

THE LINK

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More information about the history of this Chapel has been discovered. See Stephen Lynn's article on pages 4-7

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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear friends

With this dry and warm weather which has lasted for so many weeks, I hope all of us who have spent time with family and on a break away have had a really good summer holiday. This summer we stayed in the Yorkshire Dales for a week and then a further week on Orkney where we were delighted to meet up with Catherine. Most of the time the sun was shining, just a little rain in Orkney, so we did a fair bit of walking.

For many people a pilgrimage, or going on a retreat, often includes walking. Sometimes it's a gentle stroll in the grounds of a retreat centre, or maybe something much more demanding such as walking the Way of St James to Santiago de Compostela over the Pyrenees. Just before Easter BBC2 broadcast "Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago", when seven pilgrims shared this journey together, and for those who watched it (or the film *The Way*) the drama was as much spiritual and mental as well as physical demands of the long journey. Each person was challenged by their fellow pilgrims and in doing so the way they saw themselves and the world.



When we are walking together we find we have to combine three things. One is looking carefully to the ground that we put down our feet carefully without falling over (I have not done that a few times in the past!), the second is to look up so not to miss the beauty of the surroundings you are walking amongst; and thirdly that we are attentive to our fellow travellers. It's not always easy to do the three together.

Therefore when we return from a holiday or a retreat, is to important continue to learn to hold these three things in balance. Each of us set our feet within a community where we live and work and we must tread carefully especially when new to a place to get a good grip and feel for where we are. When we bought our own home in a village in North Suffolk it was important for us to understand our environment as a "new comer". Secondly we can get too involved with the immediate and the next thing to do that we fail to see the bigger picture. Do we see the glory, beauty, and challenge, of the world where God has placed us. May be Jesus was thinking of this when he told us to look up and see the birds of the air, or the valleys full with flowers in the field, that our immediate worries can be put into perspective. Finally we must give time to our fellow travellers, because we are only as fast as the slowest walker. God came to us in Jesus so God could travel at our pace. Like the question asked by Jesus "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" with the two on the Road to Emmaus, which then opened up the deep conversation between them.

Friends, I hope you enjoyed the summer (and it wasn't too warm for you!), and may each step we take reveal something new to us.

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Welcome to the Autumn edition of *The Link*. By the time you read this (though not as I write it!) the summer will be becoming a glorious memory, the children will soon be back at school (sorry, teachers) and we shall be starting a new connexional year with all the excitement and sense of anticipation that brings.

The two big items of Circuit news relate to the changes of ministerial oversight and the developments at Swaffham. In his Minister's letter Andrew explains how the ministerial changes for this year will work. Please do read this carefully, especially if you are in one of the affected churches, so that you know who to contact if necessary and also who not to contact. There is also an article by John Hull explaining the plans being developed for the future ministry of the Circuit as, sadly, we shall need a new Superintendent Minister to take office in September 2020. Bear in mind that the stationing process takes 15 months (yes, really—I've been involved in the past). We need to pray that in these coming months and years God's will is done and seeking that must be paramount.

The second big item concerns the developments at Swaffham. Happily a lot more information about the history of Swaffham church has been found and this has enabled Stephen Lynn to prepare an article which runs to 4 pages! It's fascinating—do read it. You will also find some up-to-date news of what is happening now at Swaffham on page 11.

Putting *The Link* together is interesting, to say the least, and very unpredictable. I begin with assembling all the material churches send in and put the diary pages together. At one stage it looked as if there was going to be much less than usual and I was warning of a slimline edition. In the last few days so much has arrived I've had some difficulty to squeeze it all in. I've managed, but only just! It's great to see how much is happening throughout our Circuit. God is certainly keeping us busy!

Remember, *The Link* is primarily about prayer. So do keep praying for one another every day. There is plenty of fuel for prayer in the following pages.

Blessings

Tony Hey

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Swaffham

Over the past issues of the Link we have been following, with great anticipation, the exciting times planned for the future of Methodism in Swaffham. With the reshaping of the building well underway, hopefully to be finished during the period covered by this issue, it seems appropriate to look back over the history of Methodism in the town.

Much of the material in this article comes to us courtesy of a book published in 1988, written by Marion Hancock to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the church. Marion acknowledged over forty sources in the compilation of the book, so we are equally indebted to those good folk with the addition of several other voices which have added to the subsequent information. Marion begins the story thus: 'To attempt the writing of Methodist history in Swaffham may be compared with trying to complete a jigsaw puzzle with half its pieces.'

The church we know today in London Street was a comparative late comer on the scene as Methodism had been alive and well in the town in excess of forty years by the time it was built.

In 1772 the house of Robert Goodrick, a leather tanner, had been granted a license for preaching. Now known as Westgate House the building was used as a meeting place until 1809, probably using one of the outbuildings connected to the property. It was here that John Wesley stayed during both his visits to the town, and it was from an upstairs window that he famously preached. He also preached on Market Hill to 'uproarious crowds who pelted him with garbage, rotten eggs and stones, many windows being broken.'

On Monday October 18th. Wesley travelled from Norwich to Kings Lynn and recorded in his diary: 'No coach going out for Lynn today. I was obliged to take a poste chaise; but at Dereham no horses were to be had, so we were obliged to take the same horses to Swaffham. A congregation was ready here, that filled the house, and seemed quite willing to receive instruction.'

Following the death of Robert Goodrick, Samuel Newham, a Methodist from Kings Lynn, applied to have a house licensed in London Street which he owned. The license was issued to Richard Patterson, the Superintendent Minister at Kings Lynn.

The church's needs soon outgrew the available premises, and in March 1813, Robert Hayhoe offered a parcel of land, part of which is the site the present church stands on. This was purchased for £300 and building commenced almost immediately. Due to the confusing state of the account books from the time, many of the entries being undated, it is not possible to ascertain the exact cost of the building.

PROFILE

Stephen Lynn

Chapel

The building continued at a very rapid pace, and Swaffham welcomed its first non-conformist church with an opening ceremony on Wednesday July 7th 1813. Another notable event in 1813 was the formation of the Swaffham Wesleyan Methodist Circuit under the leadership of its first Ministers, William Dixon and John Ingham, both of whom came from the Lynn Circuit.

Unfortunately no drawings or plans survive from that time, so we have no record of how the building looked. It is thought that the frontage was probably quite similar to the present building, although the interior was somewhat smaller. One costly error was made when the roof was constructed with two pitches, causing replacement of guttering and a considerable quantity of tiles due to flooding between the pitches. Internally the building consisted of a meeting room with three-sided gallery, a lobby, and a small room for use by the Minister.

By 1845 the cause had grown to such an extent that considerable modernisation of the building took place, including the rectification of the roof to a single pitch design, and the construction of a vestry which cost £36.7s.0d. A further £23.10s.0d was spent on the installation of gas lighting.

In July 1875 a Kings Lynn newspaper announced that 'it is proposed to the schools to be attached to the Wesleyan chapel in the town'. Foundation stones were laid by James Fuller and John Cock in September of that year showing that extensions to the side of the building, along with the present vestry area took place. This expansion may have been spurred on by the actions of the Primitive Methodists in the town who opened their chapel, complete with school room, in March the same year.

The Primitives had been active in the town in a smaller way since 1825, when the town was missioned by Mr. W. G. Belham from Kings Lynn. In 1833 an article appeared in the Primitive Methodist magazine which said: 'Swaffham is a town of more than 3,000 inhabitants and has long been noted for its wicked inhabitants. I arrived on October 19th and found a society of 30 members in a low state.' By the end of the year the membership had risen to 90 members, despite being 'much opposed by some troublesome young men, so that I was under the necessity of putting the law in force against them.'

During the 1840's the membership suffered a dip, but on May 3rd 1852 one of the most significant events in the history of Primitive Methodism took place in the town with the first ever African Missionary meeting being held in the Lynn Road meeting house. The event raised the sum of £40.5s.0d. To put this in context, this would be around the annual salary for a skilled tradesman.

Swaffham Chapel

The meeting house was replaced by a new building, at a cost of £1066, in 1875 thanks to various loans. A measure of the generosity of those making the loans is shown by the fact that the debt was not fully paid off until 1907, 32 years later.

Many places which had both Wesleyan and Primitive causes active were very insular when it came to sharing activities. There seems to be evidence that in Swaffham the two co-existed quite happily, supporting each other for special services, particularly with regard to Sunday school activities, especially the Anniversary services. This association would continue for the remainder of the time that the churches existed as separate entities, and indeed there is a photograph from as late as 1926 showing a combined outing to Hunstanton for which a special train was hired from Swaffham station.

One aspect of church life which has changed little over the years is the need for fund raising, and our 19th century forebears used many of the avenues we still use today with concerts, sales of work and flower festivals. One intriguing custom used by both Wesleyans and Primitives was the Christmas 'Note and Silver Tree' which would be placed outside the chapel for one day immediately after the holiday. On 31st of December 1884 the Wesleyans raised the sum of £3.9s.0d with their tree, but on the next day, New Year's Day 1885, the Primitives netted £7.4s.0d.

One of the features of these times was the fortitude of the local preachers. While there was a fund to provide Ministers with transport via the hire of horse drawn traps or carts, the laity would be left to fare as best they could, and it is well documented that one hardy soul would walk from Helhoughton to take services at Swaffham, and then walk home again, a round trip of about 24 miles.

In 1905 the Wesleyans found themselves in the midst of a reorganisation which saw the formation of the Mid-Norfolk Mission, stretching from Wells in the North to Watton in the South, (this sounds more than a little familiar!). Swaffham was home to one of the four Ministers, the others being at Dereham (the Superintendent) Wells and Fakenham, the latter being a lay pastor. Circuit meetings must have been a nightmare.

The Primitives, meanwhile, carried on in a much more localised manner as they had since their formation. In 1905 the Rev. James Prouton arrived to serve as Minister to the Primitives. He would go on to serve two separate terms in the town, and then returned for a third time just prior to Union in 1931, and went on to become instrumental in negotiations between the two Societies throughout the process. Uniting services were held in the town on Sunday October 2nd. 1932. The morning service was held at the Wesleyan premises, and the evening service at the Primitive. Services continued to be held at both buildings until the following summer when the circuits were re-organised to accommodate the increased number of village chapels which now had to be brought into circuit life.

Unification was not an easy process, and there were four years of meetings, many of which resulted in varying degrees of animosity, before it was finally decided in March 1936 that the Lynn Street premises should be sold, and the Society transferred to London Street.

By 1938 the still infant Swaffham Circuit was in such a dire financial position that a special District Commission visited to ascertain the actual position of the Circuit. There does not appear to be a record of their specific findings, but it was recorded that things were so bad that the Circuit had

continued

been unable to find £11 to install electricity in the Cley Road Manse. The church faced the same struggles as many organisations during the years of the Second World War, but, despite the drop in income managed to find £130 to rebuild the toilets.

The late Margaret Banham had an intriguing photograph giving an unwitting snapshot of life during the war years, although it was taken just after the war. It shows the Rev. Samuel Thomas, who was Minister at Swaffham between 1945 and 1948 standing in front of the chapel, and it can be clearly seen that the metal railings have been removed, in common with many others across the country to produce munitions for the war effort. They have been replaced with rather randomly chosen sticks, cut to size and held together with string. It is not clear when the metal railings were reinstated. In 1946 there was some renovation work carried out in the church, although it is not entirely clear what these works consisted of. What is known is that the cost was £460, a sum which in those days would have gone a long way towards the cost of a small cottage.

During the 1950's and early 60's local Methodism played a large part in national politics, firstly through Sidney Dye, father of Helen Dye, he served as M.P. For South West Norfolk during the 1950's. He actually farmed at Sporle, but, following his tragic death in a car crash on his way home from Westminster, his funeral service was held at Swaffham. Over 400 people attended the funeral, along with the estimated 2000 who lined the streets, a measure of the man he was, and the high regard in which he was held. He was followed at Westminster by another Swaffham church member, Albert Hilton, who, after he left the Commons became Lord Hilton of Upton. The day after the announcement of his elevation to the Lords there was a Circuit service held, (the two events were not connected!). As was his practice, he travelled on the coach which was always arranged for such events to transport folk in a day when cars were much less prevalent. As he got on the bus, Jack Harrowing, a local preacher, said 'What do you call you now then?'. The reply came, 'Well, Albert has done fairly well up to now so I think we'll stick with that!'

During the late 1970's and 80's a programme of building works was begun which included the refurbishment of the toilet block, the removal of the now defunct boiler house, an upgrade to the electrical system and heating, and the modernisation of the kitchen and vestry areas. It was also planned to repair the badly damaged back and side walls, but as one problem was solved two more seemed to appear, with some structural areas much worse than first thought. The discovery of active dry rot did little to help the situation. Much of the work was done in time to enable the church to celebrate its 175th. Anniversary in 1987. In the same year the members received another body blow when it was discovered that the roof was in a much worse state than had been realised. Urgent repairs were made, but this was a sign of much worse to come, which is where the church finds itself today, having celebrated the 200th. Anniversary in 2013.

Much of what has happened in recent times has been well documented in earlier editions of *The Link*, so there is no need to repeat them here.

At the time of writing work is well underway to transform the building into an asset both for 21st. Century worship, as well as a building which can be used to attract a much wider public, and form a new and exciting outreach and mission tool for the Kingdom of God.

[We hope to include a special feature on the re-opening of Swaffham Chapel in a future edition. Ed.]

MINISTER'S LETTER

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Finally as we enter a new Connexional year to update you upon the changes to the circuit. We had a great time at Great Cressingham on Sunday 29th July as we said good-bye to Rev Eleanor & Malcolm Reddington, and we wish them every happiness in retirement to Ross-on-Sea in North Wales. I have greatly appreciated Eleanor's support as a colleague during the three years she has been in the Circuit.

As we did not match to replace Eleanor for this year we are currently working on the profiles to seek ministers to be stationed from September 2019. The Circuit meeting agreed to seek a new Superintendent from September 2019 and also a Diaconal appointment, and further details of these profiles will come to the Circuit meeting on Thursday 13th September.

For this year we are grateful that the Rev Andrew Fielding, Rev Elizabeth Jolly, and Rev Barbara Winner have agreed to take on pastoral charge and responsibility of the churches that Eleanor had looked after. Andrew will be the minister at Gt Cressingham, Gt Ellingham, Hingham & Saham Hills. Barbara will be minister at Watton. Liz will be minister of Sporle, and also Team minister with me at Swaffham Methodist Church. Please remember our supernumeraries are all part-time, and each church is aware what days their minister is available. Also they are not covering for each other which means when away either Betty, Cliff or myself should be contacted for any ministerial need.

Also I am delighted to announce that from the 1st September Mrs Mandy Etherington from Stibbard will be our new Circuit Administrator. Mandy will work 15 hours a week and initially the best way to contact her is by email at centralnorfolk@outlook.com Further details will follow when Mandy is in post.

With every blessing

Rev Andrew King

**We are holding our Annual Jam and Chutney Day
in aid of Helping Hands, North Norfolk**

at Stibbard Methodist Church Centre

on Saturday 17th November

Coffee from 10.30

Lunches from 12.30

Tea from 2.30 until 4.00

Helping Hands, North Norfolk supports a Social Canteen in Santana, Romania, which provides meals for children and old people every weekday.

RECYCLING THE METHODIST WAY OR RE-USE AND RECYCLE

Waiting in the dentist, the supermarket queue or unable to sleep? Instead of counting sheep, why not spend a few minutes listing goods that can be recycled?

Envelopes; paper wrappers minus the sticky tape; bottles; rigid plastic containers; tin, aluminium or steel cans; Methodist ministers; paper or cardboard.

Methodist Ministers? Or, to be more precise, Supernumerary Ministers. A supernumerary, according to the dictionary definition, is usually someone in a crowd scene onstage, otherwise known as an "extra" or a "spear-carrier". We are lucky in the Central Norfolk Circuit to have 4 'extras', all of whom have retired and have stepped or are stepping up to be reused or as Revd Barbara put it, to be recycled. Revd Rosemary Wakelin, Revd Elizabeth Jolly, Revd Barbara Winner and Revd Andrew Fielding are our 'spear carriers' for the next year, supporting our hard working ministers and local preachers, for which we give them our grateful thanks.

I think it can be said that we have met our recycling target for 2018/19.

*Maggie Blundell
Saham Hills*

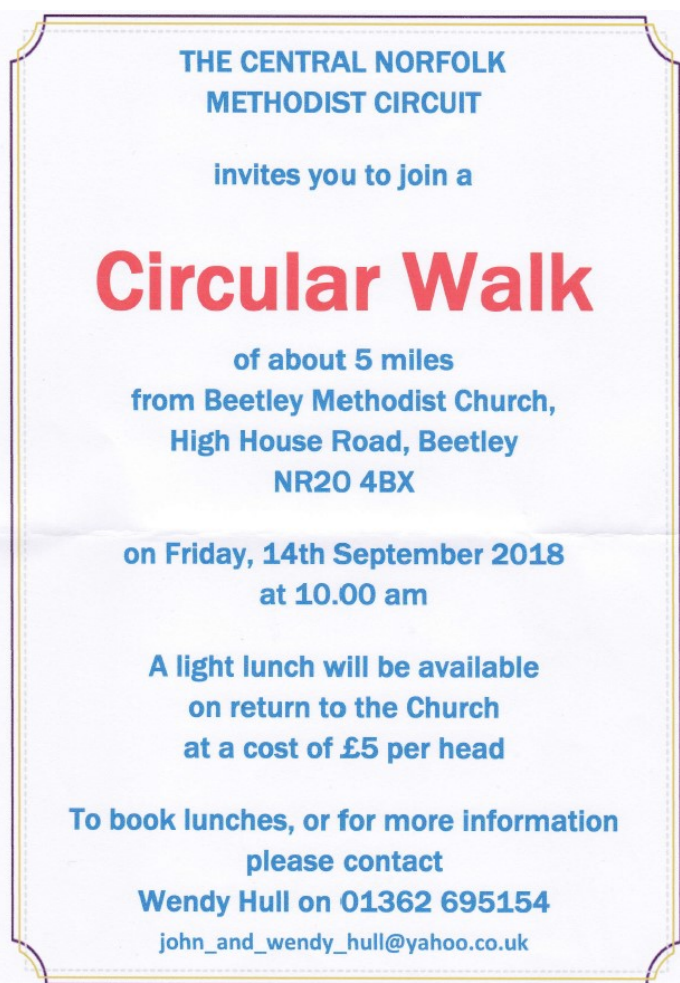
LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

A PLEASURE OR A PROBLEM?

John Hull writes: If you see the letters LA on the Plan for your church, do you think 'great we can do what we like' or do you think 'we'll just close the chapel that week'? A recent decision at the Circuit Meeting may help, especially if you are in the latter category.

The circuit has signed up to have delivered special services for each Sunday for the following year. This is through the good offices of '12 Baskets', organised by Rev Wayne Grewcock. All ministers, stewards and worship leaders should now be getting regular services sent to them. From what I have seen so far they are really inspiring and should be a real aid to good worship.

Please make full use of these resources whenever you have LA on the Plan!



THE CENTRAL NORFOLK
METHODIST CIRCUIT

invites you to join a

Circular Walk

of about 5 miles
from Beetley Methodist Church,
High House Road, Beetley
NR20 4BX

on Friday, 14th September 2018
at 10.00 am

A light lunch will be available
on return to the Church
at a cost of £5 per head

To book lunches, or for more information
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STATIONING FOR SEPTEMBER 2018 AND LOOKING AHEAD

Updated Report for June Circuit Meeting

From John Hull: The March Circuit Meeting agreed to appoint the Rev Andrew Fielding, Rev Barbara Winner and Rev Elizabeth Jolly to have pastoral charge for connexional year 2018/19 of the six churches currently under Rev Eleanor's pastoral care. We formally withdrew the Presbyteral Profile from Stationing; and the Circuit also agreed to submit a Diaconal profile for a part-time Deacon based at Watton for two years (2018/2020).

Conversations have been made with the Warden of the Diaconal Order about this appointment but to date a Deacon has not been stationed. This is still a possibility up to Methodist Conference ending on Thursday 5th July, but a match looks unlikely. If this is so, the Circuit meeting may wish to pause and share its thoughts about how our ministers serving next year in Watton and its neighbouring villages can be supported if there will not be a part-time Deacon in post.

Turning to Stationing needs from September 2019, the March Circuit Meeting agreed unanimously to commit the Circuit to create a stationing profile for a Superintendent Minister from 2019/20 for 5 years, with further consultation to be given at this meeting. The plan is that the Circuit Invitation Committee (CIC) will consult over the summer all the Circuit churches regarding the nature of what the Superintendent's appointment should be i.e. Indicating the priorities of skills and experience the circuit feels are needed to fulfil this appointment and the contribution the circuit would like a new Superintendent

to make. Also, what are the missional and pastoral emphases that the circuit would wish the Superintendent to bring? The CIC will then need to explore which churches the new Superintendent will have pastoral charge of, and the manse where to live.

We also ask the Circuit Meeting today to explore in principle if a full-time Diaconal appointment (also for five years from 2019/2024) should be created and a stationing profile submitted in September, subject to agreement of the September Circuit Meeting. If agreed, the CIC will also consult over the summer with the Churches the Circuit feels would benefit from having Diaconal ministry; to create a Profile that outlines clearly and in order the priorities, objectives, and main tasks of the appointment. Also to indicate the priorities of skills and experience the circuit feels are needed by a Deacon to fulfil this appointment. Then the CIC will need to explore what manse should be provided for the Deacon. From September 2019 the Circuit has two available manses that meet connexional requirements, which are the Watton and Swaffham manses.

TITTLESHELL METHODIST CHAPEL

**is hosting a Macmillan Coffee
Morning on Saturday 15th
September 10 am to 12 noon.**

**Please come along and support this
very worthy cause.**

**Offers of Cakes and Raffle Prizes would
be gratefully appreciated.**

**Looking forward to seeing you. Thank
you.**

And it's from the old we travel to the new . . . at Swaffham

When was the journey for God's people ever straightforward? Reaching the promised land took a while longer than the Israelites anticipated! And so we should not be surprised that there are humps and bumps to iron out and twists and turns to negotiate – perhaps they are there to keep us trusting and praying.

A major change of direction came when, as we were on the point of signing the lease for renting the shop space, the news was delivered that the shop had been sold and was no longer available even for the short term we had requested. Our plans, which several members of the congregation had worked hard on, including putting in to place guidelines and rotas and sales accounting systems, were clearly not God's plan. We were sorry to have to abandon the Fair Trade outlet but several Sunday morning sessions at church saw the majority of the stock successfully sold, so we know that we have a market for the products and all the work put in so far will stand us in good stead for when the time is right.

Thanks to Christian neighbours, we are holding Sunday services in the nearby Parish Rooms and this is beginning to give us the experience and feel of a free-form layout including inventive solutions to giving and receiving communion! We recently had a lovely final service there with Revd Eleanor and Malcolm.

On reflection, with all the time-consuming attention to detail that has to be given to the various contractors involved in the regeneration, it is a relief not to have the responsibility of leased premises and the part-time shop. It has also meant that we have had more head and heart space to prepare for the next steps on the church's journey. We have been given the opportunity for worship leader training with Revd Liz Jolly and it is wonderful that 12 people have put themselves forward from Swaffham and from Sporle to learn and develop leadership skills.

At time of writing, the building works are on schedule, and perhaps this image of one of the retained pews, beautifully restored by Fullers Finer Furniture, gives a glimpse of what is yet to come.



MISSION MATTERS

From Rev. Betty Trinder: The picture is of a banner presented to Trinity and Toftwood Methodist Churches for the £4,500 raised over 2 years as a joint mission for the Vidyl Trust in South India. The Norfolk charity was launched 25 years ago by Anglican priest Reverend Pat Atkins and has transformed 100's of lives of people suffering from leprosy, street elders and young people with cancer. They offer accommodation and food for many elderly people who otherwise would



live on the streets, they offer food and education to children who otherwise would go hungry and have no access to education. Pat has visited the project 50 times at her own expense and if you consider that it takes just £5 a month to support an elderly person you can see how much the money raised by the 2 churches is much appreciated.

This year the 2 churches are fund raising for another Norfolk charity, Admiral Nurses, who are a part of Dementia UK. Apparently 1/6 people over 80 will develop some form of dementia and more people are also developing early onset dementia so we all know how vital the work of support nurses like Admiral Nursing is to patients and families alike. Many church members and carers have first hand experience of this tragic disease.

Mattishall Methodist Church is celebrating their 2nd anniversary of The Link, a Dementia Café which meets fortnightly on a Tuesday and supports the carers as well as those living with dementia.

I am proud of all my section churches who put so much effort into their Mission fundraising and their prayers for people all over the world who are less fortunate than us.

READ ANY GOOD

Colin Garwood writes: It may be taken for granted that a minister in his nineties and a graduate in theology is no stranger to theological books. Throughout more than seventy years I have tried to keep up-to-date with my reading which, more often than not, has involved some pretty dull and difficult disciplines! For some reason, most theological writers - American as well as British - seem to think cleverness is dependent on obtuseness!

However, praise the Lord, one of the most

eminent theologians in the world has now provided us with a book that is readable, enjoyable and "un-put-down-able". Tom Wright, former Bishop of Durham and currently Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Studies at St. Andrew's University, has written "Paul. A Biography". Published by SPCK in February this year, it is available from Amazon (Prime) for £12.30

Backed up by serious scholarship, the author presents St. Paul's life and work within the context of Jewish faith and

CIRCUIT WALKS



From Rev Barbara: We followed up our Central Norfolk Walks project by planning three new circular walks this year. So far we have completed two of them – both about 5 miles in length starting from Wells Methodist Church and Hingham Methodist Church. These have proved most enjoyable and a time to meet others from the Circuit with nine churches represented so far. We have advertised the walks locally and have been joined by people new to the area wanting to explore and who were pleased to learn about the life of the churches involved.

The next walk is on Friday Sept. 14th. at 10am starting from Beetley Methodist Church. (see advert on page 9).

I have never planned or led a walk before and so I have learnt a lot in the process – mostly from my mistakes (thinking East was opposite North!) and from good friends who have given me advice (and bought me a compass!) If you have someone in your church who would like to plan and lead a walk we would love to hear from you. I believe one is already on the horizon for next year from Holt. If you would like to provide lunch as a fundraiser that's fine (at Wells and Hingham we enjoyed great hospitality and food – many thanks for that!). However this is not necessary and we are equally happy to bring our own refreshments if you can provide a kettle and a toilet!

As a point of interest I did share the story of our walks with Jill Baker last year's Vice President when she visited Walsingham. As she was interested in what we are doing I sent her one of our Circuit Walks books (these are still on sale for £2-50 from Revd Liz Jolly if you would like a copy) and this is what she said in reply – "thank you so much for the beautifully presented booklet of circuit walks. Such a good idea and so attractively and engagingly put together – every circuit should have one!" So thanks to everyone who keeps encouraging and has helped us so far – we hope to keep walking together!

BOOKS LATELY

expectation, showing how the whole of the apostle's life and ministry was an exciting adventure into the fulfilment of God's promises to His chosen people. Significantly, he never uses the expression "Jesus Christ" or even "Jesus, *the* Christ". Instead, he always refer to "Jesus, *the* Messiah". (When one stops to think about it, this makes sense - the Greek word "ho Christos" means "Messiah", and should be translated just like all the other words!)

Immediately we see what Jesus meant to Paul, the strict Jew, we begin to understand

his life and his thoughts so much more clearly. and we readily get caught up in his enthusiasm for the Kingdom of God embracing Jew and Gentile alike.

Many lovely Christians complain that they don't understand Paul. They need complain no more. Professor Wright has brought him to life in straightforward language and provided for us a living picture of the great exponent of our Christian faith. This is a read that will bring its own reward and afford enlightenment for everyone.

SUNFLOWERS AT WATTON



Leslie Cowling writes: At Watton we have been growing sunflowers. 'So?' I hear you exclaim, 'There's nothing very remarkable about that' And this is true: it is hardly an original or revolutionary idea. It is, however, the very ordinariness of the scheme which has been so important and so inspiring at this stage in the life of our church. Incredibly it seems that from very small beginnings, projects have emerged which may, in time, become greater than the sum of all the (sunflower) parts.

The early months of this year were particularly difficult for the Church family at Watton: well-loved members died and others moved away, still more were dogged by illness or increasing frailty, and enthusiasm and energy were at a low ebb. Doubtless the scene is familiar to many.

In an effort to lighten the gloom a little, it was suggested that growing sunflowers might be a good idea so after service one Sunday in April, 20 people took away a small pot of two ready-planted sunflower seeds and agreed to nurture them until they were strong enough to be planted out in the church garden. This immediately evoked a strong element of competition amongst some 'foster parents' whilst others

recognised that their off-spring were unlikely to become Leaders in the sunflower world, needing as they did much encouragement simply to stay alive. When the plants were mature enough for transplanting, the period after morning worship became time for watering, staking up and talking to the plants: a sense of light-hearted FUN became apparent. Sunflower cupcakes were enjoyed with coffee at Church Anniversary and a prize of two sunflower mugs was, last Sunday, presented to Hazel and John Darby whose 7' plant eclipsed all the others. Currently 19 sunflowers are in bloom, growing bright, strong and cheerful, their faces turned towards the sun.

The sunflowers have served as inspiration and encouragement and the experience has taught us what I suspect many smaller churches have known all along: not all projects can be huge, sometimes it is the small things that are needed, carried forward with faith and steadfast determination.

And so we have planned a number of events to draw us closer together as a church family, showing that we are open and supportive in the community and very much alive! These are listed in the Circuit Calendar – join us if you can, in spirit, in prayer and/or in person, as we seek to make a difference, growing bright, strong and cheerful, our faces turned towards the Son.

MACMILLAN CANCER CARE

Come and be part of

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Litcham Chapel

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27th

From 10.30am - Noon

STIBBARD MODEL RAILWAY

Bert Etherington writes: The sun rose over Stibbard on 21st July for another glorious summer day. But this was no ordinary day - it was the first Stibbard Model Railway Exhibition organised, jointly, by the Methodist Church and Village Hall. By 7.30 a.m. the first exhibitor had arrived,



shortly followed by the others who quickly got to work setting up their displays. As they worked, the aroma of freshly cooked bacon wafted across the village from the breakfast BBQ set up outside the Village Hall. By 9.30 there were nine model railway layouts set up and ready for the public to view - they came in different sizes, scales and vintage (one layout had a working model loco that was 97 years old!). Some were in the Church and some in the Village Hall and some could even be operated by the public.

As well as the layouts, there was also a trader with a great range of items for sale, a second-hand table which was extremely popular, a tombola which completely sold out and a display stand provided by the Mid-Norfolk Railway, East Anglia's longest heritage railway.

By 10.00, all the volunteer workers were in place and the doors opened to the public. It started with a steady stream and got busier as the morning progressed keeping everyone from car parking to catering very busy. The afternoon was quieter but the thermometer was up to 30 degrees which, perhaps, kept a few people at home. The exhibition closed at 4.30pm and, within an hour, the exhibitors had gone and in another hour the Village Hall and Church had been restored to normal. When we went to Church on Sunday morning you would never have known that there had been an exhibition in it the previous day.

The primary reason for this joint venture was to raise funds for both the Church and Village Hall

to help them keep their place as facilities at the heart of the Village. To this end an excellent profit of £480 was made and divided equally between the two. Lessons were learned and we're sure we could do even better next time!

If you weren't able to get to this event, you missed a jolly

good day, but look out for advertising in *The Link* next year and come and join us in 2019.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to the joint committee members from the Church and Village Hall and the volunteer workers for all their hard work and support both prior to and on the day of the exhibition. It couldn't have happened without you.

MESSY CHURCH AT BEETLEY

It was disappointing when the Holiday Club at Beetley was discontinued, but as so often, when one door closes another opens. Rev Betty and her helpers who run the Messy Church at Toftwood have joined with some of the past helpers at Holiday Club and started a Messy Church at Beetley. This meets after school on the third Thursday of the month in the Village Hall at Beetley, just across the road from the Chapel (not August). As is usual for Messy Church, the children take part in activities, have a meal, followed by a worship session. Parents come with their child/children and get involved.

So far the three meetings have seen between 4 and 11 children attend along with their parents. Apart from the occasional Holiday Club activities, this is the first regular young people's activity linked to the chapel since 1966. Your prayers for its success will be much appreciated, and if you know of any children in the Beetley/Gressenhall/Elmham area who might be interested, please tell them and their parents about it.

MATTISHALL

We were grateful for help from our friends at Garvestone chapel who helped us to run various stalls and serve refreshments at our Mini Market in July which resulted in £150 for church funds. Some new faces also joined us as well as the loyal supporters of our monthly Charity Coffee Mornings.

We will have the church open on 8th September to welcome cyclists and walkers on the annual Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride. This year we will be hosting a Harvest Section Service when we welcome Rev Betty Trinder on Sunday 30th September at 11.00 am. On the Monday evening the Yaxham Singers will lead a Harvest Service with Sankey hymns at 7.30 pm..

On the following Friday evening, 5th October, we will have an ecumenical Harvest Supper at the Church Rooms at 7.30 p.m.. We will also join other church members and villagers for the annual Service of Remembrance beginning on the Village Green at the War Memorial before proceeding into the church after the silence at 11.00 am.

Our annual Christmas Concert for Action for Children will be on Thursday 6th December at 7.30 pm when we will again be entertained by the Toftwood Singers.

BLAKENEY

On Sunday, September 9th, at 11.00 a.m. in the Parish Church will be the Rector's Final Service followed at 12.30 p.m. by lunch.

Libby has invited friends from the Catholic and Methodist Churches in Blakeney to share in the meal.

FAKENHAM

Beginning last December, Fakenham Methodist Church made a bold decision and went forward in faith by hiring from Victory Housing the community lounge at Lee Warner Avenue, which is an estate of predominantly sheltered housing opposite the Langham glass factory in Fakenham. To avoid clashing with our morning service we decided to have the services at 3.00 pm on the third Sunday afternoon of each month.

With the help of personal contacts and publicity by leafletting the estate, the inaugural service, which happened to be a Carol service, took place just before Christmas. It was extremely well supported by the local residents, and members of Fakenham MC also came along to offer support. In September it will be our tenth service, and on average about 10 local residents from Lee Warner come regularly in addition to those from Fakenham Methodist Church.

Our format is informal, based around a short service normally about 30 minutes in length which includes prayer, and time to share some meditations or reflections; there is always a good selection of hymns usually chosen on the day by the congregation; followed afterwards by refreshments and plenty of conversation. Church Steward Sally Martin has led many of the services, ably supported by Thelma on the keyboard and others who support by offering transport and making the refreshments.

Even if you don't live in Fakenham, please come along and enjoy the fellowship and the next services are on 16th September, 21st October and the 18th November.

CHURCHES

TOFTWOOD AND TRINITY

On Saturday 16th. June Toftwood and Trinity Church members sat down to a delicious Strawberry Tea as the finale to two years supporting the Vidiyal Trust. Canon Pat Atkinson, the founder and inspiration of the Trust, was formerly Chaplain of the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. The Trust is based in Southern India and works on the outskirts of society with all age groups.

The churches have raised £4,500 over the past two years. Recently we received a lovely surprise - a banner with thanks from India.

[See also Rev Betty's article on page 12 Ed.]

WELLS

On September 16th at 11 am our harvest festival service will be led by Cliff Shanganya and will be followed by our always delicious 2 course lunch. The cost of the lunch is £5.00 and everyone is welcome.

Jean and Gordon Benson would like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone for all the prayers, cards, fruit, flowers and best wishes. After surgery at the Royal Papworth hospital, Jean is making a steady and very good recovery.

HARVEST WEEKEND AT LITCHAM

Saturday September 15th at 7pm

A CANADIAN ADVENTURE

With Andrew and Sarah King

LITCHAM QUARTERLY QUERYISTS

We have two sessions this quarter. The first is on Thursday September 20th when Dr Julian Brown will speak about Health Amplifier, a charity he founded in Tanzania which deals in the areas of mother and baby clinics, and diabetic clinics. Julian is a member of the Baptist Church in Dereham and senior partner in Litcham Surgery.

The second date is Thursday November 15th when our speaker will be Canon Andy Bryant, who will talk about his responsibilities in the Anglican Church as it's co-ordinator for mission and pastoral work.

Both meetings are at Litcham chapel and begin at 7.30pm.

Pathways into Prayer

A Day of Reflection



at

Letton Hall, Shipdham, IP25 7SA

on

October 16th

from 10 registration for 10.30 till 3.00

Drinks will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. There is no charge, but donations towards the cost would be welcome.

For further details and booking, please contact, either

Rev. Barbara Winner 01953 883923

or Rev. Liz Jolly 01362 861298

Closing date for booking October 1st

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

For your information, prayer and support

DEREHAM

Women's Own: 2.45 p.m. Every Tuesday
(details Olwyn Brough 01362 692799).

Bible Studies: fortnightly Tuesday evenings at
7.30 p.m. Jacky's Bible Study first and third
(details Jacky 01362 697860) alternating
with Kathy's Bible Study second and fourth
(details Kathy 01362 697154).

Ladies Wednesday Club: 7.30 p.m.
September 26th, October 31st, November
28th. (details Jacky Woor 01362 697860)

Coffee Mornings: 10.00 a.m. September 20th,
October 18th, November 15th.

Lunch Club: 12.00 noon September 13th,
October 11th, November 8th. (details Pam
01362 854394)

Mid-Week Communion: 10.30 a.m.
September 27th, October 25th, November
22nd. (Details Rev. Betty 01362 695582).

Cards & Chatter: 11.15 a.m. September 27th,
October 25th, November 22nd. (details Sylvia
Meredith 01362 693425).

Prayer Meetings: 10.00 a.m. September 6th,
October 4th, November 1st. (details Rev.
Betty 01362 695582).

Harvest Festival: 10.45 a.m. September 23rd.

Circuit MWiB Meeting: 2.30 p.m. October
24th.

WENDLING

Coffee mornings: 10.30 – 12.00 noon
September 19th, October 3rd, 17th, 31st (Fair
Trade Christmas Cards on sale), November
14th, 28th (Christmas Special).

SWAFFHAM

*[During September and October while building
work is being carried out venues will vary and
are given in italics in square brackets. The
work SHOULD be completed by November,
therefore in faith the venues will be Swaffham
Methodist Church. Please phone 01760
722611 to save a wasted journey.]*

Morning Services: 10.45 a.m. [*Parish Church
Rooms, Campingland, Swaffham.*]

Power of Prayer Group: Every Friday 9.30 –
10.00 a.m. [*'Hafod' Shoemaker Lane,
Swaffham*]

Coffee Mornings: 9.30 a.m. – 12.00
November 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th. [*There will
be no Coffee Mornings in September and
October.*]

Thursday Group: 2.30 p.m. September 13th,
27th, October 11th, 25th [*Parish Church
Rooms, Campingland, Swaffham*], November
8th, 22nd. Fun and fellowship. All welcome.

Worship Leaders Course: 6.30 p.m.
September 4th, 20th, October 2nd, 18th,
22nd [*Sporle Methodist Chapel*].

SHIPDHAM

Methodist / URC LEP

Coffee Mornings: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon
September 13th, October 11th, November
8th.

Youth for Christ meetings in the chapel:
4.00—5.30 p.m. September 6th, 19th,
October 4th, 17th, November 1st, 21st.

Harvest Festival: 3.00 p.m. September 30th
led by Rev Andrew King.

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. September 21st, October 19th, November 16th.

Contemporary Worship: third Sunday in the month at 6.30 p.m. (includes refreshments!).

Bereavement Support Group: 10.30—11.45 a.m. September 10th, October 8th, November 12th.

Forties Service at Holt Station: 11.00 a.m. September 16th (tbc).

Harvest Supper: 6.30 p.m. October 6th.

Harvest Festival: 11.00 a.m. October 7th.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: 10.00 a.m.—1.30 p.m. October 12th.

Holt Lights switch-on: 6.00 p.m. November 14th (refreshments available in the church).

SAHAM HILLS

Coffee Morning and Sale: 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. September 8th, November 10th.

Norfolk Churches Trust Cyclists: September 8th – chapel open all day.

Harvest Festival: 10.30 a.m. September 23rd led by Rev Rosemary Wakelin.

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. September 19th, October 17th, November 21st.

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

Harvest Festival: 11.00 a.m. September 16th led by Rev Cliff Shanganya.

TOFTWOOD

Guides: Mondays, 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.

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

Messy Church: second Tuesdays 3.30 - 6.00 p.m.

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

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.

Prayers: 9.30 a.m. every third Wednesday

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

Fish & Chips and a Quiz: 6.00 p.m. October 6th.

Harvest Service: 11.00 a.m. October 7th taken by the Stewards.

BETLEY

Bible Study: 2.00 p.m. September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, October 1st, 29th, November 5th.
Contact John Hull 01362 695154 for details.

Drop In: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. September 5th, 19th, October 3rd, 17th, November 7th, 21st.

Prayer Meetings: 9.30 a.m. September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th.

Messy Church: 3.30 p.m. September 20th, October 18th, November 15th in Beetley Village Hall.

Knit and Natter: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. September 26th, October 24th, November 28th.

Coffee Mornings: 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
September 22nd, chosen charity Beetley Messy Church.
November 24th, Dereham Food Bank.
In May, £77.34 was raised for Letton Hall.

Harvest Services: September 9th,
11.00 a.m. Elizabeth Wright
6.30 p.m. Rev. Cliff Shanganya

Circuit Circular Walk from Beetley: 10.00 a.m. September 14th, approximately 5 miles, followed by a meal, £5.
Please book with Wendy Hull 01362 695154
(email: john_and_wendy_hull@yahoo.co.uk)

SCULTHORPE

Harvest Festival: 2.30 p.m. September 16th
led by Rev Andrew King.

Harvest Service and Sale: 7.00 p.m.
September 17th led by Rev Andrew King.

FULMODESTON

Harvest Festival: 2.30 p.m. September 2nd.
Preacher Beryl Flood.

A Celebration of Harvest: 7.15 p.m.
September 4th. Reader Avril Temple.

WATTON

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

Singing Group: 2.30 p.m. 4th Tuesday each
month.

Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship: 2.30 p.m. 1st
and 3rd Tuesday held in the Christian
Community Centre

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

Harvest Festival Services: 10.30 a.m. and
6.30 p.m. September 9th. All donations will
be sent to St. Martin's in Norwich.

Watton High Street Carnival: All day
September 16th.

Watton Christmas Market: 1.00 – 4.00 p.m.
November 23rd in the High Street. We shall
have a stall in aid of Church funds. Includes
a children's concert in the Methodist church.

HINGHAM

Coffee Shop with Stalls: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00
noon September 1st, October 6th, November
3rd.

Bible Discussion Group: 10.00 – 11.30 a.m.
September 10th, 24th, October 8th, 22nd,
November 12th, 26th.

Fund-raising Event: 7.00 p.m. October 20th.
Enquiries to Heather Parle 01953 850997.

GRESSENHALL

Harvest Festival: 2.30 p.m. September 2nd
led by Stephen Lynn. The service will be
followed by Harvest Tea.

BLAKENEY

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

Young Peoples Group: 3rd Tuesday in the
month. 7.00 p.m. in the Methodist Church.

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

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

Prayers followed by coffee: Thursdays 10.00
a.m. Venue to be arranged.

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

Glaven Sings the Gospel: 6.30 p.m. October
7th.

Harvest Festival: 6.30 p.m. September 16th
led by David Yarham.

Churches Together in Blakeney Meeting:
10.45 a.m. September 19th in the Methodist
Church.

Ecumenical Harvest Lunch: 12.00 noon
October 14 in the Parish Church.

Church Council Meeting: 2.00 p.m. October
25th.

TITTLESHALL

Coffee Mornings: every Wednesday 10.30 -
12.00 noon

Macmillan Coffee Morning: 10.00 – 12.00
noon September 15th. See advert of page 10

HINDRINGHAM

Harvest Festival: 9.30 a.m. September 9th
led by David Yarham.

Harvest Supper: 7.00 p.m. September 11th in
the Chapel. See advert on page 22.

STIBBARD

Praise Together: 4.00 p.m. September 2nd,
October 7th, November 4th.

Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee: 10.30 a.m.
September 25th, October 30th, November
27th.

Lunch @ The Centre: 12.30 p.m. September
12th, October 10th, November 14th.

Railway Film Afternoons with Tea and Cake:
2.30 p.m. September 1st, October 6th,
November 3rd.

Circuit Choir Practice: 7.30 p.m. September
7th, 21st, October 5th, 19th, November 2nd,
16th.

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

Harvest Thanksgiving: 11.00 a.m. September
23rd.

Harvest Supper: 7.00 p.m. September 25th.

Jam and Chutney Day: 10.30 a.m.—4.00
p.m. November 17th. See advert on page 8.

GREAT ELLINGHAM

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

Fellowship Meetings: 2.30 p.m. October 9th,
23rd, November 13th, 27th.

Harvest Festival: 11.00 a.m. September 30th
led by Rev Jan May. Followed by Harvest
Lunch. proceeds to be donated to All We
Can.

FAKENHAM

Services at Lee Warner Avenue: 3.00 p.m.
September 16th, October 21st, November
18th.

MATTISHALL

Monthly Charity Coffee Mornings: 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd.

Led Prayers: 8.45 - 9.15 a.m. with Rev Betty September 14th, October 12th, November 9th.

Mattishall Dementia Support Group – “The Link”: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon September 4th, 18th, October 2nd, 16th, November 6th, 20th.

Harvest Festival Service: 7.30 p.m. October 1st with the Yaxham Singers.

Ecumenical Harvest Supper: 7.30 p.m. October 5th at All Saints Church Rooms.

Prayer and Praise: 5.00 p.m. October 7th.

GARVESTONE

Knit and Natter: 10.30 – 12.00 noon September 11th, October 9th, November 13th.

Prayer Meetings: 7.30 p.m. September 21st, October 19th, November 16th.

Bible Study and discussion: meetings recommence at 7.30 p.m. on September 26th at Mattishall Chapel.

LITCHAM

Coffee Mornings: every Thursday 10.30-12 noon. On September 27th this will be a special MacMillan Coffee Morning. See advert on page 14.

A Canadian Adventure: 7.00 p.m. September 15th with Andrew and Sarah King.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service: 10.30 a.m. September 16th. Preacher Rev Philip Butcher.

Litcham Quarterly Queryists: 7.30pm September 20th, November 15th. See article on page 17.

SPORLE

Charity Lunches: 12.15 p.m. September 20th, October 11th, November 15th.

NORTHERN PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

September 3rd at Stibbard
October 1st at Fulmodeston
November 5th at Stibbard
7.30 p.m.

CIRCUIT MEETINGS

Thursday 13th September 2018 at Dereham
Tuesday 19th March 2019 at Toftwood
Wednesday June 19th 2019 at Swaffham
All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m.



Rehearsal dates
August 24th, September 28th,
November 30th

HINDRINGHAM METHODIST CHAPEL

HARVEST SUPPER

Tuesday 11th September 2018
at 7.00 p.m.
in the Chapel

Tickets £8 from Brenda 01328 878432
or Shirley 01328 878485

DATES FOR PRAYER AND SUPPORT

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Nov 9	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Nov 10	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Swaffham MC
Nov 10	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning and Sale	Saham Hills MC
Nov 12	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
Nov 12	10.30-11.45	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
Nov 13	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
Nov 13	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
Nov 13	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch
Nov 13	3.30-6.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
Nov 14	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
Nov 14	12.00-3.00	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
Nov 14	12.30pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 14	6.00pm	Holt Lights Switch-on	Holt
Nov 15	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham MC
Nov 15	12.15pm	Charity Lunch	Sporle MC
Nov 15	3.30pm	Messy Church	Beetley Village Hall
Nov 15	7.30pm	Lticham Quarterly Queryists with Canon Andy Bryant	Litcham MC
Nov 16	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain Basement	Holt MC
Nov 16	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Nov 16	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 17	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Swaffham MC
Nov 17	10.00-4.00	Jam and Chutney Day for Helping Hands N Norfolk	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 18	3.00pm	Service at Lee Warner Avenue	led by Fakenham MC
Nov 18	6.30pm	Contemporary Worship	Holt MC
Nov 19	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Nov 20	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Nov 20	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Nov 20	7.00pm	Young People's Group	Blakeney MC
Nov 21	9.30am	Prayers	Toftwood MC
Nov 21	2.00-3.00	Drop In	Beetley MC
Nov 21	2.15pm	Service at Dorrington House	Led by Wells MC
Nov 21	4.00-5.30pm	Youth for Christ	Shipdham LEP
Nov 22	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham MC
Nov 22	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham MC
Nov 22	2.30pm	Thursday Group	Swaffham MC
Nov 23	1.00-4.00	Christmas Market	Watton High St
Nov 24	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning in aid of Dereham Food Bank	Beetley MC
Nov 24	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Swaffham MC
Nov 26	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
Nov 27	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 27	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
Nov 27	2.30pm	Singing Group	Watton MC
Nov 28	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning (Christmas Special)	Wendling MC
Nov 28	2.00-3.00	Knit and Natter	Beetley MC
Nov 28	7.30p.m.	Ladies Wednesday Club	Dereham MC
Nov 30	7.00pm	Quiz Night @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre

DATES FOR PRAYER AND SUPPORT

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Oct 17	4.00-5.30pm	Youth for Christ	Shipdham LEP
Oct 18	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham MC
Oct 18	3.30pm	Messy Church	Beetley Village Hall
Oct 18	6.30pm	Worship Leaders Course	Sporle MC
Oct 19	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain Basement	Holt MC
Oct 19	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Oct 19	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Oct 20	7.00pm	Fund-raising Event	Hingham MC
Oct 21	3.00pm	Service at Lee Warner Avenue	led by Fakenham MC
Oct 21	6.30pm	Contemporary Worship	Holt MC
Oct 22	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
Oct 22	6.30pm	Worship Leaders Course	Sporle MC
Oct 22	2.00-3.00	Knit and Natter	Beetley MC
Oct 23	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
Oct 23	2.30pm	Singing Group	Watton MC
Oct 24	2.30pm	Circuit MWiB Meeting	Dereham MC
Oct 25	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham MC
Oct 25	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham MC
Oct 25	2.00pm	Church Council Meeting	Blakeney MC
Oct 25	2.30pm	Thursday Group	Parish Ch Rooms, Swaffham
Oct 29	2.00pm	Bible Study	Beetley MC
Oct 30	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Oct 31	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning (Fair Trade Christmas Cards on sale)	Wendling MC
Oct 31	7.30p.m.	Ladies Wednesday Club	Dereham MC
Nov 1	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham MC
Nov 1	4.00-5.30pm	Youth for Christ	Shipdham LEP
Nov 2	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 3	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Swaffham MC
Nov 3	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
Nov 3	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Hingham MC
Nov 3	2.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon with Tea and Cake	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 4	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 5	2.00pm	Bible Study	Beetley MC
Nov 5	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 5	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Nov 6	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning (with sales table)	Great Ellingham MC
Nov 6	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Nov 6	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Nov 7	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Nov 7	2.00-3.00	Drop In	Beetley MC
Nov 7	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
Nov 8	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Shipdham LEP
Nov 8	12.00noon	Lunch Club	Dereham MC
Nov 8	2.30pm	Thursday Group	Swaffham MC
Nov 9	8.45-9.1.5	Led Prayers with Rev Betty	Mattishall MC

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Oct 2	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Oct 2	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Oct 2	6.30pm	Worship Leaders Course	Sporle MC
Oct 3	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Oct 3	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
Oct 3	2.00-3.00	Drop In	Beetley MC
Oct 3	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
Oct 4	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham MC
Oct 4	4.00-5.30pm	Youth for Christ	Shipdham LEP
Oct 5	7.30pm	Ecumenical Harvest Supper	All Saints Ch Rms, Mattishall
Oct 5	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Oct 6	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
Oct 6	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Hingham MC
Oct 6	2.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon with Tea and Cake	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Oct 6	6.00pm	Fish & Chips and a Quiz	Toftwood MC
Oct 6	6.30pm	Harvest Supper	Holt MC
Oct 7	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Holt MC
Oct 7	11.00am	Harvest Service led by the Stewards	Toftwood MC
Oct 7	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Oct 7	5.00pm	Prayer and Praise	Mattishall MC
Oct 7	6.30pm	Glaven Sings the Gospel	Blakeney MC
Oct 8	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
Oct 8	10.30-11.45	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
Oct 9	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
Oct 9	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
Oct 9	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch
Oct 9	3.30-6.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
Oct 10	12.00-3.00	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
Oct 10	12.30pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Oct 11	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Shipdham LEP
Oct 11	12.15pm	Charity Lunch	Sporle MC
Oct 11	12.00noon	Lunch Club	Dereham MC
Oct 11	2.30pm	Thursday Group	Parish Ch Rooms, Swaffham
Oct 12	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers with Rev Betty	Mattishall MC
Oct 12	10.00-1.30	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Holt MC
Oct 12	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Oct 14	12.00 noon	Ecumenical Harvest Lunch	Blakeney Parish Ch
Oct 15	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Oct 16	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Oct 16	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Oct 16	7.00pm	Young People's Group	Blakeney MC
Oct 17	9.30am	Prayers	Toftwood MC
Oct 17	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
Oct 17	2.00-3.00	Drop In	Beetley MC
Oct 17	2.15pm	Service at Dorrington House	Led by Wells MC

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Sept 16	2.30pm	Harvest Festival led by Rev Andrew King	Sculthorpe MC
Sept 16	3.00pm	Service at Lee Warner Avenue	led by Fakenham MC
Sept 16	6.30pm	Harvest Festival led by David Yarham	Blakeney MC
Sept 16	6.30pm	Contemporary Worship	Holt MC
Sept 17	2.00pm	Bible Study	Beetley MC
Sept 17	7.30pm	Harvest Service and Sale led by Rev Andrew King	Sculthorpe MC
Sept 17	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Sept 18	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Sept 18	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Sept 18	7.00pm	Young People's Group	Blakeney MC
Sept 19	9.30am	Prayers	Toftwood MC
Sept 19	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
Sept 19	10.45am	Churches Together in Blakeney Meeting	Blakeney MC
Sept 19	2.00-3.00	Drop In	Beetley MC
Sept 19	2.15pm	Service at Dorrington House	Led by Wells MC
Sept 19	4.00-5.30pm	Youth for Christ	Shipdham LEP
Sept 20	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham MC
Sept 20	12.15pm	Charity Lunch	Sporle MC
Sept 20	3.30pm	Messy Church	Beetley Village Hall
Sept 20	6.30pm	Worship Leaders Course	Sporle MC
Sept 20	7.30pm	Lticham Quarterly Queryists with Dr Julian Brown	Litcham MC
Sept 21	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain Basement	Holt MC
Sept 21	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Sept 21	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 22	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning in aid of Beetley Messy Church	Beetley MC
Sept 23	10.30am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Rosemary Wakelin	Saham Hills MC
Sept 23	10.45am	Harvest Festival	Dereham MC
Sept 23	11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 24	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
Sept 24	2.00pm	Bible Study	Beetley MC
Sept 25	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 25	2.30pm	Singing Group	Watton MC
Sept 25	7.00pm	Harvest Supper	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 26	2.00-3.00	Knit and Natter	Beetley MC
Sept 26	7.30p.m.	Ladies Wednesday Club	Dereham MC
Sept 27	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham MC
Sept 27	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham MC
Sept 27	2.30pm	Thursday Group	Parish Ch Rooms, Swaffham
Sept 30	11.00am	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch	Great Ellingham MC
Sept 30	3.00pm	Harvest Festival led by Rev Andrew King	Shipdham LEP
Oct 1	2.00pm	Bible Study	Beetley MC
Oct 1	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Fulmodeston MC
Oct 1	7.30pm	Harvest Festival Service with the Yaxham Singers	Mattishall MC
Oct 1	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Oct 2	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning (with sales table)	Great Ellingham MC

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Sept 1	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
Sept 1	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Hingham MC
Sept 1	2.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon with Tea and Cake	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 2	2.30pm	Harvest Festival—preacher Beryl Flood	Fulmodeston MC
Sept 2	2.30pm	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Tea	Gressenhall MC
Sept 2	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 3	2.00pm	Bible Study	Beetley MC
Sept 3	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 3	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Sept 4	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning (with sales table)	Great Ellingham MC
Sept 4	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Sept 4	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Sept 4	6.30pm	Worship Leaders Course	Sporle MC
Sept 4	7.15pm	A Celebration of Harvest—reader Avril Temple	Fulmodeston MC
Sept 5	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Sept 5	2.00-3.00	Drop In	Beetley MC
Sept 5	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
Sept 6	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham MC
Sept 6	4.00-5.30pm	Youth for Christ	Shipdham LEP
Sept 7	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 8	All day	Chapel open for Norfolk Churches Trust Cyclists	Saham Hills MC
Sept 8	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning and Sale	Saham Hills MC
Sept 9	9.30am	Harvest Festival	Hindringham MC
Sept 9	10.30+6.30	Harvest festival	Watton MC
Sept 9	11.00+6.30	Harvest Services	Beetley MC
Sept 10	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
Sept 10	2.00pm	Bible Study	Beetley MC
Sept 10	10.30-11.45	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
Sept 11	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
Sept 11	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch
Sept 11	3.30-6.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
Sept 11	7.00pm	Harvest Supper	Hindringham MC
Sept 12	12.00-3.00	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
Sept 12	12.30pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 13	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Shipdham LEP
Sept 13	12.00noon	Lunch Club	Dereham MC
Sept 13	2.30pm	Thursday Group	Parish Ch Rooms, Swaffham
Sept 13	7.30pm	CIRCUIT MEETING	Dereham MC
Sept 14	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers with Rev Betty	Mattishall MC
Sept 14	10.00am	Circuit Circular Walk	from Beetley MC
Sept 14	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Sept 15	10.00-12.00	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Tittleshall MC
Sept 16	All day	High Street Carnival	Watton
Sept 16	11.00am	Forties Service (tbc)	Holt Station
Sept 16	11.00am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Cliff Shanganya	Wells MC

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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	10-11am	1st in month: Coffee Morning.	Gt Ellingham 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	2.30pm	2nd & 4th in month: Singing Group	Watton 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	7.00-8.30pm	All except 2nd in month, Carpet Bowls Club	Toftwood MC
Tues	7.30pm	3rd in month: Young People's Group	Blakeney MC
Tues	7.30pm	Fortnightly Bible Study Group(1st and 3rd), details Jacky	Dereham MC
Tues	7.30pm	Fortnightly Bible Study Group(2nd and 4th), details Kathy	Dereham MC
Wed	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Watton MC
Wed	10-11.30am	1st & 3rd in month: Coffee Morning	Toftwood M C
Wed	10-noon	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	2-3.00pm	1st & 3rd in month: Drop-in & Chat	Beetley MC
Wed	7.30pm	Ladies Wednesday Club, details Jacky Woor	Dereham MC
Thurs	9-9.30am	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	10.00am	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	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	10-12.00	1st in month: Coffee Shop with stalls.	Hingham MC