

THE LINK

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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Firstly, thank you so much for the welcome I have received since coming in to the Circuit as your Superintendent. Jen and I are enjoying being in Central Norfolk and are gradually getting to know everybody. On that note, I hope to have got round most of the churches (either leading worship, attending worship or attending a Church Council or other meeting) by Easter. Do let me know if you are having a special event (of any sort) and I may well be able to come.



Deacon Jen has had to have an operation (middle of October) which she has been waiting for for some months and has happened to come now. This has been unfortunate in one sense – she had only just been getting to know people and how things work – but fortunate in other sense – once she is back at work, she can start again, looking forward to the best part of 5 years having a pastoral, community and worship role in the southern part of the circuit.

Back to myself, this is my 4th (and last) opportunity to 'start over' as a Minister in a Methodist Circuit. I know from past experience that Christmas (which, of course, is always a special time for Ministers and Churches) is a consolidating time for Ministers in the first year of appointments and I look forward to my first Christmas with the eight churches in my section and with the wider Circuit.

As we move into a new year (and 2020 has a significant ring about it), with momentous events happening in our country, and in the world, I hope that together we will seek the coming of God's kingdom in our own neck of the woods. We will be continuing the Connexion and District theme of telling stories (the Gospel Story and our own stories), we will be having an Open Meeting on the Marriage & Relationships Report (passed provisionally at Conference last June), we will be praying about the way forward for the Rural Re-planting Project in Blakeney & Walsingham, and for the future use of both Great Cressingham and Hindringham Chapels and, of course, we will be pursuing God's mission in all our individual churches and chapels.

With prayers and blessings for Christmas and the New Year,

Jacqui

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So here you have it—the first printed edition of *The Link* in full colour following the decision of the Circuit Meeting in September to proceed with the project, initially for one year. I hope you find it attractive and it makes *The Link* look more interesting. If you have any comments about improvements you would like to see (or criticisms about what you don't like) please do let me know. If you don't tell me I can't know!

As I stated in my article last time *The Link* is now aiming to fulfil three functions:

1. Supplying information to ourselves about what is happening in our Circuit.
2. Providing a stimulus to pray for one another in all the Lord is calling us to do in his service.
3. An attractive item to give to visitors to show them that we are a lively group of Christians for whom serving our Lord is the primary objective in our lives and attract them to join us or, at least, try us out.

This has another implication. At the end of the quarter if you still have a pile of Links lying on a table at the back of your church

(or wherever you display them) perhaps our first reaction should not be 'we must reduce the order for next time' but 'to who else could we have given a copy' and be determined to give a copy to as many people as possible in the next quarter.

This edition contains lots of exciting news such as new or planned developments at Blakeney, Walsingham and Holt together with some more reflective items and an appreciation of the life and work of Tommy Seaman who went to be with his Lord in September.

It also contains lots of information about Christmas celebrations planned across the Circuit. Do keep an eye on these and perhaps try to visit a different church if it is not too far away so we can encourage one another and enjoy celebrating the birth of Jesus coming as God incarnate—God with us.

And finally, as we keep looking out for all the opportunities God gives us, remember to keep praying!

Tony Hey

DEADLINE

**FOR THE
MARCH—MAY
EDITION**

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 25th**

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

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A VERY BIG THANK YOU

FROM ANDREW AND SARAH

To all our friends in the Central Norfolk Circuit:

Sarah and I wish to thank everybody for your kindness and love shown towards us over the last 17, 12 or 9 years (depending where in the Circuit) that we have ministered to you. Firstly, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of the leaving gift given to us at the final service at Swaffham, especially bearing in mind some churches also wanted to give us their own gifts as well. People sometimes wonder what a minister's gift goes towards and we don't mind sharing with you that much of that gift has paid for a new living room suite of furniture that will replace the two green settees and the chair, which have done us proud for almost twenty years.

That weekend at the start of August will long live in the memory. Beginning with the party at Yaxham Village Hall when we were blown away by the set-up of the event. Thank you to everybody who provided food, refreshments, the entertainment, and for all memories shared. Tremendous appreciation goes to John and Wendy and their family for how beautifully the hall was laid out, and for the area where the photographs were taken. John has kindly given me the book signed by so many people, and thanks to Aileen for producing the photographs in that book. It's something we will cherish forever.

The Sunday service was so uplifting at Swaffham and thanks to all who took part, with particular appreciation to my colleague Rev Betty Trinder for putting together the order of service and for her inspiring and encouraging words.

We are almost two months into our time at Acle. If anybody might be passing please ring (01493 750799) or email me on my new address andrew.king@methodist.org.uk to see if we are in. We feel settled in our new home and a great delight here has been the wonderful sunsets on these autumnal evenings. From the back of the house we have a glorious view over-looking open fields with both Fishley and Upton churches in view. Acle is a very active church of about 40 on a Sunday, with a large number of activities taking place mid-week. The monthly Sunday evening Café Church reaches out to our younger families. Freethorpe has a fantastic worship group, which Sarah is a part of and plays often on a Sunday night. Lingwood are a very friendly fellowship; whilst Fleggburgh sold their chapel building a few years ago as they felt their outreach was to meet and worship in the village hall, which is ideal for All Age Worship, as all the services are done in a more informal way every Sunday.

Sarah remains an Occupational Therapist but her job has changed and she is no longer in Swaffham. Her new role is in rapid response OT based at Aylsham; and her patch is very wide from Fakenham and Wells in the west to Brundall in the east. Ironically, she has already had to go out to visit clients in Fakenham!

You are very much in our love and prayers and we will always have the Central Norfolk Circuit in our hearts.

Love from Andrew & Sarah King



Thank you everyone for supporting Rev Cliff Shanganya Family Thanksgiving event and the launch of World Is My Parish Children's Foundation Charity.

From everyone here at World Is My Parish and Rev Cliff Shanganya's family, a huge thanks for the incredible support towards our Charity launch and The Shanganya Family's celebration of their reception into full connexion with the Methodist church of Great Britain held on the 13th of July 2019. The donation of £725 we received will send many Children to School. We also want to thank everyone supporting and pledging to continue supporting WIMPCF, not forgetting to say thank you/good bye to Rev Andrew and Sarah King who have donated over £398 towards our Charity from their Circuit farewell service collection.

To those who do not know anything about WIMPCF, Our Charity is set up to provide educational and welfare support to the disadvantaged children in United Kingdom, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

If you would like to support WIMPCF or send a child to school through our charity please get in touch with our team or visit our website. Thank you.

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**SPOLE METHODIST
CHAPEL**

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

WITH CAROLS, MUSIC AND OTHER ITEMS

Wednesday December 17th at 7.00 p.m.

Mr THOMAS (TOMMY)

This is a reprint of the appreciation of Tommy given by Andrew King at his funeral



Today we give thanks to God for the life of a greatly loved husband, brother and brother-in-law, a beloved family member, and the kindest and most supportive of friends in Mr Tommy Seaman. Tommy was born in February 1943 the youngest son to Eric and Blanche Seaman, and Tommy shared his childhood with his elder brother Tony. Tommy described his childhood as a period of time when he had complete freedom to roam safely because he had a complete knowledge of everybody in the neighbourhood. Walsingham was a village where people were in step with each other and whatever was needed was provided. In later years Tommy yearned for the village to be that place once again, to be a vibrant community hub that it once used to be.

The family home was 8 High Street, Walsingham and its facilities were sparse and few, yet Tommy remembered many joyous times shared there, especially family Christmases. Tommy went to Walsingham Primary School from the age of five and then at 11 moved to Wells-next-the-Sea Secondary Modern School on Polka Road. He had gratitude for all his teachers who provided Tommy with a curriculum sufficient to prepare him for the world of work, and also instilling a sense of strict discipline. Tommy enjoyed sport at school and PT was his favourite subject, and he competed in inter-school athletic races. Unlike our GB men's sprinting team, Tommy never dropped the baton when he raced!

Upon leaving school in 1958 Tommy hoped for a job with the Forestry Commission, but a place for him was unavailable. His father found him employment with Barnham's Electrical Co, and Tommy took to the work of an Apprentice Journeyman Electrician like "a duck to water" assisting the firm's skilled tradesmen. At 16 he was granted day release to attend King's Lynn Technical College as a part of his apprenticeship. Having cycled to work each day, when Tommy was 18 he acquired a motorcycle (more of that later).

He worked at Barnham's for 12 years and then for Mr Bobbins at Burnham Thorpe, until a change of career led to him to work for Bell Fruit on their Juke Boxes and Gaming Machines. On leaving Bell-Fruit, he returned to electrical installation work for EEB; spending almost six years in the hazardous environment of May and Baker chemical works in Norwich. Tommy's final

WILLIAM SEAMAN

employment was with the Property Services Agency of the Civil Service, providing maintenance management at RAF Sculthorpe and West Raynham, and then at Swanton Morley alongside the 9th & 12th Lancers and the Light Dragoons. Tommy described the work as demanding and often at the most inhospitable times, however he gave it his utmost, but when he finally “bowed out” he never once missed the work.

Tommy enjoyed competing in various sport, but the “bug that bit” was motorcycling racing. Tommy’s first bike was a 500cc Triumph “Speed Twin” machine which was his pride and joy. When his brother Tony came home one Easter, he took Tommy and their father to Snetterton, which was Tommy’s first visit to a racing event. This resulted in Tommy joining a racing club and when he was only 22 years old Tommy was competing on a BSA 125cc two-stroke machine in the Bantams Racing Club’s meeting at Snetterton. Racing became a burning passion for Tommy taking up all his spare time and cash; as he replaced his earlier homebuilt machine for a 650cc twin cylinder Norton bike; on which he raced at various tracks across the country including Brands Hatch, which led in time to a small collection of “silverware” being won.

1968 was a special year for Tommy as he and Sylvia became a “couple” and her enthusiasm for the sport was a great inspiration to him, as she and Tommy’s parents became his “team” as they went to various races. However racing was a significant drain on Tommy’s resources; and he also had even better plans in mind when he and Sylvia married at Walsingham Methodist Church on the 4th September 1971. Their honeymoon was on the Isle of Man, which coincided with the Manx Grand Prix races. It was a great privilege that both the Rev Jenny Pathamarajah and I led a special service at the chapel on 4th September 2011 to celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

Their early married life was lived in a flat on Tunn Street in Fakenham, before moving to Common Place in Walsingham which became the home where they spent the rest of their married life together. Married life also meant the scaling back of Tommy’s racing. He did make a brief comeback to the sport between 1978 and 1980 but then Tommy retired for good.

Finally, I wish to focus on Tommy’s faith journey and to remember his total dedication and commitment to the Lord; seen particularly in the life of Little Walsingham Methodist Church, but also in broader Methodism, and locally on the ecumenical scene. Tommy’s childhood knowledge of God came from Primary School and alongside his brother they went to Methodist Sunday School. Yet he and Tony transferred their allegiance to the Anglican Sunday School because their outing was to Great Yarmouth, where they wanted to go, rather than to Lowestoft the destination of the Chapel’s outing! Tommy did serve at St Mary’s Church by singing the choir, until he gradually drifted away from the church. With marriage to Sylvia, and the wish to support her mother Lilly (known as Tilly) this led Tommy back to Church, as both he and Sylvia worked behind the scenes to assist in whatever way they could. Tommy and Sylvia were both made members in 1988, two years before Tilly died. They then continued where she had left off! Tommy like the young athlete at school was not one for dropping the baton, and he continued that work right up until he and Sylvia became too ill to continue, serving as Church Stewards. Tommy and Sylvia generously supported the chapel, often forgoing personal luxuries to keep the building in immaculate condition; and holidays so that they could be there to support its activities. Examples of such care were how the brasses were always kept so clean; these little things were noted by so many people who came to the church for worship, retreat, or pilgrimage.

Mr THOMAS (TOMMY) WILLIAM SEAMAN

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Even though the Sunday afternoon worshipping congregation became small, Tommy had a vision for the chapel, regarding its purpose and outreach to be that Methodism should play a full part in the ecumenical life of the village. Various church leaders and clergy from the shrines, regularly led worship in the chapel; and Tommy would have the building open for tourists and pilgrims to visit, and many Pilgrimages included a meeting within the premises in their programme. Heritage and Mission went together and many Schools visited the Chapel as a part of their education in England's Nazareth; and the "Tommy Tour" was famous, as two recent Vice Presidents of the Methodist Conference alongside countless others were enthralled by Tommy's ecclesiastical knowledge of this place. The vision of the Friends of Walsingham continues still, as this Circuit is convinced God has further work for us in this place.

Tommy also served many years with distinction as the Senior Circuit Steward of the Fakenham Wells and Holt Circuit, and even though retiring on the year of the creation of the Central Norfolk Circuit; it was his graciousness warmth and hospitality that touched many in the Mid-Norfolk Circuit as we got to know each other and was a large factor in creating a smooth merger of the two Circuits. Tommy also supported many events ecumenically and across the Circuit, such as the Prayer Fellowship; he worshipped also at Hindringham and Thursford; was a member of the Hindringham Guild with Sylvia, and through that group became a key singer in the Hindringham Guild Male Voice Choir where he sang regularly on the stage at Thursford at the Annual Songs of Praise.

Tommy was a man who believed that only his best was good enough. A true gentleman and encourager in every way; and a trusted confidant and friend to so many. When he did his Desert Island Hymnbook (based on Desert Islands Discs on Radio 4) at the Hindringham Guild he was asked what was his luxury item and what book that he would take with him. His book was Father Michael Rear's "Walsingham Pilgrims and Pilgrimage" and his luxury item a telescope to view the heavens and the horizon.

These two items epitomised Tommy, reflecting both his love for Walsingham his birthplace and spiritual home; but also the heavens reflecting a man who was outward looking who could see beyond the here and now. In these last few months I had many conversations with Tommy as his health became more challenging to him. He desired to see others take on the baton and the Replanting Rural project which includes Walsingham gave him hope that the sacrifices made were all worthwhile. Tommy prepared his own service including choice of hymns and readings; and the Gospel passage of St John reminds us that Jesus has prepared a home for his family in His Father's house for all who love him, and seek Him as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Tommy has made that final journey, and with baton in hand has crossed that finishing line and will receive "silverware" (the prize) that lasts forever.

I conclude with these words of St Paul: "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus."

THE IMMIGRANT'S CREED

I believe in Almighty God,
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in
Babylon,
the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his
home,
who fled his country with his parents when his
life was in danger.

When he returned to his own country he
suffered the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the
servant of a foreign power.

Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured,
accused and unjustly condemned to death.
But on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead,
not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us
citizenship in God's kingdom.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom
among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,
and reunites all races.

I believe that the Church is the secure home
for foreigners and for all believers.

I believe that the communion of the saints
begins when we embrace all God's people in all
their diversity.

I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all
equal before God,
and in reconciliation, which heals our
brokenness.

I believe that in the Resurrection
God will unite us as one people
in which all are distinct and all are alike at the
same time.

I believe in life eternal in which no one will be a
foreigner
but all will be citizens of the kingdom,
where God reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Jose Luis Casei
submitted by Lilian Timms

IN THE BEGINNING

In the beginning was the night,
darkness profound and silence absolute.
No stars traced out the boundaries of space
nor circling planets marked the passing years.
No sun gave warmth, but the eternal cold
contracted all that black and timeless void
into a speck which filled infinity.

In the beginning was the Voice,
Speaking, in airless emptiness, words not of
sound,

but light. Bright tongues of flame
spoke stars and constellations in the void.
Before a myriad suns the cold gave way,
and through the warp of space
threaded the weft of time

In the beginning was the Love
that looked on all the wonders it had made -
yet less in pride than pity for it saw,
amongst the stars and swirling nebulae,
the seeds of suffering and a fount of tears.
Such had to be (as to give warmth and light
a fire must burn, and burning can destroy)
In the Beginning were the Night, the Voice, the
Love.

The voice prevailed. Night fled
and, though the Day brought pain,
the Love endured.

David Yarham

LUX IN TENEBRIS

Within the vast abyss of space and time
our sparks of consciousness ignite and fade.
Our little lives, with all their hopes and fears,
their laughter and their tears, are soon
extinguished.

Against the backdrop of eternity
worlds, stars and galaxies are born and die,
and the whole universe, we're told, moves on
to thermal death and dark oblivion.

But while I sit such gloomy thoughts to pen
a shaft of sunlight, gold without alloy,
falls on my page and through the open door
a blackbird's song flows in like liquid joy.

David Yarham

A TALE OF TWO



At the time of writing the branches of the trees are gently swaying in the wind, losing a little more foliage every time they sway one way then the other. It's a gentle reminder that winter is slowly creeping in. Of course, by the time you are reading this the halls will be decked in high streets across the country and many 6ft inflatable Father Christmases will be bobbing up and down lawns across the circuit, gazed at by bobble-hatted passers-by.

The streets of Blakeney and Walsingham take on a Dickensian glow of coal fires, woodburners and enough twinkly lights to clearly map out the villages from space. If you were to walk past our Churches on a dark December evening you might be forgiven for thinking that all has been tucked away and forgotten.....except it hasn't, because behind the scenes the Replanting Rural Team are very quietly eating an elephant, we've been eating it since April, because that's the best way to eat an Elephant, one bite at a time !! The Elephant, of course, is Church Planting and we've been quietly nibbling away.

At Blakeney we have been celebrating the past 8 years of success at the Café and the role it has played in shaping the Ministry that we offer. We are delighted to say that Blakeney is beginning to be a growing church and our weekly average congregation has grown from 3 to 10. We are excited about the future possibilities for Mission within the community. Keep an eye out for our new Wag and Walk group and offshoots of the Café Church ministry such as winter lunches and our new Crafting Group.

At Walsingham things have not stood still! Sadly, as most of you will be aware, Tommy Seamen who together with his wife Sylvia had been the mainstay of the chapel for many years had been seriously ill and passed away in September. Over 2018-2019 we have taken over the day to day running of the chapel to try and maintain and develop the ministry there as it became impossible for them to do so.

We have been busy with day to day maintenance, cleaning, gardening etc, repainted and repainted the lower windows and are awaiting the painters coming to do the upper windows. The problem of how to inspect the roof and inaccessible parts was solved with a drone survey which was very informative in planning maintenance etc. As it was such a lovely day the pilot gave us some lovely photos of Walsingham gratis one of which accompanies this article. All of us involved are also really grateful for the financial and

CHURCHES

moral support of the circuit and district particularly towards a new ramp. We have reached 70% of the total required and are actively seeking grants to make up the remainder.

School visits and pilgrimages have continued and we want to develop both. A successful Heritage Open Weekend was held in September when over 80 people came through the doors to see our chapel and exhibitions. We closed with a service and meal where we welcomed 17 people including a surprise visit from Jacqui and Jen and also Julian our District Chair.



Most importantly despite being officially no longer a traditional church we felt it was vital to continue and develop worship in the chapel to honour all those who had gone before us and were metaphorically looking down from the balcony! It should not become just a museum to honour times past and one of our USPs is that continuous worship has been held here since 1794!!



To this end we decided (with the blessing of our Superintendent and CLT) to meet once a month and explore a different theme for 30 mins, followed by food and fellowship (at the very worst the three of us would be able to pray together and have our dinner!!!). With this in mind the service time has been changed to 4-30pm to allow us to attend other chapels before and have tea together afterwards.

We decided to do a bit of advertising in case anyone else fancied joining us and have been overjoyed by the response from people across the circuit, some passers-by and also people in Walsingham. At our Praise in the Pews in August fifteen of us enjoyed a modern service followed by braving the courtyard for a BBQ! We are looking forward to developing our times of worship and fellowship together but fully recognise the need to continue to extend out to involve the local communities and visitors.



Our planned services are on Dec 1st (advent), Dec 22nd (Carols and Christingle), Jan 12th (Working out with God) and Feb 2nd (Love is in the Air). You can keep up with events and circuit heritage on www.walsinghammethodist.com or our Facebook page.

Do come along and join us as you can.... You'd be most welcome and get a good free tea into the bargain!!

Sam, Glyn and Angela xx

A big thank you And an invitation



Rev Cliff & Christine Shanganya

PSALM 151:1-6

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his Sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing
greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise
him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and
flute, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Rev Cliff would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting him and the teams from other singing groups and the Circuit Choir he has been working with during the past two years when he has been the Born in Song Worship Band coordinator. Many people have enjoyed listening to the worship band and also being part of it. Now that Cliff is no longer on probation and has now extra Churches and more responsibilities he would like to appeal to other people or other singing groups in the wider circuit who are interested in joining the group, working, supporting it or just interested in playing any instrument or percussion to get in touch with Angela Mason who is now the new Worship Band coordinator. Please note this is not replacing the existing circuit choir or other existing groups but just a complimentary to that and also encouraging team work. For more information email Angela on: mason378@btinternet.com. Below are the pictures of the events that Cliff has been coordinating.



PLEASE COME JOIN US AND YOU WILL BE BLESSED

A THOUGHT PROMPTED BY NOVEMBER'S INTERFAITH WEEK

David Yarham

It is interesting how the ideas of thinkers from other faiths can often give us fresh insights into our own. Compare, for example, the following verses by Hindu philosopher and poet Rabindranath Tagore with Wesley's 4th verse in S.t.F. 345.

"Prisoner, tell me, who was it that bound you?" "It was my master," said the prisoner, "I thought I could outdo everybody in the world in wealth and power, and I amassed in my own treasure-house the money due to my king. When sleep overcame me, I lay upon the bed that was for my lord, and on waking up I found that I was a prisoner in my own treasure-house."

"Prisoner, tell me, who was it that bound you?" "It was I", said the prisoner, "who forged this chain very carefully. I thought my invincible power would hold the world captive leaving me in freedom undisturbed. Thus night and day I worked at the chain with huge fires and cruel hard strokes. When the work was done and the links were complete and unbreakable, I found that it held me in its grip."

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THURSFORD SONGS OF PRAISE

Just a reminder that the annual Songs of Praise will be held on March 29th at 3.00 p.m. Tickets will be available from January 10th from Stephen Lynn. The benefitting charity will be Shelter.

We are delighted that the Bishop of Lynn, the Rev. Jonathan Merick, has accepted our invitation to be our speaker. Bishop Jonathan hit the headlines in the summer when he preached from the top of the helter-skelter in Norwich cathedral, so it will be a case of 'from the helter-skelter to the carousel'.

Many of you are part of singing groups or choirs, be they church or secular based.

We are looking to put together a larger choir for the Thursford Songs of Praise event than we have managed for the last couple of years, and would like to invite any groups, or indeed individuals, to consider joining the existing group.

There is no great commitment to travel long distances to rehearse, as, once provided with the music, folk rehearse at their own pace locally, and then come together for one joint morning rehearsal a week or two before the event, which is on March 29th. If anyone is interested in joining the existing group, details of rehearsal dates at Stibbard are always published elsewhere in this magazine.

If you would like more details please contact Pippa Cook (T: 01328 829324 E: pippa@modeltraintracks.co.uk) or Stephen Lynn (T: 01328 700978 E: stephenlynn73@gmail.com).



Advent Service

**A short reflective service preparing for the
journey through advent**

Sunday 1st December
4.30pm
**At Walsingham Methodist
Church**

Followed by refreshments in the Chapel

A LESSON OF LIFE

The human race is very strange,
Some so much more than others.
Strangers, even to their friends,
Mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers.

We are not blind; merely blinkered.
Too busy to look too hard
At what lies beneath the surface,
Of every assumed façade.

So don't only hear, really listen!
Don't just look, see with insight!
Reach out....touch another's need.
Don't just exist! Live with delight.

For this is the way we learn to share
Each other's joys and sorrows.
We must act now; or too late
We may find there are no more tomorrows.

Olive Brown

MACMILLAN CANCER CARE

Despite slightly disappointing attendance levels, this year's events at Tittleshall and Litcham chapels raised a combined total of £550 for Macmillan Cancer Care. Thanks to everyone who did come along and gave so generously.

Stephen Lynn and Ailsa Warburton

ACTION BY CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE GREETINGS CARDS FOR PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

From Andrew Durrant:

Every year at this time a small national organisation called Action by Christians Against Torture (ACAT) publishes details of individuals around the world who are in prison solely because of their non-violent religious and/or political beliefs. Released prisoners have said that, while in prison, being dreadfully ill-treated, their greatest fear was that they had been forgotten by the outside world. ACAT therefore asks us, not only to pray for these poor people, (*and* their captors), but also to send them carefully-worded cards with messages of hope and bring light into their prison cells.

If you are concerned to send such cards, you can find detailed information and advice on the website: www.acatuk.org.uk or contact Andrew Durrant (01362 858033)

[Reprinted from last year at Andrew's request.]



LITCHAM M.C.

THE BIG CHRISTMAS SING

FRIDAY DECEMBER 20th. at 7.00 p.m.

An informal evening of favourite Christmas music

Collection for Action for Children

HOLT CHURCH



Have you ever noticed that God seems to have a wicked sense of humour? Whenever he wants us to review what we're doing, plan for the future and decide what changes or developments will be necessary to our premises to achieve this it always seems to begin as a problem with the roof! It happened at Swaffham and has also been experienced elsewhere. Now it's Holt's turn!

It all began when, unknown to us, the alternate unseasonably hot followed by unseasonably cold weather in 2018 caused the south side of the roof to expand and contract. This caused some fixings to give way and an ominous bulge appeared along the eaves.

At first this was all rather alarming but as time went on and it got no worse our initial adrenalin rush calmed down. However clearly we

needed to do something about it and, after consultation with the District Property Secretary and Connexional Conservation Officer – both of who were most helpful and supportive – a plan of action is being devised. At one stage it looked as if immediate and potentially very expensive repairs would be needed to prevent a potential collapse but the latest news is that the problem, while serious, is not as serious as it first appeared.

Once we realised that substantial repairs will be needed, which to begin with looked as if they would involve the inside as well as the outside of the building, we began to look dispassionately at our facilities and realised that this might well be the opportunity for making some serious alterations and improvements. An analysis of both our regular and occasional activities showed that we were being very constrained by our building.

Back in 1984 (when the regulations about what could and could not be done in a listed building were not as strict as they are now) a number of alterations were made: for example a false ceiling was put in to reduce heat loss and new state-of-the-art lighting installed (such have been the changes in electrical safety that these once state-of-the-art lights are now deemed inadequate and the associated wiring unsafe). This certainly kept the church warmer but it also cut out much of the light and made certain features

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effectively invisible. Few visitors to the church get the opportunity to see the beautiful rose window or the elegantly designed original wooden ceiling. Modern heating technology means that the false ceiling could be removed without losing all the heat and restore elegance and light to the building.

A number of exciting ideas are being planned, prayed about and developed and all this is still in its early stages. The first job has to be to make the roof safe and secure. When all this began many people, including the writer, felt 'why did this happen to us'. Yes, the roof is 160 years old and therefore past its move-by date, but couldn't it have lasted a few more years so it wouldn't have been our problem. And yet...is it not exciting to think that God has given *us* the opportunity to create, as our legacy to future members, a church (both building and community) that is strong, safe and fit for purpose. Let's hope we can maintain that feeling of excitement through all the tussles that will lie ahead. We value your prayers for us.

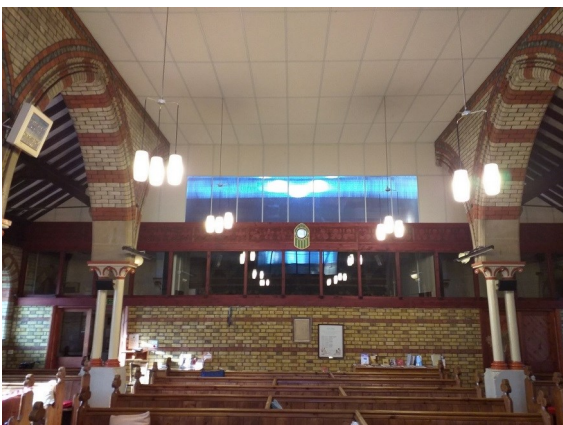
*Tony Hey
Project co-ordinator*



Scaffolding in place for investigations



Inside showing the 1984 false ceiling



All you can see of the rose window



What very few people ever see

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

WELLS AND WIGHTON

On Saturday 23rd November there will be a Table Top sale from 10 – 1pm in Wells Methodist church. Tea/coffee and cakes will be available to buy. Tables cost £5.00 and must be booked in advance from Terry Norton on 01328 710931.

On Tuesday 26th November at 2.30pm we are very pleased to be hosting a special Christmas Show entitled Winter Wonderland by the very talented Timescape. Their shows are extremely popular and tickets must be booked in advance from Sadie Spalding on 01328 711931. Tickets cost £5.00 which includes a cup of tea and either a home-made mince pie or slice of cake.

Please note that we no longer hold any services at Dorrington House in Wells, due to poor attendance.

The contact for our informal Art Group has changed. Please phone Frances Graham on 07398127935 if you would like any information about the art group.

We have received a lovely letter of thanks from Cromer Foodbank for our continuing support. Last year the foodbank at Cromer fed 3266 people, of which 1295 were children. Food for thought!

SPORLE

On Wednesday December 17 at 7.00 p.m. there will be a Celebration of Christmas with carols, music and other items.

On Saturday mornings in the chapel a small Prayer Group of men from the different churches in the Churches Together Group will meet.

MATTISHALL

In September the church was open for the Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride but only ten people came this year which is less than in recent years. The next weekend we held our Harvest Thanksgiving Services. On the Sunday afternoon Jackie Crisp from Yaxham Parish Church led the service and on the Monday evening members of Yaxham Evangelical Chapel took the service. The congregation of 20 enjoyed singing and listening to favourite harvest hymns from the Sankey Hymnbook, readings and a solo. The collection and sale of produce raised £138.50 for the All We Can fund.

In November we will meet with villagers on the Village Green for the laying of wreaths at the war memorial before proceeding into the Parish Church for the annual Service of Remembrance. In December we look forward to the visit of Toftwood Singers on 5th for our annual Christmas Concert in aid of Action for Children. On 15th we will be joining with other villagers at Welborne Church to hear and sing carols with the Dereham Salvation Army Band.

WATTON

Over the summer months we have been 'Smartie Savers', collecting coins in empty Smartie tubes. Full tubes were brought to a special fun coffee morning in September and the amount raised was in excess of £900 for church funds and our three charities.

This year we are supporting: Rev Cliff's The World is my Parish, Prisoner Resettlement UK, and [St. Martin's](#) night shelter extension project in Norwich.

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

For your information, prayer and support

SWAFFHAM

Power of Prayer Group: Every Friday
9.30 a.m. (except December 27th and
January 3rd). Praying for our world.

Coffee Mornings: Every Saturday 10.00 a.m.
– 12.00 noon in aid of church funds except:
December 21st }
December 28th } no coffee morning
January 4th }
January 11th run by the Royal British Legion
Women's Section
January 25th run by Swaffham Guides
February 1st run by Swaffham Scouts

The Meeting Place: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon
every Tuesday and Thursday (except
December 24th, 26th, 31st, January 2nd).
Free refreshments and a friendly welcome.
Traidcraft stall on the first Tuesday of the
month.

Thursday Group: 2.30 – 4.00 p.m.
December 12th Advent Service
January 9th }
January 23rd } speakers to
February 13th } be confirmed
February 27th }

All age Service and Parade with Scouts /
Brownies / Guides: 10.45 a.m. December 1st
led by Rev. Jacqui Horton.

Concert by the Phoenix Singers: 7.30 p.m.
December 6th. Tickets £7.00.

Christmas Carol Service: 10.45 a.m.
December 22nd followed by refreshments.

Christmas Day Service: 10.00 a.m.
December 25th led by Rev Jacqui Horton.
Followed by refreshments.

WELLS & WIGHTON AT WELLS with Churches Together in Wells

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

Informal Art Group: 10.00a.m. – 12.00 noon
every Tuesday. All welcome. For further
details please contact Frances Graham on
07398127935.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols:
11.00 a.m. December 22nd led by Rev Colin
Garwood.

Christmas Day Service: 11.00 a.m. a short
Family Service led by Rev Cliff Shanganya.

Songs of Praise: 11.00 a.m. December 29th
led by Della Collingwood.

WELLS & WIGHTON AT WIGHTON

United Carol Service: 2.30 p.m. December
15th.

WALSINGHAM

Advent Service: 4.30 p.m. December 1st.

Carols and Christingle Service: 4.30 p.m.
December 22nd.

Working out with God Service: 4.30 p.m.
January 12th.

Love is in the Air Service: 4.30 p.m. February
2nd.

WENDLING

Coffee mornings: 10.30 – 12.00 noon.
December 4th (Christmas Special), February
5th.

HOLT

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. Back in March!

Contemporary Worship: 6.30 p.m. January 19th.

Healing Service: 6.30 p.m. December 15th, February 16th.

Bereavement Support Group: 10.30 – 11.45 a.m. December 9th, January 13th, February 10th.

Christingle Family Service: 11.00 a.m. December 1st.

Light to Remember Service: 7.30 p.m. December 16th.

Town Carol Service: 7.30 p.m. December 19th at St. Andrew's.

Carol Service: 11.00 a.m. December 22nd.

Christmas Eve Communion: 11.30 p.m. December 24th.

Christmas Day Service: 9.45 a.m. December 25th.

GRESSENHALL

Village Green Lights Switch-on: 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. December 1st. Jams Marmalades and Chutneys for sale.

Carol Service: 2.30 p.m. December 15th followed by Festive Tea.

WATTON

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

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: 9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. held in large vestry

Christmas Coffee Morning: 9.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon December 14th in the Christian Community Centre including stalls and a display of Nativity sets,

Coffee, Cakes and Carols: 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. December 18th in the Christian Community Centre

HINGHAM

Market and Coffee Shop with stalls: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon December 7th, January 4th, February 1st.

Bible Discussion Group: 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. December 9th, January 13th, 27th, February 10th, 24th at Hassingham House, Hardingham Street, Hingham.

Carol Service: 10.30 a.m. December 22nd. Collection for Action for Children.

Fund Raising Concert: 2.30 p.m. December 14th. 'Unwrapping Christmas' See advert on page 13

THURSFORD

Carols in the Barn: 4.00 p.m. December 20th at Meadow Farm, Thursford.

Carol Service: 6.30 p.m. December 22nd

BEETLEY

Bible Study: 2.00 p.m. December 2nd at Beetley. 'The Sermon on the Mount.'

Drop In: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. December 4th, 18th, January 15th, February 5th, 19th.

Prayer Meetings: 9.30 a.m. December 4th, February 5th with Rev Betty Trinder.

Natter and Knit: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. January 22nd, February 26th.

Coffee Mornings: 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. January 25th (charity Dereham Food Bank)
In July, Dereham Food Bank received £67.70 and in September North Breckland Youth for Christ received £55.70.

Carol Services: 10.30 a.m. December 22nd Fellowship.
6.30 p.m. December 22nd with Rev Betty Trinder.

SCULTHORPE AND FAKENHAM

Services at Lee Warner Avenue: 3.00 p.m. December 15th (Christmas Fellowship with carols and mince pies), January 19th, February 16th.

Action for Children Service: 11.00 a.m. December 8th.

Carol Services: 2.30 p.m. December 8th.
11.00 a.m. December 22nd followed by refreshments.

LITCHAM

Coffee Mornings: every Thursday 10.30-12 noon.

The Big Christmas Sing: 7.00 p.m. December 20th. See advert on page 15

TOFTWOOD

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

Guides: Mondays, 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.

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

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

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

Prayers: 9.30 a.m. every third Wednesday

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

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

Rainbows: Thursdays, 5.00 p.m.

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

Carol Service: 11.00 a.m. December 15th.

Christmas Day Service: 9.30 a.m. led by Rev Betty.

Section Covenant Service: 10.45 a.m. at Trinity.

GREAT ELLINGHAM

Coffee Mornings (including sales table and home-made cakes): 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. December 3rd, February 4th. (No coffee morning in January.)

Fellowship Meetings: 2.30 p.m. December 10th, January 14th, 28th, February 11th, 25th.

Carol Service: 2.30 p.m. December 15th led by Mrs E Wright with proceeds for Action for Children).

DEREHAM

Trinity

Women's Own: 2.45 p.m. every Tuesday (details Olwyn Brough 01362 692799). No meetings after December 17th until March.

Wednesday Club: 7.00 p.m. December 18th. Annual Christmas meal. No meetings in January and February (details Jacky Woor 01362 697860).

Coffee Mornings: 10.00 a.m. January 16th, February 20th (not in December).

Lunch Club: 12.00 noon December 12th, January 9th, February 13th (details Pam Beardsmore 01362 854394).

Mid-Week Communion: 10.30 a.m. January 23th, February 27th.

Cards & Chatter: 11.15 a.m. January 23rd, February 27th (details Sylvia Meredith 01362 693425).

Prayer Meetings: 10.00 a.m. December 5th, February 6th (details Rev Betty 01362 692279).

Carol Service with the Oddfellows Lodge: 10.45 a.m. December 15th led by Rev Betty Trinder.

Crib Service: 4.00 p.m. December 24th led by Rev Betty.

Midnight Communion: 11.15 p.m. December 24th led by Rev Betty.

Covenant Service for Section Chapels: 10.45 a.m. December 29th led by Rev Betty.

Valentine's Party: 3.00 p.m. February 15th.

BLAKENEY

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

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

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

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

Carols in the Courtyard: 6.00 p.m. December 18th at the Methodist Church.

A Christmas Carol: 5.00 p.m. December 6th at the Parish Church.

STIBBARD

Praise Together: 4.00 p.m. December 1st, January 5th, February 2nd.

Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee: 10.30 a.m. December 17th, January 28th, February 25th.

Lunch @ The Centre: 12.30 p.m. December 11th, January 8th, February 12th.

Railway Film Afternoons with Tea and Cake: 2.30 p.m. December 7th, January 4th, February 1st.

Circuit Choir Practice: 7.30 p.m. December 6th, 20th, January 3rd, 17th, February 7th, 21st.

Quiz Night @ The Centre: 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. February 28th.

SPORLE

Celebration of Christmas: 7.00 p.m. December 17th.

Ecumenical Prayer Group: Saturdays, dates tbc.

NORTHERN PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

December 2nd Stibbard
January 6th Stibbard
February 3rd Stibbard
7.30 p.m.

MATTISHALL

Monthly Charity Coffee Mornings: 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. December 7th, January 4th, February 1st.

Led Prayers: 8.45 - 9.15 a.m. with Rev Betty
December 13th, January 10th, February 14th.

Mattishall Dementia Support Group – “The Link”: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon. December 3rd, 17th, January 7th, 21st, February 4th, 18th.

Christmas Concert with the Toftwood Singers:
7.30 p.m. December 5th.

TITTLESHALL

Coffee Mornings: every Wednesday 10.30 – 12.00 noon.

SAHAM HILLS

Christmas Sale: 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon
December 7th.

Carol Service: 3.00 p.m. December 15th with
Rev Liz Jolly

Covenant Service with St. George’s Church:
10.30 a.m. January 12th.

Coffee Morning: 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. February 8th.

GARVESTONE

Knit and Natter: 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon
December 10th, January 14th, February 11th.
For details of venues please phone Lorna
Folkes (01362 858391).

Prayer Meetings: 2.00 p.m. December 20th,
January 17th, February 21st.

Carols and Christingles

Join us for a candlelit celebration of carols and Christingles
followed by mince pies and mulled wine (non-alcoholic of course!!)

*22nd December 4.30pm
Walsingham Methodist Church*

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Feb 5	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Feb 5	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Feb 5	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
Feb 5	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Feb 5	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
Feb 6	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham Trinity MC
Feb 7	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 8	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Saham Hills MC
Feb 10	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hassingham House, Hingham
Feb 10	10.30-11.45	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
Feb 11	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone—see page 23
Feb 11	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Gt. Ellingham MC
Feb 11	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch
Feb 12	12.00-3.00	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
Feb 12	12.30pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 13	1200 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Feb 13	2.30-4.00	Thursday Group	Swaffham MC
Feb 14	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers	Mattishall MC
Feb 14	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Feb 15	3.00pm	Valentine's Party	Dereham Trinity MC
Feb 16	3.00pm	Service at Lee Warner Avenue	led by Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
Feb 17	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Feb 16	6.30pm	Healing Service led by Rev Cliff Shanganya	Holt MC
Feb 18	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Feb 18	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Feb 19	9.30am	Prayers	Toftwood MC
Feb 19	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Feb 19	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Feb 20	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
Feb 21	2.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Feb 21	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 24	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hassingham House, Hingham
Feb 25	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 25	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Gt. Ellingham MC
Feb 26	2.00-3.00	Natter and Knit	Beetley MC
Feb 27	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
Feb 27	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
Feb 27	2.30-4.00	Thursday Group	Swaffham MC
Feb 28	7.00pm	Quiz Night @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre

All scripture is given by inspiration of God

2 Timothy 3:16



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Jan 8	12.00-3.00	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
Jan 8	12.30pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 9	1200 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Jan 9	2.30-4.00	Thursday Group	Swaffham MC
Jan 10	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers	Mattishall MC
Jan 10	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Jan 11	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning run by British Legion Women's Section	Swaffham MC
Jan 12	10.30am	Covenant Service with St. George's Church	Saham Hills MC
Jan 12	4.30pm	Working out with God Service	Walsingham MC
Jan 13	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hassingham House, Hingham
Jan 13	10.30-11.45	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
Jan 14	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone—see page 23
Jan 14	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Gt. Ellingham MC
Jan 14	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch
Jan 15	9.30am	Prayers	Toftwood MC
Jan 15	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Jan 15	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Jan 16	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
Jan 17	2.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Jan 17	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 19	3.00pm	Service at Lee Warner Avenue	led by Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
Jan 19	6.30pm	Contemporary Worship	Holt MC
Jan 20	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Jan 21	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Jan 21	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Jan 22	2.00-3.00	Natter and Knit	Beetley MC
Jan 23	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
Jan 23	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
Jan 23	2.30-4.00	Thursday Group	Swaffham MC
Jan 25	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning (charity: St. Martin's Housing Trust)	Beetley MC
Jan 25	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning run by Swaffham Guides	Swaffham MC
Jan 27	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hassingham House, Hingham
Jan 28	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 28	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Gt. Ellingham MC
Feb 1	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
Feb 1	10.00-12.00	Market and Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
Feb 1	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning run by Swaffham Scouts	Swaffham MC
Feb 1	2.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 2	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 2	4.30pm	Love is in the Air Service	Walsingham MC
Feb 3	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 3	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Feb 4	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Gt. Ellingham MC
Feb 4	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Feb 4	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC

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Dec 15	3.00pm	Christmas Service at Lee Warner Avenue led by Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC	
Dec 15	6.30pm	Healing Service led by Rev Cliff Shanganya	Holt MC
Dec 16	7.30pm	Light to Remember Service	Holt MC
Dec 16	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Dec 17	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Dec 17	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Dec 17	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Dec 17	7.00pm	Celebration of Christmas	Sporle MC
Dec 18	9.30am	Prayers	Toftwood MC
Dec 18	9.30-11.30	Coffee, Cakes and Carols	Watton CCC
Dec 18	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Dec 18	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Dec 18	6.00pm	Carols in the Courtyard	Blakeney MC
Dec 19	7.30pm	Town Carol Service	St. Andrew's, Holt
Dec 20	2.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Dec 20	4.00pm	Carols in the Barn	Meadow Farm, Thursford
Dec 20	7.00pm	The Big Christmas Sing	Litcham MC
Dec 20	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Dec 22	10.30 & 6.30	Carol Services	Beetley MC
Dec 22	10.30am	Carol Service	Hingham MC
Dec 22	10.45am	Christmas Carol Service	Swaffham MC
Dec 22	11.00am	Carol Service	Holt MC
Dec 22	11.00am	Carol Service	Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
Dec 22	11.00am	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols	Wells MC
Dec 22	4.30pm	Carols and Christingle Service	Walsingham MC
Dec 22	6.30pm	Carol Service	Thursford MC
Dec 24	4.00pm	Crib Service	Dereham Trinity MC
Dec 24	11.15pm	Midnight Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
Dec 24	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion	Holt MC
Dec 25	9.45am	Christmas Day Service	Holt MC
Dec 25	10.00am	Christmas Day Service	Swaffham MC
Dec 25	11.00am	Christmas Day Family Service	Wells MC
Dec 29	10.45am	Covenant Service for Section Chapels	Dereham Trinity MC
Dec 29	11.00am	Songs of Praise	Wells MC
Jan 1	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Jan 1	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
Jan 3	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 7	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
Jan 4	10.00-12.00	Market and Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
Jan 4	2.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 5	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 6	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 6	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Jan 7	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Jan 7	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC

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Dec 1	10.45am	All age Service and Parade	Swaffham MC
Dec 1	11.00am	Christingle Family Service	Holt MC
Dec 1	3.00-5.00	Village Green Lights Switch-on with stalls	Gressenhall
Dec 1	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Dec 1	4.30pm	Advent Service	Walsingham MC
Dec 2	2.00pm	Bible Study—The Sermon on the Mount	Beetley MC
Dec 2	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Dec 2	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Dec 3	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Gt. Ellingham MC
Dec 3	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Dec 3	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Dec 4	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Dec 4	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Dec 4	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning (Christmas Special)	Wendling MC
Dec 4	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Dec 4	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
Dec 5	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham Trinity MC
Dec 5	7.30pm	Christmas Concert	Mattishall MC
Dec 6	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Dec 6	5.00pm	A Christmas Carol	Blakeney Parish Ch
Dec 6	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Dec 6	7.30pm	Concert by the Phoenix Singers	Swaffham MC
Dec 7	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
Dec 7	10.00-12.00	Market and Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
Dec 7	10.00-12.00	Christmas Sale	Saham Hills MC
Dec 7	2.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Dec 8	11.00am	Action for Children Service	Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
Dec 8	2.30pm	Carol Service	Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
Dec 9	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hassingham House, Hingham
Dec 9	10.30-11.45	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
Dec 10	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone—see page 23
Dec 10	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Gt. Ellingham MC
Dec 10	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch
Dec 11	12.00-3.00	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
Dec 11	12.30pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Dec 12	1200 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Dec 12	2.30-4.00	Thursday Group—Advent Service	Swaffham MC
Dec 13	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers	Mattishall MC
Dec 14	9.30-12.00	Christmas Coffee Morning	Watton CCC
Dec 14	7.30pm	'Unwrapping Christmas' - fundraising concert	Hingham MC
Dec 15	10.43am	Carol Service with the Oddfellows Lodge	Dereham Trinity MC
Dec 15	2.30pm	Carol Service	Gt. Ellingham MC
Dec 15	2.30pm	Carol Service and Festive Tea	Gressenhall MC
Dec 15	2.30pm	United Carol Service	Wighton MC
Dec 15	3.00pm	Carol Service	Saham Hills MC

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

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