appointments with Nelson, the congregations would complain if Ann didn't sing during the service. Ann with Nelson was always happy to lead worship anywhere, and Ann relished the opportunity to proclaim her faith in Jesus as her Lord and Saviour. Alongside Nelson and others, Ann planned and organised the Sankey Services at Fakenham Methodist Church where Ann would always sing a solo during the

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service. The hymns of Moody and Sankey spoke deeply to Ann, which reflected her close and personal walk with Jesus, and in a Saviour who gives us eternal life. Hearing Billy Graham preach at a Crusade meeting in Haringey had a lasting impact on her life and faith.

Ann was also a wonderful home maker and the family home of Salle was always a place where she offered tremendous hospitality. Visitors including I were treated to her fantastic cooking, and Ann's Fruit Cake I can say was the best that I have ever eaten. Her family tell me that her Christmas Puddings were divine, and as a cook Ann was never content just to stick to tried and tested recipes. She was inventive and always looking for new ideas. Nelson it has to be said, by his fine figure, is a testament to Ann's wonderful cooking.

Also when we close our eyes and we think of Ann, it will be her beautiful smile and that infectious laugh that will come to mind. I knew it was these qualities that drew Nelson to Ann. Ann was truly beautiful inside and out; and her strong faith shone through in all that she did. Nelson himself wants to express his deep thankfulness that it was Ann's faith that drew him back to the Lord. Ann was a lady who cared deeply about people and many found wise counsel in her, but she would never impose her views on others. She was a person who had plenty of love to give, who would greet you with a hug or kiss. She was an optimist and always saw the best in people rather than looking for the bad, and she was always such a positive person.

For me another wonderful strength in Ann was her dignity and integrity, which she always maintained even through times of great adversity. Nelson told me that Ann was a great calming influence who helped him work things through, even if at times the answers would come to Ann in the middle of the night. Ann was an incredibly smart lady who always looked beautiful and immaculate. Her appearance reflected Ann's standards, for Ann would not do anything unless she aimed to do it perfectly and to the highest possible standard. "It will do" was never a word in Ann's vocabulary.

Ann had an eclectic and broad taste in music from Gospel to Soul to Classical. She loved flower arranging, and the beauty of the countryside. She had a wonderful sense of humour which she kept right up to the very end. Ann loved her family; son Mark and grandson Joshua; daughters Sarah with grandchildren Noah, Ruby & Nancy; and Laura with George, Maisie and Henry. Ann was so proud of them all and loved all the many photographs she had of them all over the house. She was a super and loving daughter-in-law to Nelson's mum. For Nelson, Ann will always mean everything, and in so many ways that words cannot adequately express.

Ann was full of love and forgiveness and she never bore a grudge. A truly remarkable person, to whom we will all cherish, for the remarkable way she lived a life of love, care, and kindness.

EASTER



It's a solemn time is Easter,
though we may try to make the best
With Easter eggs and chickens
Spring flowers and the rest.
But when you come to face it, in the centre
plain to see,
Is the son of God all bloodied, and writhing
on a tree.
Pierced with nails, both wrists and feet,
No escape from the pain.
He chose the very hardest way to return to
heaven.
He paid the price in blood and sweat,
The stripes, the thorny crown.
What an end to his earthly life. It was justice
upside down.
This painful price supported
The resurrection day, paid in complete
submission.
In His truly Godly way.
So what of us?
Do we deserve that resurrection hope?
Do we appreciate the magnitude of what it
took to cope?
Perhaps we should think on this,
When our faith is under test, when the rat
race pressers hardest,
When the Devil is our guest.
A time to well remember, Him hanging on a
tree,
In pure and perfect innocence
He paid that price for me.

*Arthur
from Great Ellingham*

ON LIFE'S JOURNEY

On our journey through life
We may travel a lonely road,
In a barren wilderness
With nobody to share our load.
But, silence can be precious –
If in contemplative mode –
We feel the wondrous presence of God.
He is always near, everywhere – plus
He promises never to leave us.

We may journey on stony paths
Which make our going tough,
Or take a wrong direction
On a path which seems quite rough.
But, if faith should be our companion,
This will prove enough
To feel the wondrous presence of God,
Who is always near, everywhere – plus
He promises never to leave us.

We should not be afraid of storms,
Troubles and doubts arise.
Or if the way seems unclear,
Nor if tears blind our eyes
For we can always lift our hearts,
And prayers to the skies
To know the wondrous presence of God,
Who is always near, everywhere – plus
He promises never to leave us.

When highways and byways,
Broad and narrow, come into sight,
We must make a decision
Which is wrong? Which is right?
The narrow leads to Jesus, our Lord,
Who is the light
To the wondrous presence of God,
Who is always near, everywhere – plus
He promises never to leave us.

*Olive Brown
From Fakenham*

NOTABLE CHRISTIANS WITH

This is the first of an occasional series turning the spotlight of some notable Christians who hold some kind of connection with the area covered by our Circuit. If you have any ideas or material for this spot, do please send it along. My details are in the circuit Directory.

Stephen Lynn.

We begin with:-

WILLIAM COWPER

Cowper was born in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, where his father John Cowper was rector of the Church of St Peter. His father's sister was the poet Judith Madan. His mother was Ann née Donne. He and his brother John were the only two of seven children to live past infancy. Ann died giving birth to John on 7th November 1737. His mother's death at such an early age troubled William deeply and was the subject of his poem, "On the Receipt of My Mother's Picture", written



more than fifty years later. He grew close to her family in his early years. He was particularly close with her brother Robert and his wife Harriot. They instilled in young William a love of reading and gave him some of his first books – John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* and John Gay's *Fables*.

Cowper was first enrolled in Westminster School in April of 1742 after moving from school to school for a number of years. He had begun to study Latin from a young age, and was an eager scholar of Latin for the rest of his life. Older children bullied Cowper through many of his younger years. At Westminster School he studied under the headmaster John Nicoll.

At the time Westminster School was popular amongst families belonging to England's Whig political party. Many intelligent boys from families of a lower social status also attended, however. Cowper made lifelong friends from Westminster. He read through the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, which ignited his lifelong scholarship and love for Homer's epics. He grew skilled at the interpretation and translation of Latin, which he put to use for the rest of his life. He was skilled in the composition of Latin as well and wrote many verses of his own.

After education at Westminster School, Cowper was articled to Mr Chapman, solicitor, of Ely Place, Holborn, to be trained for a career in law. During this time, he spent his leisure at the home of his uncle Bob Cowper, where he fell in love with his cousin Theodora, whom he wished to marry. But as James Croft, who in 1825 first published the poems Cowper addressed to Theodora, wrote, "her father, from an idea that the union of persons so nearly related was improper, refused to accede to the wishes of his daughter and nephew." This refusal left Cowper distraught.

NORFOLK CONNECTIONS

In 1763 he was offered a Clerkship of Journals in the House of Lords, but broke under the strain of the approaching examination; he experienced a period of depression and insanity. At this time he tried three times to commit suicide and was sent to Nathaniel Cotton's asylum at St. Albans for recovery. His poem beginning "Hatred and vengeance, my eternal portions" (sometimes referred to as "Sapphics") was written in the aftermath of his suicide attempt.

After recovering, he settled at Huntingdon with a retired clergyman named Morley Unwin and his wife Mary. Cowper grew to be on such good terms with the Unwin family that he went to live in their house, and moved with them to Olney. There he met curate John Newton, a former captain of slave ships who had devoted his life to the gospel. Not long afterwards, Morley Unwin was killed in a fall from his horse; Cowper continued to live in the Unwin home and became greatly attached to the widow Mary Unwin.

At Olney, Newton invited Cowper to contribute to a hymnbook that he was compiling. The resulting volume, known as *Olney Hymns*, was not published until 1779 but includes hymns such as "Praise for the Fountain Opened" (beginning "There is a fountain fill'd with blood") and "Light Shining out of Darkness" (beginning "God Moves in a Mysterious Way") which remain some of Cowper's most familiar verses. Several of Cowper's hymns, as well as others originally published in the *Olney Hymns*, are today preserved in the *Sacred Harp*, which also collects shape note songs.

In 1773, Cowper experienced an attack of insanity, imagining not only that he was eternally condemned to hell, but that God was commanding him to make a sacrifice of his own life. Mary Unwin took care of him with great devotion, and after a year he began to recover. In 1779, after Newton had moved from Olney to London, Cowper started to write poetry again. Mary Unwin, wanting to keep Cowper's mind occupied, suggested that he write on the subject of *The Progress of Error*. After writing a satire of this name, he wrote seven others. These poems were collected and published in 1782 under the title *Poems by William Cowper, of the Inner Temple, Esq.*

In 1781 Cowper met a sophisticated and charming widow named Lady Austen who inspired new poetry. Cowper himself tells of the genesis of what some have considered his most substantial work, *The Task*, in his "Advertisement" to the original edition of 1785:

...a lady, fond of blank verse, demanded a poem of that kind from the author, and gave him the SOFA for a subject. He obeyed; and, having much leisure, connected another subject with it; and, pursuing the train of thought to which his situation and turn of mind led him, brought forth at length, instead of the trifle which he at first intended, a serious affair—a Volume!

In the same volume Cowper also printed "The Diverting History of John Gilpin", a notable

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piece of comic verse. Writing John Gilpin was later credited by G. K. Chesterton in *Orthodoxy* with saving Cowper from becoming completely insane.

Cowper and Mary Unwin moved to Weston Underwood, Buckinghamshire in 1786, having become close with his cousin Lady Harriett Hesketh (Theodora's sister). [During this period he started his translations of Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey* into blank verse. His versions (published in 1791) were the most significant English renderings of these epic poems since those of Alexander Pope earlier in the century. Later critics have faulted Cowper's Homer for being too much in the mould of John Milton.]

In 1795 Cowper moved with Mary to Norfolk. They originally stayed at North Tuddenham, then at Dunham Lodge near Swaffham and then Mundesley before finally settling in Dereham.

Mary Unwin died in 1796, plunging Cowper into a gloom from which he never fully recovered. He did continue to revise his Homer for a second edition of his translation. Aside from writing the powerful and bleak poem, "The Castaway", he penned some English translations of Greek verse and translated some of the *Fables* of John Gay into Latin.

Cowper was seized with dropsy in the spring of 1800 and died. He is buried in the chapel of St Thomas of Canterbury, St Nicholas's Church, East Dereham, and of course the Cowper Congregational Church in Dereham is dedicated to him. A window in Westminster Abbey honours him.

CONCERTS

WITH

**STEPHEN
LYNN**



The Country Side of Gospel

7.00 p.m. June 22nd.



God gave Rock 'n' Roll to you

7.00 p.m. July 20th.



Let's Praise

7.00 p.m. August 9th.

*In aid of the Holt Church Development
Fund*

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

There was a great hubbub as the people gathered in the Schoolroom at Trinity, Dereham on 27th April 2019. Suddenly a voice rang out for all to take their seats and tuck in to the food which had been provided. Her-in-charge sat at the head table with someone called Heather on either side of her! Drinks were served, food tucked into and all agreed what a wonderful spread. Now it was time for the second part of the evening – a Concert.

All were encouraged to move into the church proper, sit on the pews and look forward to a bit of entertainment. It started with the handbells of the St Withburga Ringers, 6 ladies playing well known tunes with their handbells, owned by the parish church in Dereham (on permanent loan so long as they are used). After a brief interval whilst the bells, tables etc. were put away, the hostess changing and people encouraged to put their donations into the plates, money to be shared between Trinity, Admiral Nursing and Bees, Beds & Blessings, the second half took place.

Two ladies proceeded to play piano duets, Olwyn and Ros by name; followed by Lindsey singing a solo from a well known show, later joined by her brother to do a duet Forever Young by Bob Dylan, especially for the hostess! At intervals the hostess did some comic readings, including one written by herself some years ago. The concert was finished with Olwyn playing a piece by Handel on the church organ, thanks be given the hostess and an invitation given to help finish the food, especially some cakes, and thus the evening ended.

Guess who has celebrated her 70th?



70 years young



Jacky Woor, Central Norfolk

DO YOU FANCY SOME FRESH AIR?

From John Hull: You may remember my article on changes in the circuit in the last Link. One of the changes related to Great Cressingham chapel, which was to be transferred to the care of the circuit while we decide its future use.

The chapel is in good condition, thanks to the people who have lovingly looked after it for many years. A small group of people have since been to the chapel and are thinking about how the circuit, and others, can benefit from this building and the delightful site it is on.

It is intended to hold an 'Open Day', when anyone interested can come and have a look around, and offer any ideas they might have as to what we can do there. Refreshments will be available and we might even have some bric-a-brac for sale. The date is yet to be fixed but at present I am thinking of a Tuesday in the latter part of July. When a date is fixed we will publicise it around the circuit, or you can contact me directly.

Before this happens it would be great if a few people could meet up to do some work on the building and its surrounds. Nothing heavy, just some general cleaning inside, cleaning down the outside of the window frames, and putting some preservative on the gates. If you are interested we could meet sometime in the first two weeks of June, date to be arranged to suit the majority.

Many of you are already very busy, but if you can spare a few hours in this delightful place to get this project off the ground, you would be most welcome.

Please let me know if you are able to help. My phone number and email address are both in the plan under the local preacher section.



GREAT ELLINGHAM

TEDDY BEAR FESTIVAL

June 29th - July 14th

The Garage sales day Sat 29th with many garages selling their wares from 9am

Refreshments will available from the Chapel from 9-30am.

Pop in and see us for a cuppa and enjoy a stroll among the many teddy's in the village.

FOOD HYGIENE COURSE REPORT

From Revd. Betty Trinder: 16 people from many churches across the Circuit attended a Food Hygiene Course on Saturday 27th April taking 3 hours to pass the necessary certificate for those who have coffee mornings, lunches, cake stalls etc. The importance of personal hygiene, kitchen hygiene, food preparation, storing, temperatures for fridges, freezers, ovens, bacteria, food poisoning and allergens and food serving were some of the lessons we learned. We learnt about the risks to food and how best to avoid taking unnecessary risks. The responsibility falls to the church and those who have taken training when it comes to minimising risks.

One concern was how we get untrained volunteers to understand the importance of treating our church kitchens differently to our home kitchens. It is necessary for volunteers to take off coats and wash their hands before coming into the church kitchen even if it is to wash or dry up. Many think this is a silly rule, that its regulations gone mad, but if there is any problem with contamination of kitchen or food it is the trained person who takes responsibility so it is them that will make the decision as to who can or cannot come into the kitchen to help out.

The certificate lasts for 3 years and re-training or new training is vital for all our kitchen helpers if we are serving or selling food to the public. If you missed this one and realise you need to have this training please contact me.

I still have spaces for the **First Aid Training Course** at Toftwood Methodist on Saturday 1st June 9 10 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

THURSFORD SONGS OF PRAISE

Stephen Lynn writes: This year's Songs of Praise at the Thursford Collection resulted in a profit of £2274.85 for Action for Children.

We had two new innovations this year, the first being the presence of the first visit by the Deaf choir, who signed several pieces during the afternoon.

The second was that, for the first time, we were able to make use of the big screen on the stage, so the audience could watch Danny Wakefield as he played the Wurlitzer organ.

Next year we have been invited back on March 29th. Watch out for more details in due course.



WELLS

Tuesday 30th July 2.30pm.

Afternoon Tea Party

We welcome back "Timescape", who will give us a wonderful afternoon of entertainment entitled "The Rocking Fifties and The Swinging Sixties". This talented duo will perform lots of your favourite songs from artistes as diverse as Cilla Black, Dusty Springfield, Doris Day, Elvis, Cliff Richard, Frank Sinatra and many more. All this coupled with our usual delicious afternoon tea for just £6.00. Tickets are bound to go quickly once the Carnival programme booklet is published, so buy yours before the rush! Phone Sadie Spalding on 01328 711931.

THANK YOU MESSAGE AND INVITATION

Rev Cliff and Christine Shanganya founders of World Is My Parish Children's Foundation would like to thank you all for the support you gave them in cash and in kind towards the cyclone Idai disaster that recently affected the eastern region of their country of origin, Zimbabwe.

They are so pleased to let you know that through the selling of their CD which they recorded in support of their charity work locally and abroad, and some free will donations they received from individuals and local Churches in our Circuit, they were able to donate goods worth \$1000.00 American dollars towards the disaster.

They are so grateful to our support, and to God for great things He is doing in their family. Hence please see the below invitation flier in which they are inviting us all to their family Ministry Thanksgiving Day in July 2019.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
OUR RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION
WITH

The Methodist Church

THE LAUNCH OF OUR
WORLD IS MY PARISH CHILDREN'S
FOUNDATION CHARITY,
AND
OUR NEW ALBUM
"MWEYA WANGU PFUURA NESIMBA"

SATURDAY, JULY 13TH 2019
TIME: 6PM -10PM
VENUE: HOLT COMMUNITY HUB, CHARLES
ROAD, HOLT. POSTCODE: NR25 6DA

RSVP : 01263 712181
Mrs Shanganya: 07760936462
Rev WhatsApp: 07584677721

Dinner will be served from
6:30pm

We welcome any donation big or small
PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

THE WORLD IS MY PARISH
CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

**We say Ebenezer
"Thus far the LORD
has helped us"**

1Samuel 7:12

PLEASE JOIN US
IN CELEBRATING
REV CLIFF SHANGANYA & FAMILY'S MINISTRY



PENTECOST SUNDAY

9th June

Beginning at 12.00 noon

Come and celebrate the gift of the Spirit
Bring your friends!

Methodist Memorial Gardens, Albert Street, Holt

Includes free Hog Roast!

Arranged by Holt Methodist Church

Model Railway Exhibition

Stibbard Village Hall & Methodist Church

Guist Bottom Road, Stibbard, Fakenham NR21 0AQ

Saturday 20 July 2019 – 10.00 to 16.00

Featuring

8 layouts in various scales

Hands on layout for children (& adults!)

Trade & 2nd hand sales

Refreshments and tombola

Wheelchair friendly & free local parking

Entry: Adult £4.00, Under 16 & Senior £3.50, Family £12.00

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REMEMBER THIS STORY??

Submitted by Graham Pickhaver

THE WATER CLOSET

A little old lady was looking for rooms in Switzerland. She asked the local village schoolteacher to help her. A place that suited her was finally found and she returned to London for her luggage.

She then remembered that she had not noticed a bathroom, or, as she called it, a water closet. So she wrote to the schoolmaster who was puzzled by the initials W.C. He never dreamt that she was asking about a bathroom. He finally asked for the help of the parish priest who decided that W.C. must stand for Wesleyan Chapel. So this was his reply:

Dear Madam

The W.C. Is situated nine miles from the house, in the centre of a beautiful grove of trees. It is capable of holding 350 people at a time and is open Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday of each week.

A large number of people attend during the summer months, so it is suggested that you go early although there is plenty of standing room. Some people like to take their lunch and make a day of it, especially on Thursdays when there is an organ accompaniment. The acoustics are very good and everyone can hear the slightest sound.

It might interest you to know that our daughter was married in the W.C. and it was there that she met her husband.

I hope you will be here in time for our bazaar to be held very soon. The proceeds will go to the purchase of plush seats which are a long felt need as the present seats all have holes in them.

My wife is rather delicate and cannot attend regularly. It has been six months since she last went. Naturally it pains her very much not to be able to go more often.

I shall close now with the desire to accommodate you in every way possible and I will be happy to save you a seat at the front door or as near to the door as you prefer.

Signed: Schoolmaster

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

MATTISHALL

This year we hosted the annual World Day of Prayer Service prepared by women from Slovenia. The readers were from various churches and denominations in the local area and was attended by 23 people in all. Fellowship followed over light refreshments at the close.

The annual Good Friday Walk of Witness in the village was attended by approximately 40 people. We start in the Evangelical Church and finish in the Anglican Church calling at the Methodist Church and three other sites on the way having a reading, prayer and song at each stop. We will join with other villagers for a service on the Village Green at the end of June so we hope the weather will be as good as it was at Easter.

We are pleased that two people who live in the village but attended another Methodist Church have now joined our fellowship and the Bible Study meetings.

SHIPDHAM

Methodist / URC LEP

On the Wednesday of Holy Week we were pleased to welcome the pilgrims on their way to Walsingham who stopped with the cross for worship and a time for refreshments.

COMMUNION WINE

From Stephen Lynn: The final date to order Communion wine for the June Circuit meeting will be June 5th.

WELLS

With Churches Together in Wells

Sunday August 4th at 11.00 a.m. Our ever popular Carnival Songs of Praise. Come along and join us singing your favourite hymns, and we would love you to stay and join us for coffee/tea and delicious home made cakes afterwards.

We have some pews for sale! They are in excellent condition and can be seen in the Methodist Church. Two have already been snapped up, so don't delay! Please phone Gordon for details 01328 711241.

LITCHAM

Litcham Quarterly Queryist Group, an ecumenical gathering will be holding it's Summer meeting on Thursday June 27th at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be the Rev. Anne Richardson, who, as well as taking services in the Central Norfolk Methodist Circuit, takes a specialist role in working alongside the deaf.

Many of you will have seen Anne in action as she signs at our annual Songs of Praise service at the Thursford Collection. She has also recently founded the 'Sign the Cross' church for the deaf in Downham Market.

Do join us for what promises to be another fascinating evening in this series, taking a fresh look at how we can approach our faith.

SPORLE

Our Lent Lunches proved very successful and we raised in excess of £300 for Christian Aid.

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

For your information, prayer and support

BEETLEY

Bible Study: 2.00 p.m. June 3rd, 10th at Wendling, (Contact John Hull 01362 695154)

Drop In: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. June 5th, 19th, July 3rd, 17th, August 7th, 21st.

Prayer Meetings: 9.30 a.m. June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th.

Natter and Knit: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. June 26th, July 24th, August 28th.

Coffee Mornings: 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. July 27th (charity Dereham Foodbank).
In January £85.81 was sent to St. Martin's Housing Trust and in March £71.60 was raised for Dereham Town Pastors.

Messy Church: 3.30 p.m. in Beetley Village Hall June 6th, July 4th.

Messy Church Planning Meeting with Toftwood: 10.00 a.m. July 12th at Beetley.

Chapel Talk with Tea: 2.30pm, June 22nd, "Gressenhall Horses" with Steve Pope.

Chapel Anniversary: July 14th.
10.30 a.m. Rev. Betty Trinder
6.30 p.m. Janet Roebuck

Chapel Gig with Tea: 2.30pm, August 24th. The Village Green Ukulele Society

HINGHAM

Market and Coffee Shop with Crafty Corner for children: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd.

Bible Discussion Group: 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. June 10th, 24th, July 8th, 22nd.

Hingham Garage / Yard Sale: 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. July 13th. See advert on page 5.

DEREHAM

Trinity

Women's Own: 2.45 p.m. Every Tuesday in June – no meetings in July and August (details Olwyn Brough 01362 692799).
June 18th - AGM.

June 25th - Garden Party at the Manse, Fakenham at 2.30 p.m.

Ladies Wednesday Club: 7.30 p.m. June 26th (AGM), 7.00 p.m. July 31st (meal out). (details Jacky Woor 01362 697860).

Coffee Mornings: 10.00 a.m. June 20th, July 18th, August 15th.

Lunch Club: 12.00 noon June 13th, July 11th, August 8th. (details Pam Beardsmore 01362 854394).

Mid-Week Communion: 10.30 a.m. June 27th, July 25th, August 22nd.

Cards & Chatter: 11.15 a.m. June 27th, July 25th. (details Sylvia Meredith 01362 693425).

Prayer Meetings: 10.00 a.m. June 6th, July 4th, August 1st.

Gardening Group: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon June 6th, July 4th, August 1st.

Concert: 7.00 p.m. June 1st, to raise money for the MWiB District Project.

Ladies Anniversary Service: 10.45 a.m. June 2nd, led by Rev Heather Sorrell.

Quiz Night: 7.00 p.m. June 29th (details Sylvia 01362 693425).

Coffee Morning: 10.00 a.m. August 29th at 12 Elvin Road, Dereham.

SWAFFHAM

Power of Prayer Group: Every Friday 9.30 a.m.

Coffee Mornings: Every Saturday 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

The Meeting Place: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon every Tuesday and Thursday. Refreshments available.

Fathers' Day and Parade Service with 2nd Swaffham Guides and Brownies: 10.45 a.m. June 16th, led by Rev Andrew King. Followed by the Annual Church Meeting.

Ploughman's Lunch: 11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. August 26th, includes dessert and drink. Cost £7.00.

STIBBARD

Praise Together: 4.00 p.m. June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th.

Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee: 10.30 a.m. June 25th, July 30th.

Lunch @ The Centre: 12.30 p.m. June 12th, July 10th, August 14th.

Railway Film Evenings with Tea and Cake: 7.30 p.m. June 1st, July 6th.

Circuit Choir Practice: 7.30 p.m. June 7th, 21st, July 5th, 19th.

Quiz Night @ The Centre: 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. August 30th.

SCULTHORPE

Action for Children: 9.30 a.m. start June 15th
Tombola and Book Stall at Tesco in Fakenham.

Service of Talents: 2.30 p.m. June 30th.
Speaker Rev Andrew King. Includes piano, flute, recorder, ukulele, singing, guitar and handicrafts.

HOLT

Monday Bible Study: 2.30 p.m. fortnightly at Rosemary Wakelin's.

Tuesday Bible Study: 2.30 p.m. fortnightly at Tony Hey's.

Stepping Stones: 9.30 a.m. a weekly session for pre-school children and babies with their parents or carers in term-time.

Service at Lloyd Court: 11.00 a.m. on Thursdays.

Prayer service: 9.30 a.m. on Fridays

Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain Basement: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. June 21st, July 19th, August 16th.

Contemporary Worship: third Sunday in the month at 6.30 p.m. (includes refreshments!) alternating with a Healing Service.

Bereavement Support Group: 10.30 – 11.45 a.m. June 10th, July 8th, August 12th.

The Biggest Birthday Party Ever: Pentecost Sunday from 12.00 noon in the Holt Memorial Gardens. See advert on page 17.

Summer Fayre: 1.00 – 4.00 June 21st.

The Country Side of Gospel: concert with Stephen Lynn. 7.00 p.m. June 22nd. Entrance £5.00.

God gave Rock 'n' Roll to you: concert with Stephen Lynn. 7.00 p.m. July 20th. Entrance £5.00.

Let's Praise: concert with Stephen Lynn. 7.00 p.m. August 9th. Entrance £5.00.

Gift Day: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. August 16th.

FAKENHAM

Services at Lee Warner Avenue: 3.00 p.m. June 16th, July 21st, August 18th.

TOFTWOOD

Monday's Lace Group: Mondays 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon.

Guides: Mondays, 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.

Messy Church: second Tuesdays 3.30 - 6.00 p.m. until July 9th for summer break.

Carpet Bowls Club: Tuesdays 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. (except first Tuesday)
Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Coffee Mornings: first and third Wednesdays 10.00 a.m. until 11.30 a.m.

Prayers: 9.30 a.m. every third Wednesday

Craft Group: first Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Lunch and Linger: second Wednesday, 12.00 noon - 3.00 p.m.

Rainbows: Thursdays, 5.00 p.m.

Film Club: second Friday 2.00 p.m. Admission by donation of £2.00 for refreshments at 4.00 p.m.

Café Style Worship: 11.00 a.m. June 2nd led by Stephen Lynn.

Conclusion of Admiral Nurse Project: 11.00 a.m. June 7 led by Zena Aldridge.

GREAT ELLINGHAM

Coffee Mornings (including sales table and home-made cakes): 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th.

Fellowship Meetings: 2.30 p.m. June 11th, 25th. Good speakers. No meetings in July and August.

Church Anniversary: 11.00 a.m. June 9th led by Rev Andrew Fielding. Everyone welcome to our 178th year.

Teddy Bear Festival: June 29 – July 14. See advert on page 14.

WATTON

Christian Meditation: 7.45 p.m. 1st and 3rd Monday each month in the vestry.

Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship: 2.30 p.m. Meetings begin again in September.

Every Wednesday:

Coffee Morning: 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. in the Christian Community Centre

Church Open for Private Prayer: 10.15 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Midweek Service: 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. held in large vestry

Gift Day: 10.30 a.m. June 9th, led by Rev Barbara Winner.

Section Gadabout: 6.00 p.m. July 2nd, joining with Swaffham.

Church Anniversary: 10.30 a.m. July 7th, led by Lorna Foulkes.

Church Annual meeting: 2.00 p.m. July 18th.

WELLS NEXT THE SEA with Churches Together in Wells

Prayer and Praise: 10.30 a.m. every Wednesday.

Service at Dorrington House: 2.15 p.m. June 19th, July 17th, August 21st.

Informal Art Group: 10.00a.m. – 12.00 noon every Tuesday. All welcome. For further details please contact Sylvia Stubbs 01328 710511.

Afternoon Tea Party: 2.30 p.m. July 30th featuring Timescape. Further details on page 15.

Carnival Songs of Praise: 11.00 a.m. August 4th. See page 19.

TITTLISHALL

Coffee Mornings: every Wednesday 10.30 - 12.00 noon

BLAKENEY

Messy Church: second Tuesday in the month
3.00 p.m. in the Parish Church

Bible Study: Tuesdays 10.00 a.m. in the
Parish Church.

Contemplative Prayer: Tuesdays 5.45 p.m. in
the Methodist Church.

Thursday Worship: Thursdays 10.00 a.m. in
the Methodist Church with Holy Communion
on the 3rd Thursday.

Glaven Sings the Gospel: 6.30 p.m. June
2nd in the Parish Church.

T.M.C. Café: Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays
11.00 a.m. – 4.00. p.m.

SHIPDHAM Methodist / URC LEP

Coffee Mornings: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon
June 13th, July 11th, August 8th.

Youth for Christ meetings in the chapel: 4.00
– 5.30 p.m. June 6th, 19th, July 4th, 17th,
August 1st, 21st.

GARVESTONE

Knit and Natter: 10.30 – 12.00 noon June
11th, July 9th, August 13th. For details of
venues please phone Lorna Folkes (01362
858391).

Prayer Meetings: 7.00 p.m. June 21st, July
19th, August 16th.

MATTISHALL

Monthly Charity Coffee Mornings: 10.00 –
11.30 a.m. June 1st, August 3rd.

Led Prayers: 8.45 - 9.15 a.m. with Rev Betty
June 14th, July 12th, August 9th.

**Mattishall Dementia Support Group – “The
Link”:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon June 4th,
18th, July 2nd, 16th, August 6th, 20th.

Minimarket with various stalls: 10.00 – 11.30
a.m. July 6th.

LITCHAM

Coffee Mornings: every Thursday 10.30-12
noon.

CIRCUIT MEETINGS

Wednesday June 19th 2019 at Swaffham
All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m.

BORN IN SONG

Rehearsal dates

June 28th

July 26th

August 23rd

NORTHERN PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

June 3rd, Stibbard

July 1st, Stibbard

August 5th, Holt

7.30 p.m.



Helping together by prayer
2 Corinthians 1:11



DATES FOR PRAYER AND SUPPORT

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Aug 12	10.30-11.45	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
Aug 13	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone—see page 23
Aug 13	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch
Aug 14	12.00-3.00	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
Aug 14	12.30pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Aug 15	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham MC
Aug 16	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain Basement with Gift Day	Holt MC
Aug 18	3.00pm	Service at Lee Warner Avenue	led by Fakenham MC
Aug 18	6.30pm	Healing Service	Holt MC
Aug 19	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Aug 20	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Aug 21	9.30am	Prayers	Toftwood MC
Aug 21	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Aug 21	2.00-3.00	Drop In	Beetley MC
Aug 21	2.15pm	Service at Dorrington House	led by Wells MC
Aug 22	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham MC
Aug 24	2.30pm	Chapel Gig with Tea	Beetley MC
Aug 28	2.00-3.00	Natter and Knit	Beetley MC
Aug 20	10.00am	Coffee Morning	12 Elvin Rd Dereham
Aug 26	11.30-1.00	Ploughman's Lunch	Swaffham MC
Aug 30	7.00pm	Quiz Night @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre

CELEBRATION PRAISE & REDEDICATION

at

LITCHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Thursday JUNE 20th at 7.30 p.m.

A joyful evening of traditional and modern
hymns and worship songs...
celebrating the refurbishment of our windows....

DATES FOR PRAYER AND SUPPORT

Continued from page 26

July 12	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers with Rev Betty	Mattishall MC
July 12	10.00am	Messy Church Planning Meeting with Toftwood	Beetley MC
July 12	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
July 13	10.00-2.00	Garage / Yard Sale	Hingham Village
July 14	10.30 & 6.30	Chapel Anniversary	Beetley MC
July 15	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
July 16	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
July 17	9.30am	Prayers	Toftwood MC
July 17	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
July 17	2.00-3.00	Drop In	Beetley MC
July 17	2.15pm	Service at Dorrington House	led by Wells MC
July 18	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham MC
July 18	2.00pm	Church Annual Meeting	Watton MC
July 19	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain Basement	Holt MC
July 19	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 20	7.00pm	God gave Rock 'n' Roll to you with Stephen Lynn	Holt MC
July 21	3.00pm	Service at Lee Warner Avenue	led by Fakenham MC
July 21	6.30pm	Contemporary Service	Holt MC
July 22	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
July 24	2.00-3.00	Natter and Knit	Beetley MC
July 25	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham MC
July 25	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham MC
July 27	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning (charity: Dereham Foodbank)	Beetley MC
July 30	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 30	2.30pm	Afternoon Tea Party featuring Timescape	Wells MC
July 31	7.00pm	Ladies Wednesday Club—meal out	Dereham MC
Aug 1	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham MC
Aug 1	10.00-12.00	Gardening Group	Dereham MC
Aug 3	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
Aug 3	10.00-12.00	Market and Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
Aug 4	11.00am	Carnival Songs of Praise	Wells MC
Aug 4	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Aug 5	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Holt MC
Aug 5	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Aug 6	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Great Ellingham MC
Aug 6	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Aug 7	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Aug 7	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Aug 7	2.00-3.00	Drop In	Beetley MC
Aug 7	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
Ayug 8	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Shipdham LEP
Aug 8	12.00noon	Lunch Club	Dereham MC
Aug 9	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers with Rev Betty	Mattishall MC
Aug 9	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Aug 9	7.00pm	Let's Praise with Stephen Lynn	Holt MC

DATES FOR PRAYER AND SUPPORT

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June 19	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
June 19	2.15pm	Service at Dorrington House	led by Wells MC
June 19	7.30pm	CIRCUIT MEETING	Swaffham MC
June 19	2.00-3.00	Drop In	Beetley MC
June 20	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham MC
June 21	2.00-4.00	Summer Fayre with Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain	Basement Holt MC
June 21	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 22	2.30pm	Chapel Talk with Tea - 'Gressenhall Horses'	Beetley MC
June 22	7.00pm	The Country Side of Gospel with Stephen Lynn	Holt MC
June 25	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 25	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
June 26	2.00-3.00	Natter and Knit	Beetley MC
June 26	7.30pm	Ladies Wednesday Club AGM	Dereham MC
June 27	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham MC
June 27	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham MC
June 28	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
June 29	7.00pm	Quiz Night	Dereham MC
June 30	2.30pm	Service of Talents	Sculthorpe MC
July 1	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 1	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
July 2	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Great Ellingham MC
July 2	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
July 2	6.00pm	Section Gadabout	Watton & Swaffham
July 3	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
July 3	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
July 3	2.00-3.00	Drop In	Beetley MC
July 3	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
July 4	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham MC
July 4	10.00-12.00	Gardening Group	Dereham MC
July 4	3.30pm	Messy Church	Beetley Village Hall
July 5	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 6	10.00-11.30	Minimarket with various stalls	Mattishall MC
July 6	10.00-12.00	Market and Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
July 6	7.30pm	Railway Film Evening with Tea and Cake	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 7	10.30am	Church Anniversary led by Lorna Foulkes	Watton MC
July 7	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 8	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
July 8	10.30-11.45	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
July 9	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone—see page 23
July 9	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch
July 9	3.30-6.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
July 10	12.00-3.00	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
July 10	12.30pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 11	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Shipdham LEP
July 11	12.00noon	Lunch Club	Dereham MC

DATES FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

Further details on pages 24–26

June 1	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
June 1	10.00-12.00	Market and Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
June 1	7.00pm	Concert in aid of MWiB District Project	Dereham MC
June 1	7.30pm	Railway Film Evening with Tea and Cake	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 2	10.45am	Ladies Anniversary Service	Dereham MC
June 2	11.00am	Café Style Worship led by Stephen Lynn	Toftwood MC
June 2	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 2	6.30pm	Glaven Sings the Gospel	Blakeney Parish Ch
June 3	2.00pm	Bible Study	Wendling MC
June 3	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 3	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
June 4	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Great Ellingham MC
June 4	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
June 5	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
June 5	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
June 5	2.00-3.00	Drop In	Beetley MC
June 5	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
June 6	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham MC
June 6	10.00-12.00	Gardening Group	Dereham MC
June 6	3.30pm	Messy Church	Beetley Village Hall
June 7	11.00am	Conclusion of Admiral Nurse Project	Toftwood MC
June 7	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 9	10.30am	Gift Day led by Rev Barbara Winner	Watton MC
June 9	11.00am	Church Anniversary led by Rev Andrew Fielding	Great Ellingham MC
June 9	12.00noon	The Biggest Birthday Party Ever	Holt Memorial Gdns
June 10	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
June 10	10.30-11.45	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
June 10	2.00pm	Bible Study	Wendling MC
June 11	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone—see page 23
June 11	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
June 11	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch
June 11	3.30-6.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
June 12	12.00-3.00	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
June 12	12.30pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 13	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Shipdham LEP
June 13	12.00noon	Lunch Club	Dereham MC
June 14	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers with Rev Betty	Mattishall MC
June 14	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
June 15	9.30am	Action for Children activities	Fakenham Tesco
June 16	10.45am	Fathers' Day and Parade Service	Swaffham MC
June 16	3.00pm	Service at Lee Warner Avenue	led by Fakenham MC
June 16	6.30pm	Healing Service	Holt MC
June 17	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
June 18	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
June 19	9.30am	Prayers	Toftwood MC

REGULAR Weekly/Monthly dates for prayer Further details elsewhere in The Link.

Mon	10.00-11.30	2nd & 4th in month: Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
Mon	2.30pm	Fortnightly House Group, details Rev Rosemary Wakelin	Holt MC
Mon	7.30pm	Beetley, Wendling, Gressenhall Bible Study at Beetley	contact: John Hull
Mon	7.45pm	1st & 3rd in month: Christian Meditation, in vestry	Watton MC
Tues	9.15am	Stepping Stones for mothers, carers and their youngsters	Holt MC
Tues	10.00am	Bible Study	Blakeney St Nicholas
Tues	10.00-11.00	1st in month: Coffee Morning.	Gt Ellingham MC
Tues	10.00-12.00	Weekly: The Meeting Place	Swaffham MC
Tues	10.30-12.00	2nd in month: Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
Tues	2.30pm	2nd & 4th in month: Fellowship	Gt Ellingham MC
Tues	2.30pm	Fortnightly House Group, details Tony Hey	Holt MC
Tues	2.45pm	Women's Own, details from Olwyn Brough	Dereham MC
Tues	3.15pm	2nd in month: 'Messy Church'	Blakeney St Nicholas
Tues	5.45pm	Contemplative Prayer	Blakeney MC
Tues	7.00-8.30	All except 2nd in month, Carpet Bowls Club	Toftwood MC
Tues	7.30pm	3rd in month: Young People's Group	Blakeney MC
Wed	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Watton MC
Wed	10.00-11.30	1st & 3rd in month: Coffee Morning	Toftwood M C
Wed	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Tittleshall M C
Wed	10.15-11.30	Church open for quiet time	Watton MC
Wed	10.30am	Prayer & Praise followed by coffee/tea & biscuits	Wells MC
Wed	10.30-11.00	Mid-week worship in large vestry	Watton MC
Wed	10.30-12.00	Fortnightly: Coffee Morning in chapel	Wendling MC
Wed	2.00-3.00	1st & 3rd in month: Drop-in & Chat	Beetley MC
Wed	7.30pm	Ladies Wednesday Club, details Jacky Woor	Dereham MC
Thurs	9.00-9.30	Prayer Time	Dereham MC
Thurs	10.00am	Prayer followed by coffee	Blakeney M C
Thurs	10.00-12.00	2nd in month: Coffee Morning for all	Shipdham LEP
Thurs	10.00-12.00	Weekly: The Meeting Place	Swaffham MC
Thurs	10.00am	1st & 3rd each month: Coffee Morning	Dereham M C
Thurs	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Litcham M C
Thurs	10.30am	4th in month: Mid-week Holy Communion	Dereham MC
Thurs	11.00am	Service at Lloyd Court	taken by Holt MC
Thurs	12.00	2nd in month: Luncheon Club, details Pam Beardsmore	Dereham MC
Thurs	2.00pm	Carpet Bowls Club	Toftwood MC
Thurs	2.30pm	2nd & 4th in month: Thursday Group for adults, all-ages.	Swaffham MC
Fri	9.30-10.00	Power of Prayer Group	Swaffham MC
Fri	9.30-11.30	Short Service followed by Coffee	Holt MC
Fri	10.00am	1st in month: Tea and Tots	Blakeney MC
Fri	7.30pm	3rd in month: Ecumenical Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Sat	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Swaffham MC
Sat	10.00-12.00	1st in month: Coffee Shop with stalls.	Hingham MC