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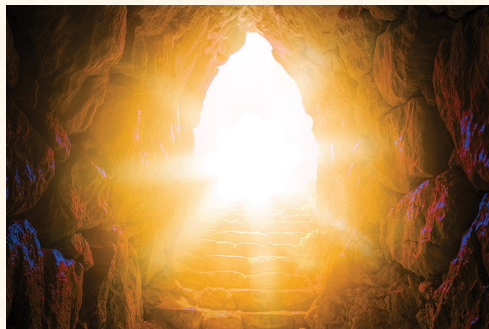
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ALLELUIA!!!

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# MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

It has been a delight getting to know the people of Central Norfolk Circuit since September. Thank you for your generous welcome and support. I am sorry that I was 'out of action' for a while in the Autumn. I returned to work in December so could share the joys of Christmas through different activities in the southern section of the circuit. This is where my ministry is based, I'm looking forward to thoughts and ideas becoming action!



I have been asked to introduce myself so here goes: I come from Sussex, part of a musical family which led me to performing on the one hand, and teaching piano and violin, for more than 20 years, on the other hand. Following the call to diaconal ministry in my mid-forties, I trained in Birmingham at The Queen's Foundation – it seemed a long way from the south but I loved being there – and was then sent to Fleet in Hampshire for my first appointment. Fleet Methodist Church was a large one and I was very involved with all the pastoral work which had its challenges but was also a huge privilege.

When Jacqui and I moved to Wymondham in 2010, I was in the middle of Cancer treatment so was not able to be placed in a circuit appointment. When I recovered, I was blessed by being given the opportunity to work at the University of East Anglia as the Free Church Chaplain. A little later, a further blessing came as I was also appointed Chaplain to Cromwell House, the MHA care home in Norwich. These two very different roles meant that I was serving a wide range of ages, in very different places. I appreciated the variety, the responsibility and the interactions with so many people. Building relationships happened naturally through sharing both the good, and not so good, times in people's lives.

I am looking forward to the future with anticipation as I seek to discern which roles and activities (particularly in Dereham, Swaffham and Watton) I need to invest my time in. That process of discernment involves others and will take time. A Deacon's role often takes place at the fringes of church life, involving engagement with local people and local communities, there are lots of opportunities for this in the places mentioned in my profile. I am happy to talk about being a Deacon, and about my new role, so please do ask me how I am getting on if you see me!

*Deacon Jen Woodfin*

# THE LINK

It is a huge privilege to put *The Link* together every month and realise just how much God is doing through us all over the Circuit. It can also, at times, be very frustrating! At the time of Sam's Accreditation Service (which was three days before the deadline), while all the churches had been very good at sending me their dates and information, I only had one half page general article and one small advertisement—which would have resulted in a rather thin Link! Then suddenly so much material came in that I've had quite a job to shoehorn it all in with one article having to be held over till next time. I hope you agree this has made for an exciting magazine but I would really rather like to be spared some of that excitement next time if people could please send in their articles just a little bit before the deadline. It would make my job less heart-stopping!

I understand that one or two people have commented on the choice of obituaries which have been printed over the last couple of years. The answer is very simple—they are what has been sent to me. If you

feel it would be appropriate to feature someone in your church or part of the Circuit who has been promoted to glory then please send me the details and I will include them.

This same point is relevant to other articles as well. I can only print what I am sent. Articles about what you or your church have been doing or are planning are very welcome. If you don't tell the rest of us we shan't know—and don't make the mistake of thinking 'everybody knows that...' Generally speaking, we don't!

I hope you've found *The Link* in colour has made it more acceptable and you've had more success in encouraging people, especially visitors, to take a copy. At the end of the previous quarter in my church we had 15 copies left over. This time on the second Sunday after publication, we had two!

As always do remember to make use of the link in your prayers. 'Helping together by prayer' *2 Corinthians 1:11*.

*Tony Hey*

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# DEADLINE

**FOR THE  
JUNE—AUGUST  
EDITION**

**SATURDAY APRIL 25th**

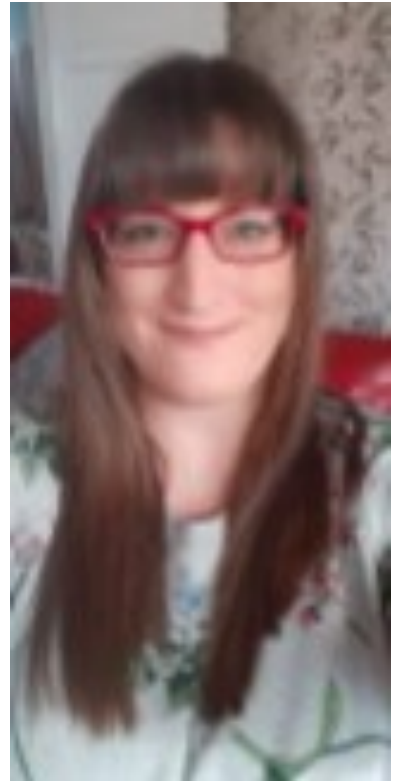
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up to the end of August*

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# **LOCAL PREACHER'S ACCREDITATION SERVICE FOR SAM PARFITT**

Wednesday 22nd January was a special evening for the Circuit as Holt Methodist Church hosted a celebration service for Sam Parfitt in her becoming an accredited Local Preacher. Readings were taken from Isaiah 6 v 1-8, 2 Timothy 3 v 14 - 4 v 5 and Luke 10 v 1-9,17. John Hull gave the sermon, focusing on the reading from Luke's gospel, in particular that Jesus chose another 72 people to 'work amongst the people', just as Sam and other Local Preachers are called to do so in their ministry today.

Sam shared her testimony in a very light hearted and inspiring style. Having never heard her preach before, it highlighted her ability to 'capture her audience' as well as her passion for sharing her faith, despite Sam's initial reservations when she was first called to consider being a Local Preacher. Sam focused on her choice of Holt Methodist Church for this accreditation service: the fact that it was where she came to worship, where she was married and where their daughter was christened. She described the significance of the creaky door at Holt, leading into the church, the numerous times that she and other people have walked through that door and other doors within this Circuit. Sharing this testimony from memory, I do not wish to misquote Sam but what I took away from it was that we may walk through different doors in different churches and what is on the other side might vary. In addition, we need to help others to walk through those doors as well and to welcome them in.



There were between 45 and 50 people at the service, including some of Sam's family and friends and it was good to see Rev Andrew King there. The service was taken by Rev Jacqui Horton, with Sam committing herself to the 'duties' of being an accredited Local Preacher as well as the other Local Preachers being recognised for the service they already offer as well as being supported by the congregation. Sam was presented with a Bible of her choice - the Wesley Study Bible and a letter of 'welcome and congratulations' to Sam from the President and Vice-President of the Conference was read out. Very appropriately, it welcomed her into 'the Wesley family' (or words to that effect!).

Light refreshments followed after the service. Thanks go in particular to Jen Woodfin for playing the piano, to Josey Bunting for her wonderful refreshments, to other members of Holt Methodist Church and Rev Cliff Shanganya for organising the occasion.

*Judith Semmons  
LPWL secretary*

# SAM'S ACCREDITATION

## A HUGE THANK YOU

## FROM SAM



I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in organising and participating in my Accreditation Service on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and to everyone who wished me well through your lovely cards, emails and phone calls. I certainly felt it was a spiritual and touching occasion and it was a privilege to share it surrounded by friends. I certainly felt my heart warmed as we sang the first hymn 'O for a thousand tongues' where I found myself immersed in such harmonious singing and as Rev. Jacqui led me through the promises I made as part of my accreditation.



I look forward to a lifetime of preaching, learning and being one of Mr. Wesley's 'helpers', obediently and faithfully answering God's call. If you are reading this and feel that God may be calling you to preach, I would fully encourage you to have a chat with your minister. It has taken three years of hard work to reach this point, but the journey has been so enriching and nurturing of life as a Christian and as a human being that I would do it all again in a heartbeat!!

**THURSFORD  
SONGS OF  
PRAISE**

Sunday March 29th

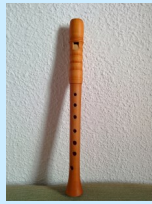
**THURSFORD  
MUSEUM**

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John Cushing*

We are looking for people to assist in taking the collection. If you can help please contact Stephen Lynn, 01328 700978, or email [stephenlynn73@outlook.com](mailto:stephenlynn73@outlook.com)



**RECORDER  
PLAYERS**



If anyone is interested in playing the recorder in a group (there are three of us at the moment) please contact Pippa 01328 829324. We would love to expand a bit!

# EDNA GREVES

Edna died at Eckling Grange Care Home in Dereham on 28<sup>th</sup> December aged 93. Her funeral took place on 10<sup>th</sup> January followed by a thanksgiving service at St. Martin's Church, Hindringham.

Edna had lived in Hindringham with her husband, Charlie, virtually all her life and they had both been stalwarts of Hindringham Methodist Chapel. She eventually became the matriarch of a very large family and there were her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren at the service to celebrate her life.

The service was led by Rev. Andrew King and tributes were paid by many family members. They all expressed their great appreciation for the care she had received in her final years at Eckling Grange.



## GREAT CRESSINGHAM

*From John Hull:* The first service to be held at Great Cressingham chapel, now that it is being looked after by the Circuit, was held on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The theme was 'Let there be light', led by Rev Jacqui Horton, with



music provided by Deacon Jen Woodfin on her recorder. The theme was emphasised by everyone there holding a candle at the close of the service! Needless to say they were drip-free candles. Twenty-five people attended, from a variety of chapels, and refreshments were served after the service, including Rev Jacqui's home-made mince pies.

Further services are to be held on a regular

two-monthly basis. The next one was on February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2.30, as seen in the plan, and the theme was 'Love is...' After that there will be one on April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the later time of 4.30 to avoid clashing with afternoon services elsewhere.

The chapel remains ready for use by anyone who is interested in holding an event there. It is ideal for a church picnic, a quiet day or any kind of meeting. Please contact Rev Jacqui or John Hull if you are interested.

If you would like to get involved in looking after this lovely chapel, either on a regular or occasional basis, please contact John, who would be delighted to hear from you.

# MAYFLOWER

## 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary

*From Graham Pickhaver:*  
The Methodist Church like other free churches stands in the tradition of religious freedom where Christians are able to worship and serve God according to scripture and conscience without external restraints.

2020 is the 400th Anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower to America when a group of believers wanted to establish a community where they could exercise their religious freedom.

The UN Declaration of Human Rights safeguards freedom of belief for all peoples'



yet we know of many incidences across the world where this safeguard is totally ignored and grossly abused. So the message of those early Christian Pilgrim Fathers has strong repercussions for today's world both for Christians and non Christians alike.

If you would like to know more about this story and its implications for today Graham Pickhaver is willing to come to your chapel to give an illustrated

presentation (contact him on 01263 861144 or email: [gpickhaver@outlook.com](mailto:gpickhaver@outlook.com)).

**The Methodist Church**

# Stepping Stones



For pre-school children and babies with their parents and carers

**Meeting every Tuesday in term time**  
**Loads Hall, Holt Methodist Church**  
**9.15am**

it's free

Come and join us for tea, coffee, biscuits, stories, music, toys and games



Venue: Holt Methodist Church, Obelisk Plain Holt

We have enjoyed 4½ years of successful Tuesday mornings with a lovely group of carers and pre-school children. However, since cut-backs closed Sure Start, which referred people to us, and since our first intake have graduated and started school, our numbers have dropped. So! - please will you keep Stepping Stones in your prayers, and use your contacts and friends to recommend us to mums, dads, grans, carers. It has been such a worthwhile venture and gives real support to, particularly young mums, at what can be a lonely time - and the little ones really enjoy themselves! It is part of our Church witness to Holt.

*Rosemary Wakelin*

# TELLING OUR STORY

Aileen Fox

The Saturday before Remembrance Sunday 2019 I went to Haverhill Methodist Church in Suffolk for a day organised for our District and Beds. Essex and Herts. District (BEH) by Cliff College. The Story project <https://thestoryproject.org.uk/> builds on the theme that everyone has a story to tell.

Our President and Vice President of Conference Barbara Glasson have written "So What's The Story?": A resource book for Christian reflection and practice (Paperback). This has been their theme for the year.

Using stories is a wonderful and effective way of sharing our faith. We are perhaps familiar with the old-style testimony story and sometimes these can be effective but what this day set out to do was encourage us to share something that God had done for us recently. To help us we engaged in various activities, one was to pick up a children's book from the display and read it to someone we didn't know. We were to make it as interesting as possible. I loved this having worked in schools and also read numerous books to my daughter. My new friend and I became engrossed in the tale. Don't ask me which book, I can't honestly remember. A second task was to share a recent experience where God had spoken through us and a young woman from BEH District shared a touching story of a simple holding cross she had given to a dear friend who was dying, and how the cross came back to her. Other workshops were held involving drawing, colouring, mapping our story, or just talking to someone.

As part of the day we were encouraged to go into a recording booth and record 5 minutes where God had spoken to us or used us recently. I rushed to do my talk just to get it over with, it was daunting to stand and talk and see yourself in the monitor. My story lasted less than 3 minutes. Later I was informed that there were technical problems and my recording had not come out. I repeated it and was given the reference number so I could download it at home. Unfortunately, I couldn't access it and Cliff College told me that recording had not worked either! I shared that story at the Local Preachers meeting and some of it is in the District Lent Study. Here is another story of God working in my life:

My Father died in the early hours of Sunday. January 28<sup>th</sup> 2018. He had been diagnosed with Bowel Cancer at Christmas 2017 and was deteriorating fast. I sat with him all day on the 26<sup>th</sup> holding his hand, chatting, and we were both able to say how much we loved each other. He wanted to go, life was too difficult with painful medication and discomfort. I left at teatime and decided I needed to have Saturday doing ordinary things. Why?

It got to 10.30pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> and I really didn't want to go to bed. The phone rang it was the on-duty senior at the care home. Dad had fallen out of bed, had coughed up some nasty stuff and she thought she ought to call a doctor and ambulance. I said I would join her and made the 5 minute journey. Dad immediately wanted me to go, even in distress he wanted to protect 'his little girl'. In the end he accepted that I was staying and a chair was set up for me at the foot of the bed. He didn't want me crowding him and in fact at one point told me to 'sit down'. I will spare you all the details but I was helped through the night by a calm that set in, assisting Dad as necessary, supporting him when he refused to go to hospital. Persuading the doctor, to listen to Dad's

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# 2020 VISION

## FINDING JESUS 20

I was asked recently “where do you find Jesus?” It was a seemingly simple but actually very interesting question and in answering it I realised that I tend to look for him repeatedly in the same places. With the dawn of a new decade this year, I have seen lots of references to 2020 vision in both secular society and in the Church. It’s been widely used to help people to focus on aspects of mindfulness, prayer and a host of other topics. I have decided this year to set myself the challenge of Finding Jesus 20. This will consist of trying 20 new ways of finding Jesus. So far, I’ve got Lecto Divinia, Bible Journaling and Prayer Walks on the list, which gives me another 17 to find! I’m really keen to hear from you where you find Jesus and interested to try out your suggestions. I’m open to anything and hope to share how I get on in the subsequent editions of the Link this year. If you’re interested in joining me with all or part of the challenge you will be most welcome and can contact me, along with any suggestions you have on 01263 711824 or at [sammi.1980@live.co.uk](mailto:sammi.1980@live.co.uk).



*Sam Parfitt*

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wishes, the paramedics view, and the staff, all who were supporting him in staying. As the doctor left he touched my arm and said you ‘know what is going to happen’. I felt at peace and a strange comfort. Dad died later with me watching him and nodding giving him, if you like, permission to go. It was quick. Just him and me. I said a prayer over him and went to find staff.

My relief was that Dad had been spared further intervention. God was with us both that night. Just as he was with me 8 years previously on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011 as I sat outside Norwich prison before travelling home. I didn’t want to go home and I didn’t know why. I delayed going for about 10 minutes. When I reached Guist I was diverted through Stibbard because of an accident. My husband died in that crash, and later I was told by the police, that had I left earlier, I would have witnessed it. God doesn’t always speak to us in words, but he guides us and is with us.

We all have stories to tell. I am sure if you think about it there are times when God has spoken, or as in my case prepared you to face what is to come. These stories can help us to show to others what God has done in our lives. Sometimes it’s something very simple rather than dramatic. Instead of a testimony from our conversion to now, perhaps occasions where His presence has enabled and strengthened us, though of course sensitivity in which story we use where, is needed.

# LIVING LENT

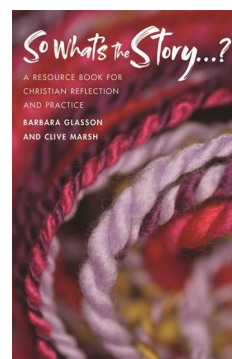
Ever since our Hymnathon in 2016, when, with the help of musicians from around the Circuit, we sang every one of the 748 hymns in *Singing the Faith*, and raised £3,000 for our Pinnacle Appeal, Swaffham has continued to mark the season of Lent with a special series. The purpose of this has been to prepare, reflect, learn and in a practical way, to have the doors of the church open every weekday.

TALKING  
JESUS

Now that we are able to benefit from the regenerated sanctuary, the doors are already regularly open: two days a week for The Meeting Place drop-in, another day a week for the Power of Prayer group and often a fourth day for courses such as Talking Jesus which we held in January and February, this year.

The 2020 Lent series has had to dovetail in with these other happenings and so a programme has been put together with the intention of providing a variety of opportunities that will appeal to different interests.

Starting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, there are 6 sessions of the Bible Study on Acts written by Catherine Hutton, Superintendent of the Norwich Circuit, called, 'A Community of Witness'. Taking place at 10.15am for 45 minutes, this connects well to the Talking Jesus series and to the President and Vice-President of Conference's theme of, 'So, What's the Story', which is also the title of their jointly written book which we were encouraged to read by Rev. Jacqui in the run-up to Christmas 2019.



Each Monday, the week begins with a Meditation from 9.30 to 10.00am. It will be a time of quiet reflection before the busyness of the week makes its usual demands! Here is one of the prayers we will be using –



Your gentle voice calls into my silence  
Searches me out in love  
And I answer your call:  
Here I am

**TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, DEREHAM**

**LADIES ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND 2020**

Saturday  
6th June  
7.00 p.m.

**CONCERT**

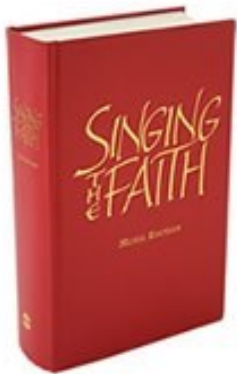
Programmes £5  
Includes  
refreshments

**THE VILLAGE GREEN UKELELE SOCIETY**

**Musical Director—Julia Bloomfield**

# AT SWAFFHAM

During The meeting Place on Tuesday mornings at 11.00am, for 5 minutes, there will be a '*Pause for Thought*', presented by a different person each week. We first introduced '*Pause for Thought*' in December 2018 when the church re-opened after 6 months' closure for the renovations. Eddie Goodridge was painting the church mural at the time and he would always stop to listen, telling us afterwards how much he enjoyed hearing the different ideas the speakers brought.

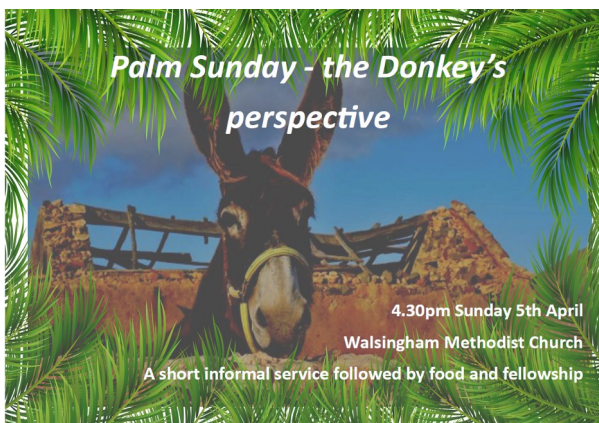


Wednesday's offering is all about music. '*Sing a New Song*', between 6.00pm and 7.00pm will not only provide an opportunity to learn some of the many new hymns and songs in *Singing the Faith*, but will also see us exploring new ways of using music in worship. These 6 practical sessions will conclude each week with a short act of worship when the new material learnt will be put into practice.

Our Thursday gathering is again in the evening between 7.00pm and 8.00pm which is when we host the annual Lent series for Churches Together in Swaffham. These occasions bring together the four denominations – Anglican, Baptist, Catholic and Methodist (alphabetical order!) and the different churches take turns in leading which often brings a refreshing perspective to the Lenten journey.

Friends from around the Circuit are always welcome to any part of the Living Lent programme – do join us if you would like to.

*Sarah Rodgers*



**HOLT METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Sunday, 31st May**  
**From 12.00 noon**

# A TALE OF TWO CHURCHES IN THE WINTER

The Replanting Rural Team has had a busy winter, and lots has happened since the last edition of The Link. In early winter the Management Committee for the project took the difficult but necessary decision to close Blakeney's Café TMC. So much wonderful ministry has been done there over the last eight years but gradually the Café had become harder to resource in terms of finances, staff and volunteers and it was felt by all of us that it had served well but the time had come to celebrate its success and open ourselves to discerning God's next move for us in Blakeney. This is a time of listening for us, both to God and to the Community we serve, and we pray that this year will give us 2020 vision!

However, we have not been idle and trialled a very successful Sunday Lunch on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. 60 people came and enjoyed a full roast dinner and a pudding for which there was no charge, but donations were welcomed. It was wonderful to see the chapel full to the brim! We are planning another one in March and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help, whether you're a skilled spud peeler or a warm welcome, we'd love to hear from you!

We also celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Carols in the Courtyard and had a lovely, albeit windy time of fellowship and song followed by warm mince pies and hot alcohol-free mulled wine.

Café Church continues to thrive, and we celebrated our first ever Café Communion in the New Year as part of our Covenant Service led by Rev. Cliff.



In Walsingham we enjoyed joining the community for the switching on of the lights and the blessing of the nativity scene. The occasion had extra special meaning for us as Methodists as it took place at the water pump where John Wesley preached in 1781. In addition, we met a Shetland pony whose name was Wesley!!! After a rousing rendition of Hark the Herald Angels Sing, we headed back to the Chapel and enjoyed refreshments.

The thing that has surprised me the most about working in Walsingham is the number of people who just pop in, usually for a look around and invariably they are interested in the history of the building and of Methodism. It has been my privilege to watch as these conversations turn into stories of faith, having heard testimonies from people of all faiths to people of none, weaving a rich tapestry as our story continues.

The incredible work started by Tommy and Sylvia Seaman continues as we look forward to welcoming the Pilgrimages that come annually to Walsingham. We also continue our work with schools, educating young people about Methodist Heritage and who we are today. In the region of one thousand children come through the doors every year and I have been humbled and surprised by the number and depth of questions they ask, my favourite question from last year was from a 15-year-old boy who asked about Creation Theory!

Our monthly Sunday gatherings continue to flourish and every time we meet God has blessed us. At our January meeting twelve of us gathered, including a Methodist family from Malaysia and Hong Kong. It was wonderful to have a time of International fellowship and to learn about the Methodist Church there, which is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> floor of the building!

# RURAL RE-PLANTING PROJECT IN BLAKENEY AND WALSINGHAM

The Rural Re-planting project in the north of the Circuit continues, mainly through the work of the Rural Re-planter, Sam Parfitt. However, the Management Committee made a very significant decision in the Autumn, which was to bring (what had previously been the main component of the project) Café TMC to a close. The reasons for this included the fact that the original aims were no longer being met, the fact that Sam had a near impossible job (running a café as well as doing outreach and community work), and the fact that the café was continuing to look financially unsustainable.

We are inviting everyone who has had anything to do with Café TMC to a final celebration of the 8 years of its existence on **Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm** in the Blakeney building. There will, of course, be 'pop up' café refreshments as well as a warm welcome.

The closure of this part of the project (which has always been experimental) does not mean that the Café experiment has failed in some way. As an experiment – that has had some major benefits during its existence – it has been successful. As well as the missional and relational benefits, much has been learned, and much has been established which is being taken into the wider continuing project.

However, the Rural Re-planter has now been freed up to pursue community engagement and church re-planting in both villages in a purposeful and positive way, with a lot more time to do so. Services and events continue in the Methodist Churches in both Blakeney and Walsingham – do look out for activities that welcome wider circuit support.

A more detailed report of the new phase of the project will appear in the next issue of the Link. In the meantime, please ask Sam about what she is now doing when you see her. We look to the future with hope and expectation!

*Jacqui Horton*  
*Superintendent minister*

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Be sure to keep an eye out for our upcoming services and events, we have a very special one coming up in March at Blakeney as we celebrate the work that the Café has done and give thanks for the time and gifts of the volunteers and paid staff who have contributed over the years.

Finally, I would like to say a very personal thank you to everyone who has supported the project and myself over the last twelve months. Whether you have been a shoulder of counsel, washed up, volunteered time, or have simply been there I owe a debt of thanks for keeping me going when the going got tough. I look forward to 2020 and pray for wisdom and guidance as we discern God's path for us.



*Sam xx*

## MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS

I have been asked to put together a letter regarding the report of The Marriage and Relationships Task Group called "God In Love Unites Us" for study and prayerful discussion. You can find the full report on the Methodist Church of GB website and I have a copy if you wish to see it. This report was discussed extensively at the 2019 Methodist Conference and was passed by a large majority to send it back to Circuits and Districts for a final consultation before being either ratified or lost at the 2020 conference. This was discussed briefly at our last Circuit Meeting and at some of our Church Councils and there will be a Circuit Consultation day in the New Year. Feedback from the Circuit Day will be sent to the District. No votes are being taken at church or circuit level but at our District Spring Synod which will go up to Connexion as the overall view of the East Anglia District.

Briefly they are offering an addition to the present marriage vows which state that Marriage is between a man and a woman to include the option of Marriage is between two people. This will mean that the Methodist Church will offer marriage and blessings to those in a same sex relationship. The United Reformed Church passed this a few years ago and the other denominations are having their own discussions.

What this means is that if it is passed at Conference 2020 then Church Councils in October 2020 with a marriage licence will decide by vote if they are prepared to hold such services and ministers will decide if they are able to preside at the service. If either decide they cannot then they will be required to direct the couple to a church and minister who will. In a Circuit there might be just a few churches and ministers who will preside.

If the motion is not passed then it will not, in my opinion, go away for ever but will be continually prayed about and discussed until another time. If it is passed then it will come into effect immediately.



Methodist Women  
in Britain

Over £6,000 has now been raised for the 'Bees, Beds and Blessings' fund which our District MWiB ladies have been supporting. This money goes directly to help the church in Jamaica with projects aimed at making it more financially independent and supports a longer term plan to create some residential accommodation for staff and pupils at the Methodist school premises. The projects reflect MWiB's enduring interest in and commitment to the wellbeing of the church overseas.

On a wider Connexional scale, the theme of the Easter Offering dedication service is 'Into all the world'. The service will be held at Dereham Trinity on 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00 p.m. It will be followed by our customary 'Bring and Share' tea and it is an opportunity to celebrate our call to live generously and to spend a time of fellowship together. The Easter Offering is only administered by MWiB on behalf of the wider church. All of the money raised through the Lent envelope collection goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church and is then directed on to support the work of the 65 Partner Churches around the world. Please give as generously as you are able.

In April we will welcome Revd Dr Lord Leslie Griffiths to speak at our District Day. This event is being held at the St Ives church on Thursday April 23rd from 10 to 3.30 and we expect to have a lively day with such an able communicator. - "Fancy asking a Welshman to speak on St. George's day!" [L.G.] - If anyone is interested in joining us for the day please let me know and we will see what transport can be arranged.

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# HOLT CHURCH DEVELOPMENTS



**South side**

*Scaffolding  
photographs  
by Tony Hey*

The contractors have arrived; the car park has been closed; scaffolding has been erected; and work is underway. So far there is good news—the north side roof has not (yet) moved so strengthening work will prevent it from doing so. Meanwhile preliminary work on the design of the interior refurbishment is receiving attention.

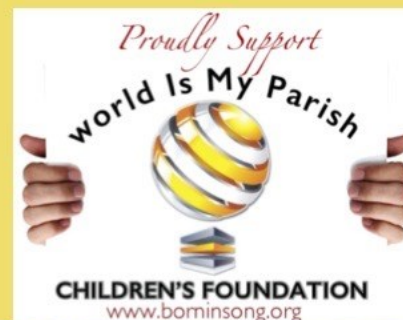


**North side**

*Interior photographs  
by Neil Cleveland  
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## NEWS FROM WIMPCF

Rev Cliff and Christine founders of WIMPCF would like to say new year blessings to you all and to thank everyone for supporting their Charity work during the year 2019. They themselves also believe and trust in the word of God found in James 2 that says faith without works is dead. Hence they have produced and released a new English Album entitled "GOD IS WITH US" EMMANUEL. The album is now available on their Website: [www.borninsong.org](http://www.borninsong.org) and other online platforms like, itunes, Amazon, Apple music, Googleplay, Spotify and YouTube. Hard copy CDs are also available. For your copy or for more information about their charity you can email them on : [worldismyparishcf@gmail.com](mailto:worldismyparishcf@gmail.com) All proceeds will go towards their charity work. Blessings and many thanks to you all for your unwavering support.



## GOD IS WITH US



[www.borninsong.org](http://www.borninsong.org)

Rev Cliff and Christine Shanganya



## MATTISHALL

In early December we were pleased to see a large congregation join us for our annual Christmas Concert with the Toftwood Singers led by Rev Betty. They enjoyed seasonal readings and a variety of musical items conducted by Barbara. Doreen Doggett accompanied the choir and the congregational carols. The collection was for Action for Children and together with donations from the Saturday Charity Coffee Morning and Home Collecting Boxes held in the village an amount of £353.50 was sent to this charity in December.

This year we will be meeting at All Saints Church in Mattishall for the World Day of Prayer Service on March 6th at 2pm when we will learn more about the lives of the women of Zimbabwe.

As work is due to commence to remove the pews from the chapel and redecorate it during the early part of this year we have not made plans for a concert to celebrate our 120th Chapel Anniversary yet. However, we will welcome Frances Middleton from Honingham to lead the Anniversary service on Sunday 26th April at 2.30 pm.

## WELLS

On Friday 17th April Wells Methodist church will hold its annual plant sale. Don't miss this popular event where you will be able to not only fill your garden with gorgeous plants but also fill your tummies with delicious home made cakes. Wells Methodist church 2 - 4.30 on Friday 17th April. Put the date in your diary!

## LITCHAM

Litcham chapel has raised £300 for Action for Children as a result of collections made at the Big Christmas Sing and the Christmas Day service.

The Big Christmas Sing was very well attended with virtually all the 70 seats occupied. We are very grateful to Pippa Cook who accompanied the singing, and also the Tittleshall Ladies Male Voice Choir, who presented a varied programme of traditional and more modern Christmas music.

## SWAFFHAM

The Meeting Place had its first birthday on February 4th and is proving to be very well attended.

### Walsingham Methodist Church

### *A Dragon's Tale*



**Sunday 1st March  
4.30pm**

**A short informal service  
followed by food and fellowship**

# CHURCHES

## SPORLE

Our Sporle congregation continues exploring ways of reaching out to our village community. Thanks to the drive and talent of Lily Pearce we were able to launch a gentle exercise programme on Thursday afternoons, which has proved very popular, although not all participants take it seriously. Then at the other end of the scale Lily started up a tambourine team for our younger members and a few adults. The inspiration came from Lily's Salvation Army background, and with enthusiasm and patience, she has moulded them into a team that never fails to impress when they go through their routine.

In December we held our second 'Celebration of Christmas'. We were grateful to have the team of hand-bell ringers based in Necton Anglican Church, plus a performance by Lily's Tambourine Team, and various recitals. A dramatic stand-off then ensued between the stately pace of our CD player and the impatient exuberance of our congregation, during the singing of Christmas carols. For a few verses we endured the speed differential, waiting for the CD version to catch up with us. In the end, though, we agreed to sing 'A Capella'. The CD player went into a huff and was turned off at the wall – a triumph for the human voice! Those attending raised £100 towards the Salvation Army's 'Sleeping Rough' campaign, which I think showed the generosity of so many of our village community.

Other activities include our involvement with Churches Together in Swaffham, our long-running (nine years now)



## FULMODESTON

On 19th April Rev Cliff will be taking Fulmodeston's Chapel Anniversary. There were Primitive Methodists worshipping in Fulmodeston in the 1850s and the present building was bought by them and converted into a Chapel in 1865 – just six years after the publication of "The Origin of Species". Darwin's insights marked pivotal moment in the history of human thought. I wonder if they were ever mentioned to the then generally unlettered folk who at that time attended our little chapel. Had they, for example, already begun to change the congregation's attitude to the biblical stories of Creation? If so, what would preachers have said to them? And had you or I been there, how would we have responded?

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interdenominational Home Group and also our involvement in a Men's Breakfast and Prayer Group based in Necton. A small group of men meet in the Chapel for prayer each Saturday morning, from 8.00 a.m. onwards. As we know, prayer changes things!

I think we are all so aware that, for our churches and chapels to survive and thrive, we really need to reach out to young families and children with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We live in a time when Christianity is in danger of becoming an irrelevance; yet some of us can testify to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and the joy of being part of the body of Christ. We must try new avenues of making contact with our communities, but ultimately it is about sharing our faith in the living God with those who are desperately seeking something to fill that God-shaped hole in their lives.

## TO A SNOWDROP



O delicate flower,  
why hang your head low?  
Are you humbly demure?  
Or just searching below?

Should you not be proud  
and hold your head high?  
Or are you afraid,  
or just very shy?

When viewed from afar –  
a vision of white,  
amassed with your friends –  
a beautiful sight!

Perhaps it is well  
you are not like the rest.  
As proclaimer of Spring,  
you are simply the best!

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## THEOPHANY

The preacher stood in the pulpit  
and spoke, as preachers can,  
of the holiness of Heaven  
and the sinfulness of man.  
He told us of a God of love -  
but dangled the threat of Hell  
if we didn't believe in Adam and Eve  
and the talking snake as well.

Would love condemn an honest doubt?  
I rose from the chapel seat  
hoping my fate would never be  
with such a God to meet.

But as I left the chapel  
I met God in the way,  
I saw His smile in the sunlight,  
heard Him laugh with lads at play.

I saw His tears on the cheek of one  
who mourned her only child,  
and I sensed His benediction  
when, through all her grief, she smiled.

Look not, if you would know Him,  
to dogma or to creed;  
greet Him in human laughter,  
meet Him in human need

Though He may have his dwelling  
in eternal realms above  
on earth we best may find Him  
in the sacrament of love.

David Yarham

## THE TREES STAND WAITING

The trees stand waiting,  
Strenuously still.  
How improbable  
That from their  
Fibrous fingers  
Should unfurl  
The fragile fronds  
Of infant foliage.

Patiently imprisoned,  
Root sunk in sullen earth,  
Sucking the sappy strength  
To lift aloft stiff limbs.  
In the surge and sinking of the sap  
They celebrate the cycle of the seasons.  
And still they wait.

Rosemary Wakelin

# AROUND THE CIRCUIT

*For your information, prayer and support*

## DEREHAM

Trinity

**Women's Own:** 2.45 p.m. every Tuesday except April 14th (details Olwyn Brough 01362 692799).

**Wednesday Club:** 7.30 p.m. March 25th, April 29th, May 27th (details Jacky Woor 01362 697860).

**Coffee Mornings:** 10.00 a.m. March 19th, April 16th, May 21st.

**Lunch Club:** 12.00 noon March 12th, April 9th, May 14th (details Pam Beardsmore 01362 854394).

**Mid-Week Communion:** 10.30 a.m. March 26th, April 23rd, May 28th.

**Cards & Chatter:** 11.15 a.m. March 26th, April 23rd, May 28th (details Sylvia Meredith 01362 693425).

**Prayer Meetings:** 10.00 a.m. March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th (details Rev Betty 01362 692279).

**Easter Breakfast:** 9.00 a.m. April 12th.

**Coffee Morning:** 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. April 30th at 12 Elvin Road Dereham.

## HINGHAM

**Market and Coffee Shop** with Crafty Corner for children: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon. March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd.

**Bible Discussion Group:** 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. March 9th, 23rd, April 27th, May 11th, at Hasingham House Care Home, Hardingham Street, Hingham.

## 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. March 20th, April 17th, May 15th.

**Contemporary Worship:** 6.30 p.m. March 15th, April 19th.

**Healing Service:** 6.30 p.m. May 17th.

**Bereavement Support Group:** 10.30 – 11.45 a.m. March 9th, April 13th, May 11th.

### **Easter Services:**

#### Good Friday

9.30 a.m. hot cross buns

10.00 a.m. short service

11.00 a.m. ecumenical Walk of Witness from the Methodist Church to the War Memorial

#### Easter Sunday

6.00 a.m. Sunrise Service on Spout Hills followed by breakfast and communion

11.00 a.m. Easter Day Communion Service

**Bleak House:** 3.00 p.m. Match 8th. A new interpretation by The Pantaloons.— a thrilling tale of love, skulduggery and spontaneous combustion in aid of the Roof Appeal. See advert of page 24

**The Biggest Birthday Party Ever:** from 12.00 noon Pentecost Sunday May 31st. See advert on page 11

## SWAFFHAM

**Power of Prayer Group:** Every Friday 9.30 a.m. Praying for our world.

**Coffee Mornings:** Every Saturday 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon in aid of church funds except:  
March 7th in aid of the RNLI  
March 14th run by Swaffham Hospital League of Friends  
March 28th run by TOSH  
April 11th run by Swaffham Players  
April 18th in aid of JMA  
May 9th run by the Royal British Legion Women's Section  
May 16th in aid of Save the Children  
May 23rd run by the Royal British Legion

**The Meeting Place:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon every Tuesday and Thursday Free refreshments and a friendly welcome. Pause for Thought at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesdays. Traidcraft stall on the first Tuesday of the month.

**Green Pastures Christian Bookstall:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon May 28th at The Meeting Place.

**Thursday Group:** 2.30 – 4.00 p.m.  
March 12th Board games  
March 26th Quiz  
April 9th 'Roger's Collectables' with Roger Newstead  
April 23rd Talk by Frances Barker  
May 14th Speaker tbc  
May 28th Afternoon Tea – final meeting before the summer

**Meditation for Lent:** 9.30 a.m. March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th.

**Sing a New Song (Lent):** 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. March 6th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th.

**Lent Bible Study:** 10.15 a.m. March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd.



## WATTON

**Christian Meditation:** 7.45 p.m. first and third Monday each month in the vestry.

**Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship:** 2.30 p.m. first and third Tuesday held in the Christian Community Centre.

**Every Wednesday:**  
Coffee Morning: 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. in the Christian Community Centre  
Open Church for Private Prayer: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

**Midweek Service:** 10.00 – 10.30 a.m. second and fourth Wednesday held in the vestry

## GARVESTONE

**Knit and Natter:** 10.30 – 12.00 noon March 10th, April 14th, May 12th. For details of venues please phone Lorna Folkes (01362 858391).

**Prayer Meetings:** 2.00 p.m. March 20th, and at 7.00 p.m. on April 17th, May 15th.

**Sunday Service time:** On Sunday April 5th and thereafter until the end of October, our service will begin at 6.00 p.m. except on United Service Sundays.

**Churches Together World Day of Prayer:** 2.30 p.m. March 6th.

**Mothers' Day Service:** 10.45 a.m. March 22nd.

**Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness:** April 10 – time tbc. Followed by 'Tragedy to Triumph' in the Methodist Church.

**Easter Day Service:** 10.45 a.m. April 12th. 'Transformation of the Cross'.

**Ploughman's Lunches:** 11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. May 25th.

## STIBBARD

**Praise Together:** 4.00 p.m. March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd.

**Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee:** 10.30 a.m. March 31st, April 28th, May 26th.

**Lunch @ The Centre:** 12.30 p.m. March 11th, April 8th, May 13th.

**Railway Film Afternoons with Tea and Cake:** 2.30 p.m. March 7th, April 4th, 7.30 p.m. May 2nd.

**Circuit Choir Practice:** 7.30 p.m. March 6th, 20th, April 17th, May 1st, 15th.

**Quiz Night @ The Centre:** 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. May 29th.

**Circuit Songs of Praise at Thursford Museum:** 3.00 p.m. March 29th.

## 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 07398 127935.

### Easter Services:

Good Friday 10.30 a.m. service  
12.00 noon Walk of  
Witness from the Roman  
Catholic Church

Easter Sunday 11.00 a.m. Easter service with Holy Communion led by Rev Cliff Shanganya

**Annual Plant Sale:** 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. April 17th. See article on page 16

## SCULTHORPE AND FAKENHAM

**Fellowship, tea and biscuits at Lee Warner Avenue Lounge:** 3.00 p.m. March 15th, April 19th, May 17th.

**Mothers' Day Service:** 11.00 a.m. March 22nd led by Mr A. Warby. Donations to 'All We Can'

**Good Friday Service:** 3.00 p.m. led by Pippa Cook and the Worship Group

**Easter Day Holy Communion:** 11.00 a.m. led by Rev. B. Trinder

## WELLS & WIGHTON AT WIGHTON

**Easter Sunday Celebration:** 2.30 p.m. April 12th.

## MATTISHALL

**Monthly Charity Coffee Mornings:** 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd.

**Led Prayers:** 8.45 - 9.15 a.m. with Rev Betty March 13th, May 8th.

**Mattishall Dementia Support Group – "The Link":** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon. March 3rd, 17th, April 7th, 21st, May 5th, 19th.

**World Day of Prayer Service:** 2.00 p.m. March 6th at All Saints Church.

## GREAT ELLINGHAM

**Coffee Mornings** (including sales table and home-made cakes): 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. March 3th, April 7th, May 5th

**Fellowship Meetings:** 2.30 p.m. March 10th, 24th, April 14th, 28th, May 12th, 26th. All with interesting speakers.

## GREAT CRESSINGHAM

**Reflective Worship:** 4.30 p.m. April 26th.

## BEETLEY

**Bible Study:** Spring Break

**Drop In:** 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. March 4th, 18th,  
April 1st, 15th, May 6th, 20th.

**Prayer Meetings** with Rev Betty Trinder: 9.30  
a.m. March 4th, April 1st, May 6th.

**Natter and Knit:** 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. March 25th,  
April 22nd, May 27th.

**Coffee Mornings:** 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.  
March 21st (charity: St. Martin's Housing  
Trust)  
May 23rd (charity: North Breckland Youth for  
Christ)  
From November's Coffee Morning, £57.92  
was sent to World is my Parish Children's  
Foundation.

## LITCHAM

**Coffee Mornings:** every Thursday 10.30 –  
12.00 noon.

**Jumble and Bric-a-Brac Sale:** from 10.00  
a.m. May 16th.

## SPORLE

**Lent Lunches:** 12.15 p.m. February 27th,  
March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th.

**Ecumenical Men's Prayer Group:** 8.00 a.m.  
weekly on Saturdays.

## SAHAM HILLS

**Coffee Morning:** 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. March  
7th, April 9th (with Hot Cross Buns!).

**Mothering Sunday Service:** 10.30 a.m.  
March 22nd led by Rev Barbara Winner.

**Plant Sale:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon May  
23rd.

## 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.

**Celebration of 8 years of Café TMC:** 3.00  
p.m. March 8th.

**Sunday Lunch:** 12.00 – 2.30 p.m. March  
15th.

**Lent Course:** 6.00 p.m. March 4th, 11th, 18th,  
25th, April 1st, 8th.

**Stations of the Cross:** time tbc, March 6th,  
13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd. at St. Peter's RC  
Church.

**Good Friday Walk:** 10.15 a.m. April 10th.  
The Passion Story beginning on the Pastures  
at the Millennium Stone.

## WALSINGHAM

**A Dragon's Tale:** 4.30 p.m. March 1st.

**Palm Sunday Service – a Donkey's  
Perspective:** 4.30 p.m. April 5th.

**Easter Sunday Service – This is my Story:**  
2.00 p.m. April 12th.

**Pilgrim Service:** time tbc April 14th.

**'Let everything that hath breath praise the  
Lord!':** 4.30 p.m. May 3rd.

## TITTLESHALL

**Coffee Mornings:** every Wednesday 10.30 –  
12.00 noon.

## 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.

**Prayer Meeting:** 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.

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

**Good Friday Service:** 9.30 a.m. led by Rev Betty.

**Anniversary Service:** 11.00 a.m. May 17th

## FULMODESTON

**Chapel Anniversary:** 2.30 p.m. April 19th led by Rev Cliff Shanganya.

## WENDLING

**Coffee mornings:** 10.30 – 12.00 noon.  
March 4th, April 1st, May 6th.

## CIRCUIT MEETINGS

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March Trinity, Dereham  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at Toftwood  
All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m.

## NORTHERN PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

March 2nd Holt  
April 6th Stibbard  
May 4th Fulmodeston  
7.30 p.m.

## Walsingham Methodist Church

this is my story.

2pm Easter Sunday

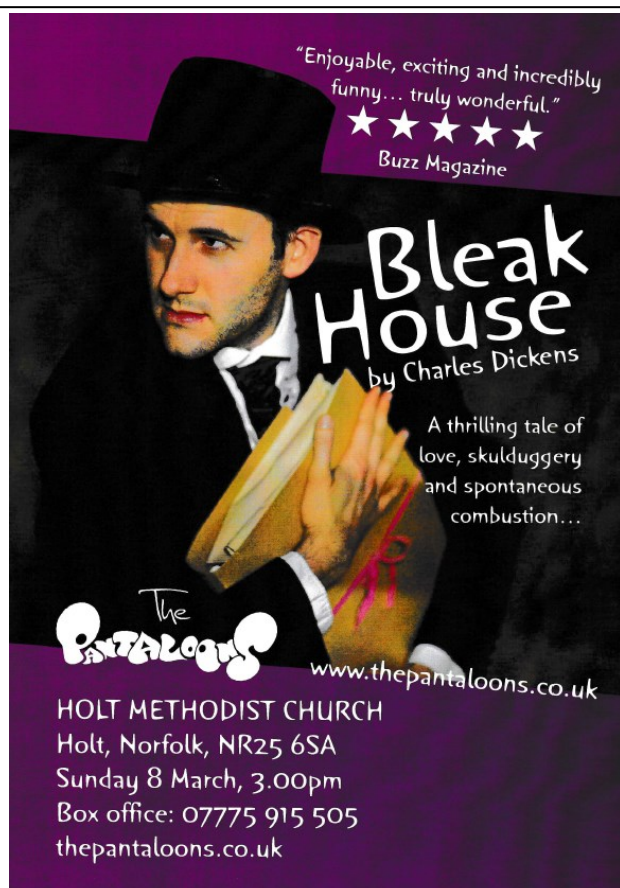
Join us in sharing our story

Followed by refreshments

## DATES FOR PRAYER AND SUPPORT

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May 17	11.00am	Anniversary Service	Toftwood MC
May 17	3.00pm	Fellowship at Lee Warner Avenue	led by Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
May 17	6.30pm	Healing Service	Holt MC
May 18	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
May 19	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
May 19	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
May 20	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Toftwood MC
May 20	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
May 20	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
May 21	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
May 23	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning (charity N Breckland Youth for Christ)	Beetley MC
May 23	10.00-12.00	Plant Sale	Saham Hills MC
May 25	11.30-1.00	Ploughman's Lunches	Swaffham MC
May 26	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 26	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
May 27	10.00-10.30	Midweek Service	Watton MC
May 27	2.00-3.00	Natter and Knit	Beetley MC
May 27	7.30pm	Wednesday Club	Dereham Trinity MC
May 28	10.00-12.00	Green Pastures Christian Bookstall at The Meeting Place	Swaffham MC
May 28	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
May 28	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
May 28	2.30-4.00	Thursday Group—Afternoon Tea	Swaffham MC
May 29	7.00pm	Quiz Night @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 31	12.00 noon	The Biggest Birthday Party Ever	Holt MC



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**Methodist Women  
in Britain**

On March 6-7th we hold our w/e conference at Belsey Bridge. Rev. Val Ogden will be leading sessions around the theme 'No theology without T[ea]!' Val has served for many years as a Mission Partner and is now based at Boston in Lincolnshire. More news next quarter as to how we got on.

Finally, we are holding our Spring Circuit business meeting at Dereham Trinity on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. If you have an interest in our work please do come along.

With thanks for your continuing support.

*Elizabeth Wright*  
*MWiB Circuit Secretary*

## **DATES FOR PRAYER AND SUPPORT**

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April 21	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
April 22	10.00-10.30	Midweek Service	Watton MC
April 22	2.00-3.00	Natter and Knit	Beetley MC
April 23	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
April 23	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
April 23	2.30-4.00	Thursday Group—Talk by Frances Barker	Swaffham MC
April 26	4.30pm	Reflective Worship	Great Cressingham MC
April 27	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hassingham House, Hingham
April 28	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 28	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
April 29	7.30pm	Wednesday Club	Dereham Trinity MC
April 30	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	12 Elvin Rd Dereham
May 1	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 2	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
May 2	10.00-12.00	Market and Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
May 2	7.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 3	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 3	4.30pm	'Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!'	Walsingham MC
May 4	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Fulmodeston MC
May 4	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
May 5	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Great Ellingham MC
May 5	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
May 5	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
May 6	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
May 6	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
May 6	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
May 6	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
May 6	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
May 7	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham Trinity MC
May 8	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers	Mattishall MC
May 8	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
May 11	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hassingham House, Hingham
May 11	10.30-11.45	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
May 12	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone—see page 20
May 12	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
May 12	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch
May 13	10.00-10.30	Midweek Service	Watton MC
May 13	12.00-3.00	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
May 13	12.30pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 14	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
May 14	2.30-4.00	Thursday Group—speaker tbc	Swaffham MC
May 15	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain Basement	Holt MC
May 15	7.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
May 15	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
May 16	10.00am	Jumble and Bric-a-Brac Sale	Litcham MC

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April 7	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Great Ellingham MC
April 7	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
April 7	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
April 8	10.00-10.30	Midweek Service	Watton MC
April 8	12.00-3.00	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
April 8	12.30pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 8	6.00pm	Lent Course	Blakeney MC
April 9	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning (with Hot Cross Buns!)	Saham Hills MC
April 9	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
April 9	12.15pm	Lent Lunch	Sporle MC
April 9	2.30-4.00	Thursday Group—Roger's Collectables	Swaffham MC
April 10	9.30am	Hot Cross Buns followed by a service and Walk of Witness	Holt MC
April 10	9.30am	Good Friday Service	Toftwood MC
April 10	10.15am	Good Friday Walk—The Passion Story	Blakeney
April 10	10.30am	Good Friday service	Wells MC
April 10	tbc	Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness	Swaffham
April 10	12.00 noon	Walk of Witness	from the RC Church, Wells
April 10	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
April 10	3.00pm	Good Friday Service	Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
April 12	6.00am	Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast and Communion	Holt MC
April 12	9.00am	Easter Breakfast	Dereham Trinity MC
April 12	10.45am	Easter Day Service	Swaffham MC
April 12	11.00am	Easter Day Communion Service	Holt MC
April 12	11.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion	Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
April 12	11.00am	Easter Service with Holy Communion	Wells MC
April 12	2.00pm	Easter Sunday Service	Walsingham MC
April 12	2.30pm	Easter Sunday Celebration	Wighton MC
April 13	10.30-11.45	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
April 14	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone—see page 20
April 14	tbc	Pilgrim Service	Walsingham MC
April 14	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
April 14	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch
April 15	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Toftwood MC
April 15	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
April 15	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
April 16	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
April 17	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain Basement	Holt MC
April 17	2.00-4.30	Annual Plant Sale	Wells MC
April 17	7.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
April 17	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 19	2.30pm	Chapel Anniversary	Fulmodeston MC
April 19	3.00pm	Fellowship at Lee Warner Avenue	led by Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
April 19	6.30pm	Contemporary Worship	Holt MC
April 20	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
April 21	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC

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Mar 17	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Mar 17	7.30pm	CIRCUIT MEETING	Dereham Trinity MC
Mar 18	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Toftwood MC
Mar 18	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Mar 18	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Mar 18	6.00pm	Lent Course	Blakeney MC
Mar 19	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
Mar 19	12.15pm	Lent Lunch	Sporle MC
Mar 20	2.00pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Mar 20	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas and Olive's Bargain Basement	Holt MC
Mar 20	tbc	Stations of the Cross	St. Peter's RC Ch Blakeney
Mar 20	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Mar 21	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning (charity St. Martin's Housing Trust)	Beetley MC
Mar 22	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Saham Hills MC
Mar 22	10.45am	Mothers' Day Service	Swaffham MC
Mar 22	11.00am	Mothers' Day Service	Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
Mar 23	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hassingham House, Hingham
Mar 24	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
Mar 25	10.00-10.30	Midweek Service	Watton MC
Mar 25	2.00-3.00	Natter and Knit	Beetley MC
Mar 25	6.00pm	Lent Course	Blakeney MC
Mar 25	7.30pm	Wednesday Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Mar 26	10.30am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
Mar 26	12.15pm	Lent Lunch	Sporle MC
Mar 26	2.30-4.00	Thursday Group—Quiz	Swaffham MC
Mar 26	11.15am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
Mar 27	tbc	Stations of the Cross	St. Peter's RC Ch Blakeney
Mar 29	3.00pm	Circuit Songs of Praise	Thursford Museum
Mar 31	10.30am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 1	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
April 1	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
April 1	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
April 1	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
April 1	6.00pm	Lent Course	Blakeney MC
April 2	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham Trinity MC
April 2	12.15pm	Lent Lunch	Sporle MC
April 3	tbc	Stations of the Cross	St. Peter's RC Ch Blakeney
April 4	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
April 4	10.00-12.00	Market and Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
April 4	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
April 4	2.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 5	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 5	4.30pm	Palm Sunday Service	Walsingham MC
April 6	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Stibbard M Ch Centre
April 6	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC

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Mar 1	4.00pm	Praise Together	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Mar 1	4.30pm	A Dragon's Tale	Walsingham MC
Mar 2	7.30pm	Northern Prayer Fellowship	Holt MC
Mar 2	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Mar 3	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Great Ellingham MC
Mar 3	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC
Mar 3	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship	Watton CCC
Mar 4	9.30am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Mar 4	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Mar 4	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
Mar 4	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Mar 4	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
Mar 4	6.00pm	Lent Course	Blakeney MC
Mar 5	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Dereham Trinity MC
Mar 5	12.15pm	Lent Lunch	Sporle MC
Mar 6	2.30pm	Churches Together World day of Prayer	Swaffham MC
Mar 6	tbc	Stations of the Cross	St. Peter's RC Ch Blakeney
Mar 6	7.30pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Mar 7	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
Mar 7	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Saham Hills MC
Mar 7	10.00-12.00	Market and Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
Mar 7	2.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Mar 8	3.00pm	Celebration of 8 years of Café TMC	Blakeney MC
Mar 8	3.00pm	'Bleak House' in aid of the Roof Appeal	Holt MC
Mar 9	10.00-11.30	Bible Discussion Group	Hassingham House, Hingham
Mar 9	10.30-11.45	Bereavement Support Group	Holt MC
Mar 10	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone—see page 20
Mar 10	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting	Great Ellingham MC
Mar 10	3.00pm	Messy Church	Blakeney Parish Ch
Mar 11	10.00-10.30	Midweek Service	Watton MC
Mar 11	12.00-3.00	Lunch and Linger	Toftwood MC
Mar 11	12.30pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Mar 11	6.00pm	Lent Course	Blakeney MC
Mar 12	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Mar 12	12.15pm	Lent Lunch	Sporle MC
Mar 12	2.30-4.00	Thursday Group—Board Games	Swaffham MC
Mar 13	8.45-9.15	Led Prayers	Mattishall MC
Mar 13	2.00pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Mar 13	tbc	Stations of the Cross	St. Peter's RC Ch Blakeney
Mar 15	3.00pm	Fellowship at Lee Warner Avenue	led by Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
Mar 15	12.00-2.30	Sunday Lunch	Blakeney MC
Mar 15	6.30pm	Contemporary Worship	Holt MC
Mar 16	7.45pm	Christian Meditation	Watton MC
Mar 17	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—"The Link"	Mattishall MC