

THE LINK

Includes the Circuit Plan

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**These are the churches that have not yet featured in 'Church profiles'.
See Stephen Lynn's article on page 4.**

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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A couple of days ago, Malcolm and I were talking about a meeting I was attending and he said to me "Is this the first of the lasts?" I looked rather puzzled, and he reminded me that over the years various colleagues have referred to meetings in their last year in the Circuit using the above phrase – in other words, this meeting/service etc is the first of many last Church Councils etc.



So, this is the last Minister's letter I shall write for the Link, and it's set me thinking. Just as I started the Candidating process, I was involved in a car accident – and I nearly wasn't accepted at all! Then I had another whilst I was in my first year in Circuit, and I nearly wasn't ordained. Over the years we have wondered whether, because Rheumatoid arthritis kept flaring up, that particular appointment would be my last. Now here I am, approaching that "magical" age when the government, and the Methodist Church, say I can sit down (isn't that a lovely term for retirement?)

When I had that first car accident God promised that He would always give me the strength I needed – and He has kept that promise (so I shouldn't really be surprised that I've managed to get to retirement age should I?) There have been many ups and downs and challenges on the way, but God's been there sharing them with me – and often picking me up, dusting me down and setting me on the way again! There have been many new experiences, and He has led my ministry in some completely unexpected directions – 10 years as an Agricultural and Rural Chaplain was something I didn't envisage when I offered for the ministry!

Now a new phase of ministry is on the horizon. We will be moving to Rhos-on-Sea (near Llandudno) in North Wales and I've got ideas of things I want to do – including swimming in the sea and in lakes, and I'm hoping to learn Welsh. However, I'm also sure that God has got plans for us there and that in His own good time He will reveal them to us.

In the words of a hymn by Joseph Hart: "Tis Jesus the first and the last, Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home; We'll praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come."

God bless,

Eleanor

As I mentioned swimming above, I've signed up to do the Great North Swim on June 8th – 10k in Lake Windermere (in an area that's protected from all the pleasure boats, and which will have lots of safety boats around as well.) I'm swimming in aid of Swaffham Methodist Church's redevelopment and ASPIRE (the charity which helps people with spinal injuries). Sponsorship forms will be available and all donations will be gratefully received!

THE LINK

We have another very full edition of The Link this time. The large number of events being run by our churches up and down the Circuit continues to amaze me. Even if your church is only running, say, a monthly coffee morning do try and see this in the context of the overall activity and you will realise the importance of your efforts.

This month we have been able to publish the weekly events diary which is on page 28. If you spot any errors please let me know.

Ever since I became the Editor we have been running a series of Church Profiles and the aim was to cover every church in the Circuit which would have taken about another year. However it has come to light that a number of churches no longer have records going back to their earlier days. Please read Stephen Lynn's article about this in page 4 as it has some quite serious implications. So no-one feels left out the pictures of the churches that have not yet featured are on the front cover. Of course if any further information comes to light there's no reason why any (or all) of these churches can't be featured in future editions.

As previously mentioned The Link is being produced in full colour although the printed version remains in black and white on cost grounds. In future the electronic version that Lucy circulates to church contacts will be in colour so if you are interested mention this to your church contact and they can forward it to you. I have not received any comments on the desirability of colour or not either way. If you don't comment nothing is likely to change!

As I said earlier this quarter has seen a large number of contributions with the result that a few items which are not date sensitive have had to be held over till next time. Apologies if this affects your item but there is a limit to the amount we can include. However please don't let this stop sending in lots of items for the next edition!

I hope you will enjoy reading this edition. There is much in it to give thanks for, and much stimulus for prayer

Tony Hey

DEADLINE

**FOR THE
June—August
EDITION**

SATURDAY 28th APRIL

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up to the end of August*

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CHURCH PROFILES

Co-ordinated by Stephen Lynn

Ever since 'The Link' became the Circuit's main quarterly communication I have enjoyed putting together the profile section, relating some of the history and heritage of our town and village churches, along with the part they have, and are continuing to play in the growth of the communities they serve.

Alas, it now seems that I have, somewhat prematurely, reached the point where I am having to call a halt to this feature.

In the last edition of the magazine I did ask those churches that had not yet been featured to send me any information they could for this feature, but none were forthcoming.

Upon further investigation it appears that, sadly, the history of most of those churches is lost forever. As time has gone by old documents, particularly minute books, have disappeared, often due to the death of a church secretary, and the failure of those responsible for disposing of their estate to recognise the significance of the documents, meaning that they are consigned to the dustbin.

This makes me very sad, particularly when we realise that subsequent generations will have no reference to the history of their church.

At least through these articles in the Link over the past issues, we have ensured that there is some kind of record, however incomplete, of the story of Methodism in this part of the world to add to the material available elsewhere.

Hopefully this article will sound alarm bells for us, and we will make sure that anything pertaining to the history of our existing churches, particularly things like minute books, are retained safely for the future. The County Archive Office is always pleased to receive anything for safe keeping, as well as making material available, so may I urge you to please make sure that our history is retained to be shared with those who will be here long after we have gone.

May I just add that should any church discover any kind of cache of information in the future, I will be glad to receive it for use in a future issue.

Stephen Lynn

A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR THE CIRCUIT

On Nov 28th. thirty eight of us from across the Circuit met at Letton Hall for a day of reflection for Advent entitled 'Christmas is for Grown Ups.' It was a bright clear day which meant we were able to make use of the grounds for walking despite it being rather cold! Although the idea for this day came out of the Circuit Walks walking was only one of the activities on offer. After a short act of worship the day consisted of three sessions which contained a short talk and questions to reflect on. Following each session there was the opportunity if it was helpful to make use of Adult Colouring, Zentangle, Air-drying Clay, Pictures and poems to meditate on and a wide variety of books to browse. A guided meditation on the Theme of Waiting proved to be popular.



The sessions were based on the story of Zechariah (Doubting becomes Trusting), Anna and Simeon (Waiting becomes Seeing), The Wise Men (Knowing becomes Fulfilling). Some of this turned out to be light hearted and amusing – we laughed quite a lot! (especially with Barbara and Liz!) But the feedback we received indicated that it was also a meaningful and useful day in a spiritual sense.



We shared our packed lunches together and the whole day was another opportunity to meet others from across the Circuit who we had not met before.

We are grateful for all the feedback we received which was both encouraging and useful. The day did take many hours of preparation and thought but it seems it was worth it! The feedback indicated that there is a need for more days like this – watch this space!

Rev. Barbara

Mr CHARLES

(22nd November 1920 –

*This is a transcript of the appreciation given by Rev Andrew King
at Charlie's Funeral.*

It is a tremendous privilege today to give a personal tribute as we thank God for the life of Mr Charles James Greves, known to us as Charlie. The first time I met Charlie and also Edna was when I was invited to take a Hindringham Guild meeting early in my ministry in Dereham about 2003 / 2004. Charlie gave me a very warm and firm handshake welcoming me not just to the Guild but to the chapel at Hindringham. As the meeting began with worship I was aware of his powerful and tuneful singing voice, which Charlie maintained until the very end of his life. For him the worship of God was paramount, and with Edna, they supported the chapel faithfully morning and evening all their married life together until frailty last summer made that impossible.



At that time Charlie may have still be a Circuit steward in the Fakenham Wells & Holt Circuit. As the Circuit Superintendent Minister, I am acutely aware of the time commitment and emotional and spiritual demands which the office lays upon its stewards. Care of the ministers and their families' wellbeing were paramount concerns for Charlie. His style of leadership was to support and encourage all the churches in the Circuit, taking great interest in people and attending Church & Circuit events as often as he could. He saw his ministry as building up the Circuit to become truly the one family of God.

His strong Christian faith and view of the Church was mirrored in his family life, as the Patriarch of the family. A loving husband to Edna and a good and supportive father to Malcolm and Shirley, and father-in-law to Jayne and Barrie; a beloved Grandad to Ben & Emily, Jason & Clarissa, Sophie and Iain, Lucy and Matt, and Hannah and Dan; and a treasured great-grandad to Jack and Elsie, Daisy and Charlie, Molly & Kitty, and Bea and Ned. Family life was central to Charlie and Edna, and the love and affection by which they were held was shown in so many ways.

JAMES GREVES

6th December 2017)

Another treasured memory of mine will be the gorgeous teas and suppers prepared at or by the chapel, especially Harvest Supper and the May lunches, when all the family would pull out every stop not just to produce the best food possible but also in the décor and ambience turning the chapel or Village Hall into a stylish eating establishment. From Dad the family shared his values that only the best will do and God expects us to offer our best. When I moved to Fakenham I got to know Charlie better and it was a privilege to lead the evening service on Sunday 21st November 2010 to celebrate Charlie's 90th birthday. After a fantastic tea, the chapel was packed for an act of worship café style as we sat around tables. The Circuit that day gave their thanks to Charlie for a life of service dedication and commitment. The Hindringham Guild Male Voice Choir members sang to honour Charlie who was their star singer; and I remember Malcolm giving Dad a wonderful personal tribute. That night I became aware of the perils and dangers Charlie faced as a D-Day veteran and hero; something he modestly had not shared with me before. Again, a tribute to his Christian character as a modest man who never shied away when called to service whatever the danger or sacrifice. I know more will be said at the thanksgiving service, but having shared with Rev James in a number of Remembrance Sunday services at St Martin's Church I was always deeply moved when Charlie, supported by all his family, would come up to the War Memorial each year to lay the wreath of poppies.

Other family landmarks remembered would be Edna & Charlie's 70th wedding anniversary and Edna's 90th in the May of 2016. For Charlie Church, Family and Home, 12 The Elms, Hindringham were central to his life and faith. Today we find comfort in the Psalms especially this verse from Psalm 103 "As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him" and we see the fulfilment of this in these later verses, "but the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments."

Malcolm, Shirley and all the family would like to thank everyone for all their prayers messages and support after passing of Charlie on the 6th December and also to everyone who attended the Thanksgiving Service on the 6th January, it gave us as a family the opportunity to share how important he was to us as a Dad, Grandad and family member and also what the Chapel had meant to him all his life. It had been a difficult year for Mum and Dad and for the family when we had to make the decision that they needed to go into care but were fortunate that they were able to be together at Eckling Grange in Dereham where he was cared for so well and where Mum is being looked after.



“MY LIFE AROUND AGRICULTURE”

A talk by Baroness Gillian Shephard

The changes and challenges facing modern agriculture affect the lives of everyone living in the countryside and inevitably touch the work and witness of our village churches and chapels. It was this which prompted Fulmodeston's Methodists to seek the support of others concerned with village life in their area to initiate a series of biennial meetings to explore some of these issues. The Barney, Fulmodeston and Thursford Food Production Club was pleased to support the project as were the Thursford Methodists, the Anglican Churches in the three villages and the Parish Councils of both Thursford and Fulmodeston-with-Barney. We have always endeavoured to make the meetings relevant and interesting to both those directly involved in agriculture and those new to country living who want to learn more about the industry which forms the background to their lives.

Speakers from the John Innes Institute, Easton Agricultural College and Pensthope Nature Reserve have been amongst those who have addressed such topics as Conventional, Organic and Conservation Grade farming, Genetic Engineering, Environmental issues and Agricultural Education. At our last meeting, in 2016, the public were invited to put questions to a well-informed panel of four local farmers.

For our fifth meeting on 1st March this year our guest will be Norfolk born Rt. Hon. Baroness Gillian Shephard, a former Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food who will speak to the title “My Life around Agriculture”.

As usual the meeting will be hosted by the Food Production Club in Fulmodeston's Old School Hall and, to make it an enjoyable social as well as informative event, a cold buffet will be available (and the bar open) from 6.30 before the formal proceedings begin at 7.30 p.m.

Baroness Shephard is an excellent speaker - and an entry fee of £3.00 will give you access to what promises to be a very informative and enjoyable evening.

HOLIDAY CLUB AT BEETLEY

From John Hull: After the last Holiday Club at Beetley it was reluctantly decided that the time had come to draw this activity to a close, after many happy and hopefully productive years.

all those from Beetley, Gressenhall, Wendling and Trinity who have helped practically and also those from other parts of the circuit who have contributed financially.

Rev Liz Jolly, who we thank for inspiring these sessions, personally wishes to thank

LENT AT LITCHAM

During the five Fridays of Lent, Litcham chapel will be hosting a series of Friday morning events looking at the Five Marks of Mission under the headings:-

TELL + TEACH + TEND + TRANSFORM + TREASURE

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom. Proclamation may be in words but also in actions, by living the Good News we preach. In many ways this is foundational – a summary of what all mission is about.
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers Christian discipleship is about lifelong learning, so we all need formal and informal resources for growing in faith, so that the Church is a learning environment for all ages.
3. To respond to human need by loving service. Churches have a long tradition of care through pastoral ministry. Christians are called to respond to the needs of people locally and in the wider human community.
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation. Jesus and the OT prophets before him challenged oppressive structures in God's name. Christians should not only press for change, but also demonstrate justice within Church structures.
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the sea, the life of the earth. The Bible's vision of salvation is universal in its scope. We are called to promote the wellbeing of the human community and its environment, so that Creation may live in harmony.

This series is inspired by a course organised by the Anglican Church of Bermuda, and devised by the Bishop of that Diocese. We will be running it as an ecumenical venture, with session leaders from both Methodist and Anglican traditions. Sessions begin at 10am with coffee, and last for an hour. This is an extension of our very popular 'Second Friday' study group which meets throughout the rest of the year. Folk are invited to join in at whatever level they find comfortable, whether by speaking or simply listening. We are a very lively bunch, and along with the serious side of study there are inevitably moments of complete hilarity. If you fancy joining us everyone will be made very welcome. Each session is a 'stand alone', so there is no commitment to attend all five sessions.

We look forward to seeing you.

Stephen Lynn

FREDA BURLEY

Sue Scoles writes: I'm sure there will be several people reading this who will remember Freda Burley who died on January 5th this year aged 97 years. Freda was a stalwart of Wells Methodist church for many years and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Following her retirement and subsequent move to Wells, Freda was circuit treasurer for 24 years, as well as being treasurer of Wells and Wighton Methodist churches. As Freda became more frail she was unable to attend her beloved Wells church but she still enjoyed the monthly services held in Dorrington House where she spent her final years. Her funeral was held on January 23rd and was very well attended by her many friends, including two past ministers from Wells, who had travelled some distance to attend. She will be sadly missed but always remembered for the depth of her knowledge and the help she gave to the church. Despite all she suffered in recent years her faith always shone through.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday March 2nd

Over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of 'All God's Creation is Very Good.' The Christian women of Suriname, in South America wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects, to be used, throughout the whole world, starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa.

COULD THIS BE THE NEXT ANDREW KING?

Elizabeth Laws writes: My cousin, Linda de Bloeme, took the Christmas Day service at Tittleshall Chapel this year, with the help of her 6 year old son, William. He enjoys reading and read a Christmas poem from his Child's Bible.



***“Faith, Hope and Love, these three;
but the greatest of these is Love”,
St. Paul.***

*“Hope springs eternal in the human breast”,
they said. “Not in my breast”, said he.
“In this sad world where we by selfish greed
ravage earth’s beauty and pollute her seas
I see no grounds for hope in times like
these”.*

*‘Have faith in God’, they said, and he
tried so to do – but all to no avail.
He had known faith breed bigotry and strife,
religion carry bloodshed in its train:
his lost belief was hard to find again.*

*Then, “Love your neighbour as yourself”,
they said; “let your compassion light
at least a candle in the gloom of night.
Go where the dark is deepest, where the
need is great,
where beggars lie beside the rich man’s
gate”.*

*He went - and found that he himself could
sow
the seeds of Hope and watch them sprout
and grow;
and Faith resurgent gave him eyes to see
Love in a carpenter of Galilee,
who touched to heal a leper in the street
and knelt to wash his friends’ bespattered
feet;*

*who, crucified with tools of his own trade,
for those who tortured him forgiveness
prayed,*

*Paul’s famous list of virtues
has power to inspire us still -
but Hope without Faith may die
and Faith without Love can kill.*

David Yarham


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MY PRAYER

Take my hand, Lord,
Guide me and, Lord,
Lead me along life’s narrow way.
Give me strength, Lord,
For its length, Lord,
Stay with me, constantly, each day.

Be a part, Lord,
of my heart, lord
Fill me with love for every man.
I will take, Lord,
For thy sake, Lord,
That love to share with all I can.

help me, dear Lord,
Serve you here, lord,
And with my whole heart I’ll rejoice.
I’ll give you praise, Lord,
All my days, Lord,
With a grateful, thankful voice.

Olive Brown

THE NIXON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

From Rosemary Wakelin: The Nixon Memorial Hospital began almost accidentally early in the last century when a missionary and his wife, who had braved the climate and the mosquitoes, were besieged by sick people looking for medical help. They did what they could on the verandah of their bungalow. This was in Segbwema, 200 miles up-country from Freetown, capital of Sierra Leone.

The need was so great that the Methodist Missionary Society (as it then was) funded and then staffed a basic hospital with qualified medical staff and a nursing school was started.

In the early 50s Alderman Nixon, one time Mayor of Newcastle on Tyne, and a devoted Methodist, made a very generous donation to fund the building of a modern Operating Theatre. The Sierra Leone Army donated a generator (no longer needed for search lights) and the hospital entered the 20th century, with electricity for basic x-ray equipment and house lights in the evening – (when they worked!) and became the Nixon Memorial Hospital.

It was in the 50s that my husband Paul, (recently recovered from TB contracted at the Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya) was appointed as one of the three doctors. So we arrived in Segbwema – with 6 month old twins – Mark and Mary. The work was relentless for the medical staff. Paul would begin at 7am and apart from meal breaks would often not finish before 9 or 10pm, and then would be on call through the night – and there were many night calls particularly from the Maternity Ward. I taught English in the Nursing School as all the medical exams were in English. I also taught maths in the Methodist High School.

Because of our well qualified staff the Nursing School flourished and candidates came from all over the country., and although a remote up-country Hospital, the standard of treatment and success rates were such that patients would even travel the long dusty journey by rail or road from Freetown to receive treatment and for operations. They also welcomed the ban on bribery!

It was a hard life for us all. In spite of being satisfied with Mark and Mary, Michael joined us in '61! In 1964 The Maua Hospital in Kenya was suddenly without a doctor, and the MMS asked Paul to return to Kenya. Our time in Segbwema came to an end. From being a peaceful country, poor Sierra Leone was torn apart by war. The missionaries were called home, though one doctor remained for some time. The hospital was largely destroyed including the Theatre. Since then it has been struggling back to life with mainly indigenous leadership. Freetown as an overcrowded city was the focus of the Ebola epidemic. The Nixon, being in a rural area was less affected. The hospital is now free of Ebola and the nursing school back to normal. However, All WE CAN has just gone into partnership with the Methodist Church in Sierra Leone to establish a new EBOLA SURVIVOR SUPPORT CENTRE based at Nixon Memorial - So a new role and a new chapter beginning in the life of the Hospital. There are many Friends of Nixon who continue to support with gifts and prayers – so a big 'thankyou' to all who contribute to ALL WE CAN. The work goes on.

One more step along the way . . .

Developments at Swaffham

This was one of the hymns we sang at the Covenant Service led by Rev. Eleanor in January and we certainly have a sense of, 'and it's from the old we travel to the new', as we continue to progress our plans for Swaffham.



With the funding in place, the contract has gone out to tender and we are hopeful of beginning the regeneration work soon after Easter. In the meantime, we have needed a temporary home and it looks as if we have found this in the form of a vacated shop, which is located on the other side of the road from the church, a short walk via the pedestrian crossing.

Being a shop, and not wanting to go through the arduous process of change of usage, we have come up with the idea of becoming a TraidCraft outlet. This means that we will have a clear retail function, certainly a new purpose and at the same time plenty of space to hold regular services and other church meetings.

With the full go ahead from Church Council, there is a new energy to find meaning that goes way beyond modernised and refurbished premises. Selling TraidCraft goods in itself is an activity which helps Christians from other countries but there can be so much more to gain from the enterprise.

We are very excited about having a shop window on the Methodist Church in a prominent location on London Street in Swaffham. We hope it will become a place where local people can drop-in to browse, to chat, to find friendship and see faith in action.

Our experience of this initiative will also help us to decide on new directions for when we find ourselves back in the church building. To help us think about the future, we have been working with Yasmin Finch, District Mission Enabler, exploring our vision, looking at our strengths and weaknesses and daring to dream!

As we press on with the many details that need to be addressed to bring the building works to fruition, it is good to keep in mind the words of Psalm 127: Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

Sarah Rodgers

LITCHAM QUARTERLY QUERYISTS

From Stephen Lynn: This is a new ecumenical group which will be meeting once a quarterly basis to examine all sorts of aspects both of our faith and other faiths. We held our first meeting in November when we looked at the similarities and differences between the three Abrahamic faiths, and it was so successful that we are going to carry it through into 2018.

Our next meeting will be on March 22nd, at 7pm. at Litcham chapel and we are delighted that our guest speaker will be the Chaplain to the Bishop of Norwich, the Rev Susanna Gunner. Her topic will be 'Stoneyheartedness and Surrender'. (No, I didn't know it was a real word either!). The meeting will be around an hour, and there will be an opportunity for refreshment and conversation afterwards.

Everyone is very welcome, so do join us for a stimulating evening of mutual learning in an informal setting.

COMMUNION WINE

This year I have had more churches than ever before ringing me for Communion wine.

I have said many times before that I do not hold a stock between Circuit Meetings, particularly with the large gap between the Autumn and Spring meetings, due to the problem with product use by dates.

It is therefore incumbent on churches to ensure that they hold an adequate supply to meet their needs. I am quite happy to continue ordering the wine on a bulk basis to keep the cost down, but need your co-operation in placing your orders no later than 2 weeks prior to the Circuit Meeting.

This time I am going to bring the date ahead slightly, and ask that you place your orders by **MARCH 1st**.

If you are desperate in the meantime, there is nothing to stop you ordering direct from Broadland Wines from their website. The cost will be higher as you will have to pay carriage, and you will lose the advantage of

LONDON MARATHON AND ACTION FOR CHILDREN

From Rev Barbara: On April 22nd our youngest son Duncan will be running the London Marathon in memory of John. He will be raising money for Action for Children and is looking for sponsors. If anyone would like to offer support I have sponsorship forms or you can donate on <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/run-dunc-run>.

There is also a competition at £2 a go to guess the time it takes him to complete the marathon. If you would like to know more please get in touch. 01953 883923 revbmw@btinternet.com

Many thanks.

the case price discount.

Might I suggest that folk responsible for placing orders mark a date 3 weeks to the well publicised dates of Circuit Meetings in their diaries to ensure their order is placed in plenty of time.

Stephen Lynn

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Elsie Warby writes: In the Sept/Nov edition, I reported that we would be collecting 'shoeboxes' again at Watton in 2017, and

issued a challenge that perhaps we might fill the office with boxes instead of only half-full. I was not disappointed!

It was quite difficult to work in there for a week or two as the piles of boxes grew higher and wider.

We sent a total of 242, twice as many as before from a variety of sources: Gt Ellingham Chapel, 2 local schools, our own church and local community, and from Swaffham Parish church and convent school.

A very good effort by everyone concerned.

HYMNS FOR AGEING METHODISTS

Submitted by Pippa Cook

Immortal, invisible.....I know my glasses are here somewhere.

And did those feet.....ever manage to walk more than a mile.

I danced in the morning.....but I couldn't do it now.

Morning has broken.....but it wasn't me that dropped it this time.

One more step along the world I go..... actually, that's probably all I can manage.



Swaffham Methodist Church is undergoing regeneration of the interior of the Chapel. As a result the Victorian Period Pews, constructed in a high quality softwood, believed to be Beech, are being offered for sale.



Long Pews (Pictured above and right): Total length 4.8 m (15ft 9in)
All long pews have a panel off-centred dividing the total length of the pew into two unequal halves. Half of the pews have the longer length of 2.8m to the left of centre the other half are 2.8m to the right of centre.
Pews are 36 inches high at both ends with a seat height of 18 inches and seat depth of 12 inches.



Short Pews (Pictured left):
Length 2.40m (7ft 11in). Pews have a 36 inches high carved end support at one end only. (half of pews for sale are left ended the remainder are right ended)
All pews have a seat height of 18 inches and seat depth of 12 inches

For further information please contact Geraldine Allen on 01760 441441 or email ga@gaevents.co.uk.

NEWS FROM

MATTISHALL

We were pleased to see larger congregations in the chapel over the Christmas season. The first of these was the annual Christmas Concert in aid of Action for Children when we enjoyed a variety of musical items and seasonal readings by the Toftwood Singers led by Dennis Flood accompanied by Doreen Doggett on the piano. Together with the proceeds from the December Saturday Coffee Morning and a large donation we were able to send £300 to this charity. At the Christmas Eve Carol Service led by Rev Betty we were joined by members of our late organist Madge's family and several younger people who usually attend the monthly Prayer and Praise services on a Sunday evening so we had a good sing!

In January members joined with other villagers for the annual Agape Lunch in the Church Rooms where we had a simple meal prepared by the Anglicans. 26 people enjoyed fellowship together and were entertained between the courses by Rev Betty and then a sing-a-long with guitarist Liz Hunton. We will also join with members of other churches for the Good Friday Walk of Witness through the village starting at the Evangelical Church at 11 am.

We look forward to our Chapel Anniversary weekend when on the Saturday evening of Saturday 21st April we have a concert by the Brundall Singers and on the Sunday afternoon we have Rev Andrew King taking our service.

SAHAM HILLS

We sent 126 shoe boxes this year. Thanks to all who contributed.

SHIPDHAM LEP

Due to inclement weather we had to cancel our Carol Service in December, but then we had a New Year celebration service on January 7th which was a great success. We had singers from Toftwood, a flute player and children playing their recorders. The service was led by Rev Denis Simons and the organist was Mrs Doreen Doggett.

Our Coffee Mornings held on the second Thursday of each month from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon are very well supported. Tea/coffee and cakes, everyone welcome, no charge, just a donation if you wish.

Once a month Youth for Christ use the church and we also welcome a monthly wives' group.

We are only small in numbers but we have a service every Sunday morning at 9.30 a.m. We are very friendly and everyone is welcome.

We know the Lord is with us and working his purpose out.



Open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays
and Mondays

11.00 a.m.—5.00 p.m.

CHURCHES

LITCHAM

Bubbles the donkey will once again be the star of the show in the Palm Sunday Processional Service at Litcham on March 25th.

The service, which is an ecumenical event organised jointly with our Anglican friends, begins at Litcham Hall, which is on the Lexham Road (B1145), towards the West of the village.

It then moves around the village, stopping at various points for times of prayer and reflection, culminating with a short act of worship on the village green in the village centre.

It is always a joyous occasion, and after the service there is an invitation for everyone to join us for refreshments at the chapel.

Swaffham Methodist Church

is undergoing regeneration of the interior of the Chapel.

As a result several Cast Iron Column Radiators are for sale.



Available sizes:

2 Radiators: 30 inches wide by 6 inches deep

2 Radiators: 21 inches wide by 6 inches deep

2 Radiators: 21 inches wide by 9 inches deep

All radiators are 36 inches high

For further information please contact:

Geraldine Allen on 01760 441441

or email ga@gaevents.co.uk

FULMODESTON

Chapel Anniversary

Ecumenism plays an important part in the life of Fulmodeston Chapel. We enjoy excellent relations with our friends in the parish church and are actively represented in the ecumenical Barney and Fulmodeston Churches House Group. We are especially pleased to have a Baptist family who regularly worships with us and this year Baptist minister, Revd, Alan Stroulger of Dereham will be leading our Anniversary service at 2.30 p.m. on 29th April. The service will include items by members of congregation.

BLAKENEY

Those who meet on Tuesdays at 5.45pm wish the group to be known as Contemplative Prayer in preference to Centring Prayer.

HINDRINGHAM METHODIST CHAPEL

MAY DAY LUNCH

MONDAY 7TH MAY 2018

AT

HINDRINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

12.30PM

TICKETS £10 FROM

BRENDA 01328 878432

OR

SHIRLEY 01328 878485

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

SWAFFHAM

Lent Series at Swaffham: Swaffham is once again holding a daily series throughout Lent. The theme is '40 Day journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer'. Extracts from the writing of the German pastor and theologian form the basis for a cafe-style time of Bible study, sharing and prayer. There is an open invitation to take part every week day throughout Lent at 10.00am for about 45 minutes. All are welcome.

While the church is undergoing regeneration, as many as possible of our regular activities will take place in temporary premises across the road from the church.

Don't forget to visit our new TraidCraft shop - opening times to be announced.

Do you know anyone who might be interested in purchasing Swaffham's cast off rads and pews? If so, please contact Geraldine on 01760 441441 or email ga@gaevents.co.uk

[See adverts on pages 15 and 17. Ed.]

Litcham Methodist Church
presents

A CANADIAN ADVENTURE

In words and pictures with
REV. ANDREW & SARAH KING
Thursday March 1st at 7.30pm.

Free admission

LITCHAM AND TITTLESHALL

The churches at Tittleshall and Litcham will be uniting once again for the now traditional Good Friday Walk of Witness.

The walk, which rotates it's starting point each year, will leave the chapel at Tittleshall at 10.00 a.m. after a short commissioning ceremony for those walking.

For those unable to walk, or indeed, anyone else who would like to join in, their will be a service of contemplation and reflection at Litcham beginning at 10.15 a.m. until the arrival of the walking contingent at around 11.00 a.m.

There will be the chance to enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment afterwards.

WELLS

Ecumenical Lent study groups which will take place at various venues in Wells began the week of February 12th.

Here in Wells the churches together provide a simple lunch each Friday in Lent. These are held at the Quaker Meeting House, start on Friday 16th February and cost £3.00.

HOLT

A new Bereavement Support Group has been set up meeting on the second Monday of every month beginning on March 12th.

DEREHAM

LADIES ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

Saturday June 2nd, 7.30 p.m.
Concert with Jampacked

Sunday June 3rd 11.00 a.m.
Ladies Anniversary Service

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

For your information, prayer and support

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 T.M.C. Methodist Church.

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

Contemplative Prayer: Tuesdays 5.45pm

Prayers followed by coffee: Thursdays 10.00
a.m. (Maundy Thursday will include
Communion)

Contemplative Prayer: Tuesdays 5.45 p.m.

T.M.C. Café: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays,
Mondays 11.00 a.m. – 5.00. p.m.

Palm Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Procession of
Palms from the Methodist Church. United
Service in Parish Church 11.00 a.m..

Good Friday: 10.15 a.m.. Procession through
the village. United Service in Parish Church
at 11.00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross: 6.00 p.m. St. Peter's
Church. Friday's from February 23rd – March
23rd. inclusive.

Lent lunches: Wednesday 21st February and
21st March at St. Nicholas Church.
Thursdays March 1st 8th. 15th. - venue
to be arranged. All lunches 12 - 1.30pm.
Donations for Aid to Africa.

Lent Course: The Mystery of Everything and
the Theory of Everything. DVD of the movie
followed by discussion.
Wednesdays. February 21st. 28th. March 7th,
14th, 21st. all at the Rectory apart from 21st at
St. Peter's Church
Cliff will lead on March 14th.

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.

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. March 16th, April 20th, May
18th.

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

Bereavement Support Group: 1.00 – 3.00
p.m. March 12th, April 9th, May 14th..

Easter Services:

Good Friday: 9.30 a.m. Hot Cross Buns
10.00 a.m. Short service
10.30 a.m. Walk of Witness
and open-air service (in
conjunction with St.
Andrew's

Easter Day: 6.00 a.m. Sunrise service on
Spout Hills
7.00 a.m. Communion
followed by breakfast
11.00 a.m. Easter Morning
Communion service

HINGHAM

Market and Coffee Shop with Crafty Corner
for children: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon March
3rd, April 7th, May 5th.

Bible Discussion Group: 10.00 – 11.30 a.m.
March 12th, April 9th, 23rd, May 14th.

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 - 3.30 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.

Mothering Sunday Service: 11.00 a.m. March 11th, led by Rev Betty Trinder.

Good Friday Service: 9.30 a.m. March 30th.

Easter Day Service: 11.00 a.m. April 1st.

Concert: 7.00 p.m. May 26th. Details to be announced.

Church Anniversary: 11.00 a.m. May 27th, led by Rev Val Spencer.

TITTLESHALL

Soup Lunch: 11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. March 21st.

Come and enjoy some company, a warming bowl of home-made soup, a dessert and a tea/coffee. Vegetarian and gluten-free diets catered for.

You are invited to donate as much as you wish for your meal. Proceeds in aid of Church funds.

BEETLEY

Bible Study: 2.00 p.m.. Contact John Hull 01362 695154 for details.

Drop In: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. March 7th, 21st, April 4th, 18th, May 2nd, 16th.

Prayer Meetings: 9.30 a.m. March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd.

Knit and Natter: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd.

Coffee Morning: 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. March 24th, chosen charity Dereham Town Pastors. May 26th, chosen charity Letton Hall. In November £79.84 was raised for Beetley Scout Group.

Church Council with Gressenhall: 10.00 a.m. March 6th at Beetley.

SCULTHORPE

Mothering Sunday Service: 2.30 p.m. March 11th, led by Pippa Cook.

Good Friday Service: 3.00 p.m. March 30th, led by Pippa Cook and the Worship Group.

Easter Day Service: 2.30 p.m. April 1st, led by Tony Hey.

Action for Children Concert: 7.30 p.m. April 28th in the Salvation Army Hall with "Reprise". Tickets £5.00.

GREAT ELLINGHAM

Coffee Mornings (including sales table and home-made cakes): 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st.

Fellowship Meetings: 2.30 p.m. March 13th, 27th, April 10th, 24th, May 8th, 22nd.

HINDRINGHAM

Good Friday Service: 7.00 p.m. March 30th led by Rev Cliff Shanganya.

LITCHAM

Coffee Mornings: every Thursday 10.30-12 noon

Palm Sunday: Processional Service (with donkey) leaves Litcham Hall at 2.00 p.m.

Good Friday: Walk of Witness leaves Tittleshall at 10.00 a.m. (arriving at Litcham app. 11.00 a.m.). Worship at Litcham for those not able to walk from 10.15 a.m. Refreshments will be served after both events.

Jumble Sale: 10.00 a.m. April 14th.

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. March 21th, April 18th, May 16th.

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

Women's World Day of Prayer: 2.00 p.m. March 2nd at the Catholic Church on the Buttlands.

Easter Services:

Maundy Thursday 7.00 p.m. Section Service to include Holy Communion

Good Friday 10.30 a.m. service of meditation
12.30 p.m. united procession of witness from the Buttlands to the Quay.

Easter Sunday 6.30 a.m. united service on the beach near the Lifeboat House.

11.00 a.m. morning service led by our minister, Rev Cliff Shanganya.

Christian Aid week: (13 – 19 May) 6.00 p.m. May 20th united service at the Methodist Church.

WATTON

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

Singing Group: 2.30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month.

Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship: 2.30 p.m. – 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month 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

Women's World Day of Prayer: 2.00 p.m. March 2nd. Everyone welcome.

Good Friday Silent Walk of Witness:

10.30 a.m. Leaving from St. Mary's and walking to the Methodist Church

11.00 a.m. Service in the Methodist Church

GARVESTONE

Knit and Natter: 10.30 – 12.00 noon March 13th, April 10th, May 8th.

Prayer Meetings: 7.30 p.m. March 16th, April 20th, May 18th.

Good Friday Reflection: 2.00 p.m. March 30th.

SHIPDHAM

Methodist / URC LEP

Coffee Mornings: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon March 8th, April 12th, May 10th.

WENDLING

Coffee mornings: 10.30 – 12.00 noon March 14th, 28th, April 11th, 25th, May 9th, 23rd.

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 (details Jacky
01362 697860) alternating with Kathy's Bible
Study (details Kathy 01362 697154)

Ladies Wednesday Club: 7.30 p.m. (details
Jacky Woor 01362 697860) April 25th (open
meeting – Jacky showing slides of Israel).

Coffee Mornings: 10.00 a.m. March 15th, April
19th, May 17th.

Lunch Club: 12.00 noon (details Pam 01362
854394) March 8th, April 12th, May 10th.

Mid-Week Communion: 10.30 a.m. March
22nd, April 26th, May 24th.

Cards & Chatter: 11.15 a.m. (details Sylvia
Meredith 01362 693425) March 22nd, April
26th, May 24th.

Prayer Meetings: 10.00 a.m. March 1st, April
5th, May 3rd.

Church Council / AGM: 7.30 p.m. April 12th.

STIBBARD

Praise Together: 4.00 p.m. April 1st, May
6th.

Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee: 10.30 a.m.
March 27th, April 24th, May 29th.

Lunch @ The Centre: 12.30 p.m. March 14th,
April 11th, May 9th.

Quiz Night @ The Centre: 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.
May 25th.

Railway Film Afternoons with Tea and Cake:
2.30 p.m. March 3th, April 7th, 7.30 p.m. May
5th.

Circuit Choir Practice: 7.30 p.m. March 2th,
16th, April 6th, 20th, May 4th, 18th.

MATTISHALL

Monthly Charity Coffee Mornings: 10.00 –
11.30 a.m. March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th.

Led Prayers: 8.45 - 9.15 a.m. with Rev Betty.
March 9th, April 13th, May 11th.

**Mattishall Dementia Support Group – “The
Link”:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon March 6th,
20th, April 3rd, 17th, May 1st, 15th.

Women's World Day of Prayer: 2.00 p.m.
March 2nd at All Saints.

Church Anniversary Weekend: April 21st –
22nd.

Saturday: 7.00 p.m. Concert by the Brundall
Singers

Sunday: 2.30 p.m. Service led by Rev
Andrew King

SWAFFHAM

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

Coffee Mornings: 9.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon
every Saturday, held for good causes.

Journey through Lent: Café-style study
every weekday 10.00 – 10.45 a.m.

Thursday Group: 2.30 p.m. 2nd and 4th
Thursdays for inspirational speakers and
fellowship.

SAHAM HILLS

Friendship Knit and Natter Group: 2.30 p.m.
March 20th, April 24th, May 22nd.

Mothering Day Service: 10.30 a.m. March
11th with Rev Eleanor Reddington.

Hot Cross Buns: with tea / coffee and the
usual stalls 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon March
29th.

Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning:
10.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. May 26th.

FULMODESTON

Chapel Anniversary: 2.30 p.m. April 29th, led by Rev. Alan Stroulger.

THURSFORD

Coffee morning: 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon April 7th.

CIRCUIT MEETINGS

Tuesday March 20th 2018 at Dereham
Wednesday June 20th 2018 at Toftwood

All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m.

NORTHERN PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

March 5th Holt
April 9th Stibbard
May 7th Fulmodeston

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May 20	6.30pm	Contemporary Worship	Holt MC
May 21	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Mar 22	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
May 22	2.00pm	Friendship Knit and Natter Group	Saham Hills MC
May 22	2.30pm	Singing Group	Watton MC
May 23	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
May 23	2.00-3.00	Knit and Natter	Beetley MC
May 24	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham MC
May 24	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham MC
May 24	2.30pm	Thursday Group	Swaffham MC
May 25	7.00pm	Quiz Night @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 26	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning in aid of Letton Hall	Beetley MC
May 26	10.00-1.30	Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning	Saham Hills MC
May 26	7.00pm	Concert—details to be announced	Toftwood MC
May 27	11.00am	Church Anniversary led by rev Val Spence	Toftwood MC
May 29	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre



The group has made a very good start and has already participated in some services. It has also been asked to lead some carol singing at the Holt Lights switch-on next November. New members will always be welcome. Rehearsals normally take place on the 4th Friday in the month between 4.00—6.00 p.m.

The rehearsals for the next three months will be: March 23rd, April 27th, May 25th.

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April 26	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham MC
April 26	2.30pm	Thursday Group	Swaffham MC
April 28	7.00pm	Concert in aid of Action For Children	Sculthorpe SA Hall
April 29	2.30pm	Chapel Anniversary led by Rev Alan Stroulger	Fulmodeston MC
May 1	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning (including sales table)	Great Ellingham MC
May 1	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
May 1	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
May 2	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
May 2	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
May 2	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
May 3	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham MC
May 4	7.30pm	Circuit Choir practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 5	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
May 5	10.00-12.00	Market and Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
May 5	7.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 6	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 7	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Fulmodeston MC
May 7	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
May 8	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
May 8	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
May 8	2.30pm	Singing Group	Watton MC
May 8	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch.
May 8	3.30-6.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
May 9	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
May 9	12.00noon	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 9	12.00-3.30	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
May 10	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Shipdham LEP
May 10	12.00noon	Lunch Club	Dereham MC
May 10	2.30pm	Thursday Group	Swaffham MC
May 11	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers with Rev Betty	Mattishall MC
May 11	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
May 12	1.00-3.00	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
May 14	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
May 14	1.00-3.00	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
May 15	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
May 15	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
May 15	7.00pm	Young People's Group	Blakeney TMC
May 16	9.30am	Prayers	Toftwood MC
May 16	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
May 16	2.15pm	Service at Dorrington House	led by Wells MC
May 17	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham MC
May 18	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain Basement	Holt MC
May 18	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
May 18	7.30pm	Circuit Choir practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 20	6.00pm	United Service to celebrate Christian Aid Week	Wells MC

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April 7	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
April 7	10.00-12.00	Market and Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
April 7	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Thursford MC
April 7	2.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 9	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
April 9	1.00-3.00	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
April 9	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 10	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
April 10	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
April 10	2.30pm	Singing Group	Watton MC
April 10	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch.
April 10	3.30-6.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
April 11	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
April 11	12.00noon	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 11	12.00-3.30	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
April 12	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Shipdham LEP
April 12	12.00noon	Lunch Club	Dereham MC
April 12	2.30pm	Thursday Group	Swaffham MC
April 12	7.30pm	Church Council / AGM	Dereham MC
April 13	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers with Rev Betty	Mattishall MC
April 13	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
April 14	10.00am	Jumble Sale	Litcham MC
April 15	6.30pm	Contemporary Worship	Holt MC
April 16	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
April 17	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
April 17	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
April 17	7.00pm	Young People's Group	Blakeney TMC
April 18	9.30am	Prayers	Toftwood MC
April 18	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
April 18	2.15pm	Service at Dorrington House	Ied by Wells MC
April 19	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham MC
April 20	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain Basement	Holt MC
April 20	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
April 20	7.30pm	Circuit Choir practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 21	7.30pm	Anniversary Concert by the Brundall Singers	Mattishall MC
April 22	2.30pm	Anniversary Service led by Rev Andrew King	Mattishall MC
April 23	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
April 24	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 24	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
April 24	2.00pm	Friendship Knit and Natter Group	Saham Hills MC
April 24	2.30pm	Singing Group	Watton MC
April 25	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
April 25	2.00-3.00	Knit and Natter	Beetley MC
April 25	2.30pm	Ladies Wednesday Club Open Meeting	Dereham MC
April 26	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham MC

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Mar 20	7.30pm	CIRCUIT MEETING	Toftwood MC
Mar 21	9.30am	Prayers	Toftwood MC
Mar 21	11.30-1.00	Soup Lunch	Tittleshall MC
Mar 21	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Mar 21	2.15pm	Service at Dorrington House	led by Wells MC
Mar 22	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham MC
Mar 22	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham MC
Mar 22	2.30pm	Thursday Group	Swaffham MC
Mar 24	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning in aid of Dereham Town Pastors	Beetley MC
Mar 25	10.30am	Procession of palms from the Methodist Church	Blakeney
Mar 25	2.00pm	Processional Service (with donkey)	dep. Litcham Hall
Mar 27	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Mar 27	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
Mar 27	2.30pm	Singing Group	Watton MC
Mar 28	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
Mar 28	2.00-3.00	Knit and Natter	Beetley MC
Mar 29	10.00-12.00	Hot Cross Buns with tea/coffee and stalls	Saham Hills MC
Mar 29	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Section Service	Wells MC
Mar 30	9.30am	Good Friday Service	Toftwood MC
Mar 30	10.00am	Walk of Witness to Litcham	dep Tittleshall MC
Mar 30	10.15am	Good Friday procession through the village	Blakeney
Mar 30	10.30am	Good Friday Walk of Witness	From Holt MC
Mar 30	10.30am	Good Friday Silent Walk of Witness	from St. Mary's, Swaffham
Mar 30	10.30am	Good Friday Service of Meditation	Wells MC
Mar 30	12.30pm	Good Friday Procession of Witness	from the Buttlands, Wells
Mar 30	2.00pm	Good Friday Reflection	Garvestone MC
Mar 30	3.00pm	Good Friday Service	Sculthorpe MC
Mar 30	7.00pm	Good Friday Service	Hindringham MC
April 1	6.00am	Sunrise Service	Spout Hills, Holt
April 1	6.30am	United service on the beach	near the Lifeboat Station, Wells
April 1	7.00 a.m.	Communion followed by breakfast	Holt MC
April 1	11.00am	Easter Morning Service with Communion	Holt MC
April 1	11.00 am	Easter Day Service	Toftwood MC
April 1	11.00am	Easter Morning Service led by Rev Cliff Shanganya	Wells MC
April 1	2.30pm	Easter Day Service led by Tony Hey	Sculthorpe MC
April 1	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 2	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
April 3	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning (including sales table)	Great Ellingham MC
April 3	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
April 3	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
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April 4	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
April 4	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
April 5	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham MC
April 6	7.30pm	Circuit Choir practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre

DATES FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

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Mar 1	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham MC
Mar 2	2.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	All Saints, Mattishall
Mar 2	2.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	Watton MC
Mar 2	2.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	Wells RC Church
Mar 2	7.30pm	Circuit Choir practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Mar 3	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
Mar 3	10.00-12.00	Market and Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
Mar 3	2.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Mar 5	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Holt MC
Mar 5	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Mar 6	10.00am	Joint Church Council with Gressenhall	Beetley MC
Mar 6	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning (including sales table)	Great Ellingham MC
Mar 6	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Mar 6	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Mar 7	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Mar 7	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Mar 7	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
Mar 8	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Shipdham LEP
Mar 8	12.00noon	Lunch Club	Dereham MC
Mar 8	2.30pm	Thursday Group	Swaffham MC
Mar 8	2.30pm	Singing Group	Watton MC
Mar 9	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers with Rev Betty	Mattishall MC
Mar 9	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Mar 11	10.30am	Mothering Day Service with Rev Eleanor Reddington	Saham Hills MC
Mar 11	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service led by Rev Betty Trinder	Toftwood MC
Mar 11	2.30pm	Mothering Sunday Service led by Pippa Cook	Sculthorpe MC
Mar 12	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hingham MC
Mar 12	1.00-3.00	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
Mar 13	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
Mar 13	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
Mar 13	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch.
Mar 13	3.30-6.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
Mar 14	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
Mar 14	12.00noon	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Mar 14	12.00-3.30	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
Mar 15	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham MC
Mar 16	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain Basement	Holt MC
Mar 16	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Mar 16	7.30pm	Circuit Choir practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Mar 18	6.30pm	Contemporary Worship	Holt MC
Mar 19	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Mar 20	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Mar 20	2.00pm	Friendship Knit and Natter Group	Saham Hills MC
Mar 20	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Mar 20	7.00pm	Young People's Group	Blakeney TMC

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	10-11am	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	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	Centring Prayer Group	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, details Jacky Woor	Dereham MC
Tues	7.30pm	Fortnightly House Group, details Aveen Speakman	Holt 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