

# THE LINK

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# MINISTER'S LETTER

*The Minister's Letter for this edition takes the form of an interview between the Editor and our Superintendent Minister, Rev Jacqui Horton.*

**1. I believe this is your first, and therefore only, Superintendency. What led you to apply to be a Superintendent?**

Well, yes, although I was twice an acting Superintendent in two different Circuits previously so I had had some experience. I had declined to be considered for the job proper in years gone by partly because I didn't think I was up to the administrative/legal side and partly because I felt very much called to the pioneering and community side of my role in the Norwich Circuit (Wymondham, Attleborough & 4 villages). However, because I had been so involved, particularly in Wymondham, I couldn't imagine how I could start doing something similar all over again and I felt that God was calling me to a new challenge. Having reached the ripe old age of 61 I also thought that, if I concentrated very hard, I could probably cope with the administration!

**2. What hope and aspirations for the Circuit did you have when you first arrived?**

I knew that three Circuits had come together (or was it more??) and that, as in many other places, it was difficult for people to feel that they were part of the wider group. I was looking forward to offering leadership at Circuit level and hoped that I could make a difference in how church members related to the Circuit structure.

**3. Clearly Covid had a dramatic effect of church life for everyone. You reacted in a remarkable way (well over 200 Worship at Home sheets for example). Do you think Covid complemented or harmed your original intentions?**

Of course I had never given a thought to the sort of situation that we found ourselves in in March 2020. I had only been in post for 6 months and now we were all grounded! It can only have been divine prompting that gave me the idea of getting a paper Worship Sheet out that first Sunday, I was so concerned that a. people should be able to worship at home and b. that we should stay together as a Methodist community. I am amazed that I have been able to produce this resource for over 4 years now (albeit in a shorter version since Easter 2023) and that people are still using it for DIY Home Worship. I feel as though Covid fast-tracked a process that may not otherwise have happened. It did feel rather as though I was the right person in the right place at the right time (not a feeling that I was used to previously!) and that, through Worship Sheets, other DIY prayer resources, social media, Tuesday at 7 zooms and eventually circuit zoom services (in the 3<sup>rd</sup> lockdown 2021), the Circuit did come together and become a community. When the Staff were discussing how this community feeling might continue, Rev Cliff suggested that we had an occasional 'Big Sunday'. The Big Sunday has evolved into a quarterly event where the whole Circuit has the same worship material and where the Staff are ministering to everyone on the same theme on the same day – which is great.

**4. Do you think that Covid was God-inspired, God-tolerated or God-irrelevant?**

I never think that God causes events that result in human suffering. But God obviously allows them and uses them. I believe that, if we co-operate with God in bad situations, then those situations can be transformed and amazing things can happen. The Holy Spirit undoubtedly was able to work through Covid in all sorts of ways.

# THE LINK

Welcome to this super-bumper edition of *The Link*. It has been a great encouragement to have received so many contributions from around the Circuit including a larger than usual number of illustrations. It all goes to show what a busy and vibrant lot we are!

It's very easy, especially if we are in one of the smaller churches, to think that not a lot seems to be happening. But it is—just look at the diary dates on the last few pages of *The Link* to see what I mean. And, as I know I've said before, these dates are both for information and prayer. It may not be possible or practicable to go to an event at a church that's at the other end of the Circuit but that doesn't stop us praying about it. Prayer—sharing our concerns with God—is, or at least should be, at the basis of all we are doing.

I have had the privilege of being a Local Preacher in this Circuit for quite a long time. During those years I have had the opportunity of preaching at least once in every church in the Circuit (including several that have now closed). One thing I find quite amusing (having a rather naughty

sense of humour) is the way that so many churches seem to think that the way they do things is the only way they can be done. (In my early years as I was greeting the departing congregation a steward was welcoming back someone who hadn't been for a while. "How nice to see you again," they said, "I'm so sorry it wasn't our usual service." 'One up to me' was my quiet reaction!)

The serious side to this is that, while we like to remain in our comfort zone with God, we need to be ready to answer his call to do whatever he wants. You are probably tired of hearing about our long-planned development at Holt but what started as a suggestion to remove a false ceiling is now becoming a much greater involvement in our local community who will therefore not only get to know who we are but why we do what we do.

So enjoy your read and perhaps, just perhaps, think 'We could try that too'. Pet service, anyone?

Blessings

*Tony Hey*

# DEADLINE

**FOR THE  
SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER  
EDITION**

**SATURDAY 27th JULY**

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

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# MINISTER'S LETTER

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## 5. What has been your biggest disappointment and your biggest joy in your superintendency?

I am not sure that I have any disappointments or that I have received joy as such through the role – sorry! However, there have been many difficult things and many, many satisfactions. Superintendents in this day and age have to cope with a vast array of managerial issues, compliance requirements, legal problems, financial headaches (especially when the Circuit Treasurer becomes seriously ill...) and, still, they have to take services, be pastorally available to people, offer leadership to churches, take funerals, I could go on. None of this is easy and should only really be undertaken by those who are called to it in my view (otherwise, it would be impossible).

But the satisfactions are many and deep. Off the top of my head, it is very satisfying that I will leave the Circuit with an active Facebook page, a presentable website, a system of Big Sundays, Fellowship Services to compensate for the lack of sufficient preaching availability (with training offered by Rev Anne), a scheme for the finances that has so far gone to plan, Circuit and LPWL meetings that are reasonably well attended and where people support each other (and that finish on time!), and a cohesive Leadership Team where different people are using their gifts to fulfil various roles.

P.S. Pure joy has probably come through local church and community involvement. I think of the Methodist Church's involvement in 'Carter 22' (the commemoration of Howard Carter's finding of Tutankhamun's tomb in Swaffham in 2022) and my mosaic triangle representing Swaffham MC at the top of the mosaic pyramid in London Street. I think of displays of nativity sets affecting people outside the Church (in Watton, Litcham, Swaffham and, this year, a primary school), I think of washing up for an hour after a soup lunch (Tittleshall), of confirmations of people who have been church attenders for years, of planting a tree in the community (Hingham), of running competitions and games for a small coffee morning in the school holidays with the involvement of young teenagers (Great Ellingham), of All-Age Parade Services with Brownies/Guides, and the 5 children (from one extended family) that I will be baptising in June (Swaffham).

## 6. [The naughty question] Do you enjoy Circuit Meetings?

My experience over 24 years of being a minister is that Church Councils and Circuit Meetings are not meant to be enjoyed as such! But, I have been pleased to lead them and, again, it is satisfying when they go well and I feel that I have handled them ok.

As I said above, I think you have to be called to be a Superintendent just like you have to be called to be a minister. I wasn't called to this wider leadership role for the first 19 years but for the last 5, I know that it has been God's purpose for my life and ministry. Overall, I have enjoyed being a Superintendent, there is very little I regret and much that I am pleased about. I have done my best, God's resourcing and strength has seen me through. As I have got older I have become more and more dependent on God's power rather than my own which makes me want to finish with a quote:

*'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit', says the Lord Almighty (Zechariah 4 v 6)*

Thank you very much, Jacqui.

# DAVID YARRHAM

1988 - 2024

*David died on 7<sup>th</sup> February He was buried in Holkham churchyard and later the same day there was a Thanksgiving Service for him in Christ Church, Fulmodeston.*



Below is one of the many poems he wrote.

## Holkham Churchyard

*"I had heard conscience say it was natural for a man to be buried where he was christened,  
in his own parish.!*

*William Langland  
'Piers the Ploughman'*

*What sting has death if here my bones may lie  
In this green acre under the whispering trees,  
Where every seventh day the bells shall sing  
And laugh with joy over my quiet grave.*

*Then this frail flesh, by subtle alchemy,  
Will yield its riches to the grateful soil.  
The questing root will find the buried hoard  
And draw its nurture from what once was I;  
And I shall live again in bud and flower  
And die again each autumn with the leaves.*

*Hazel and family wish to thank everyone who sent cards, messages and who attended David's Thanksgiving Service and gave so generously to the £1,684 raised for The Wulugu Project in his memory.*

**SHEILA**

**1942.**

Firstly, may I say a big thankyou to everyone who has been in contact with me since Sheila passed away on February 4th., and also those who joined me to celebrate Sheila's life in a packed Litcham chapel on February 26th., which was also the 52nd. anniversary of our wedding which also took place at the same venue.

Can I also thank Deacon Jen for leading the service of cremation at Mintlyn, and for co-hosting the celebration of Sheila's life alongside the Rev. Andrew King who we were delighted to welcome back among us.



I first met Sheila Mary Wagg on Wednesday October 18th. 1967 at around 7.25pm. You will have to forgive me for not being more precise! The reason I can be this accurate is that this was the second rehearsal we had of a band I had put together that would become the Messengers which I wrote about in some detail a few issues ago of the Link, so I won't bore you with the details again.

We hadn't been able to find a keyboard player for the first rehearsal, and Sheila was suggested by one of the members and came along to the second rehearsal. She would be the first to admit that she wasn't the greatest player in the world, (Harsh, but true!), but she was a good singer and became a regular member of the band.

I remember our first date which was in February 1968 when we went to the famous Kings Lynn Mart. The plan was that six of us would go along together, three fellas and three girls, but the other two guys dropped out so it was just me and three young ladies.

Our early courtship travelled a rocky road. As I'm sure most of you will know, Sheila was a few years older than me, and we had to struggle against quite a lot of opposition. However, we persevered and I think our 52 years of married life speaks for itself.

Our one regret that we were not able to have children, due to a medical problem caused when I contracted teenage meningitis. We did explore adoption, but, in those less enlightened days, were not considered suitable as Sheila was at that point working as a Site Warden on the Sheltered Housing scheme where I am still living. Apparently it was not considered a suitable environment in which to raise children. Thankfully society has moved on since then.

**LYNN**

**2024**

The church was always central in our lives, and particularly church music. After leaving the Messengers we formed The Open Doors along with our friend Frances Singleterry, and we travelled many miles together carrying the Gospel right across the Eastern Counties for many years.

Unfortunately Sheila's life was increasingly blighted by the twin curses of IBS and osteoarthritis, which increasingly curtailed her ability to travel, which was a great sadness to her.

We had enjoyed travelling throughout Europe, and had taken our music into mainland Spain, along with the Balearic and Canary Islands. We also sang in Malta and Cyprus along with what was then Yugoslavia, now Croatia.

Among the hobbies Sheila enjoyed was knitting, and many generations of families have been clad in garments she knitted. This led to the then Minister at Swaffham, the Rev. Jane Sperring, to ask if she could possibly knit a Nativity set which could be safely used with young children. This led to many requests for similar sets, and I know that they are still being used all over the country and beyond with sets in New Zealand, Canada the United States and Spain, a lasting testament to Sheila's great gift.

As well as serving Methodism in our home church in Litcham, Sheila was a great supporter of Circuit events, and was a particular rock to me during the time I spent as Circuit Steward. She was also a great supporter of Action for Children, and was a member of the Circuit Support Group for many years.

She was always very self-conscious of the scar over her top lip caused by repeated surgery to repair the cleft palate and hare lip which she was born with. As a result she hated having her photograph taken. Ironically, hardly anyone who I have spoken to about this weren't even aware of it. All they saw was Sheila, and it will always be a matter of great regret to me that she didn't know this.

As a result of this we made the decision to use her passing as a means of raising funds for Smile Train, a charity which provides corrective surgery for cleft-palate children all over the world. The cost varies from country to country, but in some third world countries this operation can be performed for as little as £4. To date Sheila's fund has raised over a thousand pounds, which potentially means that around 250 children may have had this life changing surgery. If anyone would like to donate to this fund, Sheila's page is still available online via [www.sheilslynn.muchloved.com](http://www.sheilslynn.muchloved.com) .

Sheila is at peace now in the Kingdom of God, and I thank Him for bringing her to me, and for the many blessed years and adventures we shared together.

*Stephen Lynn*



# TOFTWOOD CHAPEL COFFEE SHOP



We opened the coffee shop in October 23, it is now 6 months old. It was with much thought and trepidation, and against some doubters, that we decided to launch on the first Saturday each month.

We had been invited to visit Hingham's coffee shop, which runs on Saturdays, and saw how well that worked, with that in mind we based our working practices on Hingham's tried and tested model. So with helpful advice from the ladies there, we made the splash.

We advertised well, with 500 flyers being distributed, all within walking distance of the chapel, posters and online local websites. We were delighted with the response on the first month making over £250.

We now have a settled core of helpers and beginning to have regular visitors each month. We offer coffee or tea,



with scones for £1.00 each with a waitress service for our visitors. The main attraction is our home made cake stall, offering cakes, pies and sausage rolls, this sells out most months, first come, first served! We also have a tombola, books and bric-a-brac and home made cards as regulars. We also try to have a guest stall each month: i.e. wood turning, craft, stained glass, and Green Pastures Bible Shop. These are advertised on our outside notice boards each month and online.



To date we have raised £500 for the church funds, with still some in hand for charity donations and hopefully some projects within the church. We look forward to enjoying our Saturday coffee shop for as long as we are supported.

*Toftwood Coffee Shop Team*



# MOTHERING SUNDAY AT TITTLESHALL

We were delighted to have Aileen Fox taking our Mothering Sunday service again this year, in which she focussed on nurturing, in its broadest sense, not just by mothers. She kindly took the accompanying photo in which, brightened further by daffodils, we were all smiling at the same time!

*Elizabeth Lodge  
Tittleshall Methodist  
Chapel*



## PET SERVICE AT SWAFFHAM



Some photos from the pet service which went very well.



People who weren't there had heard about it and were asking about it a week later! We're going to have to have another one at some point.



*Sarah Rodgers and Geraldine Allen share an update on how The Hive is helping others to chart a future for their churches and communities.*

Transformational Leadership is an initiative which comes under the Methodist church's programme for Evangelism and Growth. The Methodist website, which has recently undergone a comprehensive refresh and is well worth a look, describes Transformational Leadership in this way:

"Transformational leadership is about churches, circuits, New Places for New People (NPNPs) and Church at the Margins (CaMs) making the main thing, the main thing: speaking of, listening for, and living out the Good News of God's love in Jesus. It's about being prepared to transform for the sake of transformation in the world God loves, recognising that the Church is there for the benefit of the whole world. It's about being open to growth of all kinds: growing disciples; growing in love for our communities; growing and deepening relationships; and, by God's grace, growing in number too."

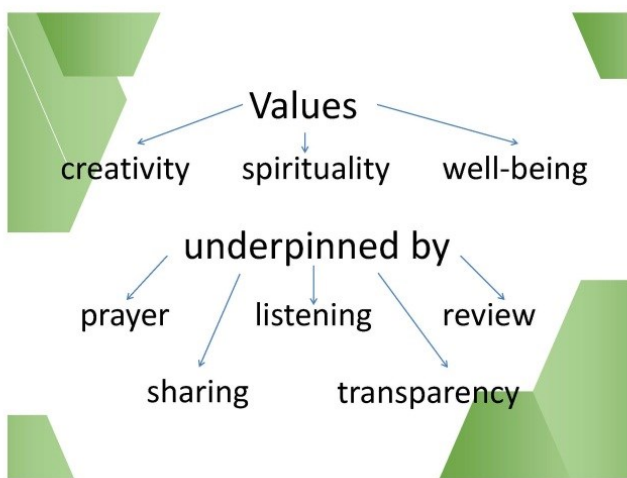
In April, Sarah and Geraldine were invited to present a live webinar about The Hive. This article is about that webinar, demonstrated through some of the powerpoint slides that were used together with the explanations that went alongside.

We began by describing how The Hive came into being: searching for a future use for a



chapel whose community was no longer able to look forward, even though it had a rich and vibrant history. With The Hive, we are able to keep that story going and growing and we can reach out to new people by offering opportunities to take part in a programme of creativity, spirituality and well-being and to be part of a new community.

We spoke about the many people who had contributed to the journey at The Hive, bringing their skills at different times and for different reasons and always to be part of a community which is looking for a contemporary understanding of God in the world as creator, companion and catalyst. As the hymn says, “many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.”



We talked about our values and the importance of these, both for ourselves in reminding and remembering the purpose of The Hive, and also as a template for how we interact with others. The Hive is a place of listening for both the spoken and the unspoken and often it is the unspoken which resonates most loudly. The Hive is also a place of sharing – giving and receiving in equal measure without expectation but often bringing the unexpected!

For many people on the live presentation, the way in which we prioritised clear branding from the outset, came as something of a revelation. What does the branding say? It speaks of the on-going life of the chapel; it describes what we do; it promotes a welcome. It is clear, colourful and consistent. It was also arrived at collaboratively, through consultation and consensus. (That’s probably enough c-words for now!)



The Transformational Leadership initiative has recently been newly-named, ‘Leading into Change.’ At its heart is the aspiration to encourage and embrace the energy and experience of lay people, involving them more specifically in the leadership of both traditional and new expressions of church and Christian community. Here we were able to highlight, through our experience of The Hive, what lay people have to offer.

## A catalyst for change?

What can the lay community, both volunteers and paid workers, bring?

- Lay people can bring time, energy and focus
- Lay people can bring skills, experience and vision
- Lay people can prioritise collaboration and reduce hierarchy
- Lay people can promote equality, diversity and inclusion
- Lay people can maximise people engagement
- Lay people can bypass (some) gatekeepers
- Lay people can take responsibility without exerting authority
- Lay people can form a national network of shared experience

Let's be clear – this is not a break-away movement. In simple terms, it is the added value that lay people have long-wanted but have, perhaps, not always had the opportunity or confidence to bring. The importance of staying connected cannot be over-estimated and Connexion has always been mindful of this and careful to provide a context which is

inclusive, encouraging and purposeful. (CLF stands for Connexional Leaders' Forum.)

We concluded with three 'learnings' from our experience at The Hive – rhythms, listening and journeying.

We also shared some feedback and they shall have the last words!

"It's so good to see the Church in use rather than up for sale."

## Staying connected

Our Calling stated in 2000 and revived in 2018 as follows - The CLF and the Council agreed **priority** areas for focus in the context of responding to and reaffirming *Our Calling* and which needed attention by the Church which were:

- To make more followers of Jesus Christ through mission and evangelism
- To help members deepen their faith and to put their faith into action (discipleship)
- To find ways to support the improvement in the quality of worship offered to God
- To support the development of District and Circuit mission plans
- To grow the number, variety and breadth of vocations
- To develop the property of the Church to support mission and evangelism
- To be a more inclusive and welcoming Church

## What we have learned at The Hive

### We have learned about rhythms

Rhythms at The Hive are our reliable welcome and our fluid outlook on inclusivity and participation – no rules, no rotas, no restrictions.

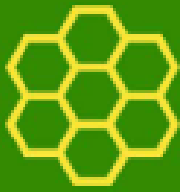
### We have learned about listening

"Listening is a magnetic and strange thing, a creative force. The friends who listen to us are the ones we move toward. When we are listened to, it creates us, makes us unfold and expand." Karl Menninger

### We have learned about journeying

We are journeying with God, with one another as a team, through our programme of events, and with our community.

"I found it releasing and refreshing coming to The Hive. It felt like 'me' time or rather time for me and God."



# Simply Summer at The Hive

Thursday 2 May 3.00 - 4.00 | THOUGHTS ON THURSDAY

Saturday 11 May 2.30 - 4.30 | YOGA WORKSHOP

Sunday 19 May 2.30 - 5.30 | OPEN PLAY-READING

Saturday 1 June 11.00 - 3.00 | WALK AND TALK

Thursday 6 June 3.00 - 4.00 | THOUGHTS ON THURSDAY

Friday 14 June 11.00 - 12.30 | CELTIC JOURNEYS

Friday 21 June 11.00 - 12.30 | LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Saturday 29 June 2.30 - 5.30 | SUMMER SING

Thursday 4 July 3.00 - 4.00 | THOUGHTS ON THURSDAY

Saturday 6 July 11.00 - 3.00 | RETREAT DAY - WISDOM

Saturday 13 July 4.00 - 6.00 | POETRY FOR A SUMMER'S DAY



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# A SPECIAL DAY AT HINGHAM

*From Val Haynes:* A Tree Planting Ceremony took place on Hingham Market Place Green on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The tree a Red Hawthorn (*Crataegus Paul's Scarlet*) was planted by Rev Jacqui Horton, Superintendent Minister of the Central Norfolk Circuit. It was to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III.

The money to purchase the tree was raised by the supporters and members of Hingham Methodist Church.

The occasion was attended by the Methodist supporters and several Town Councillors.



# ANGELA MASON CYCLES THE CENTRAL NORFOLK CIRCUIT

131 MILES OVER 3 DAYS  
28TH - 30TH JUNE

Raising Money for the  
'Light and Life for All'  
project at Holt



At the end of June Angela, a member of Holt Methodist church, with her friend Natasha, will be cycling round all 22 churches in the Central Norfolk Circuit together with The Hive at Gt Cressingham and the Wighton Heritage Centre. Angela will be raising funds towards the Life and Light for All project at Holt church. Although the area is relatively small the necessarily convoluted route means the distance covered will be approximately 140 miles and take us 3 days.

On Friday 28th June we will set off from Holt church and visit 5 more churches before spending the night south of Garvestone where we have a friend will to host two tired and hungry cyclists. On Saturday we travel on south to Gt Ellingham before heading west and then north to Sculthorpe church, ending the day in a Fakenham B&B. Sunday will see us cycling on more familiar roads as we head first to Stibbard before heading north to Wells and the returning to Holt by the Wighton Heritage Centre.

Although we won't have time to linger at every church we will stop for photo evidence of our visit. If any churches are open and have the kettle boiling that will be wonderful.

Any further information and offers of sponsorship can be made by contacting Angela Mason by email [mason378@btinternet.com](mailto:mason378@btinternet.com) , or by mobile phone 07551342768.



# HELHOUGHTON VILLAGE CHURCH HALL CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

These monthly events continue to be popular; it's a great chance to catch up with friends and make new ones!

In February we raised **£86** for **Fakenham and District Rotary Club**. They were very appreciative, and Rob and I have subsequently been invited to join them for a lunch out, which is most kind and unexpected. ☺

The total for the **Macular Society** morning in March was **£102**; again, gratefully received.

Our next Coffee Mornings are on:  
**Tuesday 25th June** in aid of the **Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID)**  
**Tuesday 30th July** in aid of **You Are Not Alone (YANA)**, an East Anglian charity which helps those involved in agriculture and rural businesses affected by stress and depression  
**Tuesday 27 August** in aid of the **World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)**

We cater for vegetarians, vegans and those intolerant to gluten. You can have a refill of coffee or tea and a piece of cake or two or a cheese scone. You can also take something away to eat at home! We ask for donations, so you just pay what you can afford.

We have started to sell **Save the Children** greetings cards at £1 each and act as a collection point for the **Mid Norfolk Foodbank**.

Tony Hey and Rosemary Wakelin have both joined us from Holt and we look forward to welcoming others from around the circuit too.

*Elizabeth Lodge  
Tittleshall Methodist Chapel*



**HOLT METHODIST CHURCH  
AFTERNOON TEA  
FRIDAY 21st JUNE  
2.00 - 4.00 PM**

**DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES  
TOMBOLA, BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS**



**HOLT METHODIST CHURCH  
AFTERNOON TEA  
FRIDAY 19th JULY  
2.00 - 4.00 PM**

**DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES  
TOMBOLA, BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS**



**HOLT METHODIST CHURCH  
AFTERNOON TEA  
FRIDAY 16th AUGUST  
2.00 - 4.00 PM**

**DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES  
TOMBOLA, BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS**





# EVENTS AT LITCHAM



*Maria Martin writes:* Litcham enjoyed a couple of wonderful Easter gatherings. We held our annual Good Friday walk of witness, walking from Tittleshall to Litcham. Those unable to make the walk gathered at Litcham for an act of reflective worship (and to make sure the kettle was on!). Easter Sunday saw Litcham and Tittleshall gather in Litcham for worship led by Deacon Jen. This was a truly special service and enjoyed by all those who attended.

The weekend of the 20th April saw us hold our Community Coffee Morning. I am delighted to say that any events we hold are real community events and attended and supported by all members of our chapel as well as the local community.

One of the social highlights of Litcham's year is our afternoon tea, this year to be held on the 13th July. This is an afternoon where we provide a cream tea and cakes along with tea and coffee as well as entertainment. This event took place for the first time last year and was a great success. If anyone would like to join us for this event, we would love to see you.

Our coffee mornings in the chapel continue every Thursday 10.30 to 12.00 for those wishing to spend time with friends over a cup of coffee.

We are all very sad to be saying a very fond farewell to Jacqui and Jen over the next few months. All of us at Litcham have really enjoyed getting to know both ladies during their time with us. We know that God will bless them both in this new season and ensure they both get a well deserved rest. Of course when one door closes another opens and we look forward to welcoming Anne Richardson into our family.



# The Pilgrim Methodist Church

Walsingham



2024 marks the 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the chapel in 1794. To mark this occasion Rev Julian Pursehouse our retiring District Chair felt it would be appropriate for him to preach at a District Service that is being held here on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 2-30pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. Do come along and share with us, you would be most welcome.

We felt that we would like to improve our heritage chapel for future generations to enjoy, and to this end we have arranged to repair cracks in the ceiling and redecorate it as our contribution to mark the

occasion. Money has been raised from various grants including the Norfolk Churches and Benefact Trusts. We are so grateful for all the help we have received and have not requested or used circuit funds towards this work.

As I write this we have spent the day covering the pews, pulpit, floors, organ etc as you can see below.



The work starts later this week and by the time you read this should be complete.

As well as continuing with our monthly services and fellowship meals we have welcomed services led by the Marian Ecumenical Pilgrimage in early March and the Pilgrim Cross on Easter Sunday. It was so lovely to see the pilgrims processing singing into the Chapel on such a special day.



Our services on this plan will be:

June 8<sup>th</sup> District Service as above

June 9<sup>th</sup>

July 7<sup>th</sup>\*\*

August 11<sup>th</sup>

\*\* please note the change of date from the regular second Sunday. This is to allow those who wish to attend Rev'd Julian's farewell service at Thetford on the 14<sup>th</sup> July.



Please do come along or make a day trip to Walsingham and join us.  
You will be most welcome.

# SWAFFHAM AT EASTER



*Walking a Lenten Labyrinth*



*Transforming the cross*

# EASTER AT SAHAM HILLS

*From Dot McIlroy:* Easter came upon us fast, it seemed it was only a few weeks ago we were celebrating Christmas. We started on Maundy Thursday on 28<sup>th</sup> March with our hot cross bun coffee morning, this is usually one of our most successful morning events for raising funds with a crowded kitchen and full seating tables in the chapel. We opened at 10am but at 10.30 no visitors had come, we were all getting a bit get worried but after a few silent prayers, I think, people started arriving. With not so many visitors as other years it turned out quite good, we had some lovely raffle prizes including an original painting by our own professional artist Arlene Bartlett which must have boosted the ticket sales.

Good Friday brought us another thoughtful service from Marian reminding us all of the adoration of Jesus that day which would soon turn to rebellion within a week. The chapel was decorated with daffodils, there was a real palm leaf and an ornamental donkey, in all a lovely start to our Easter week. The following week our Easter Service was brought to us by Elizabeth, who as usual gave her enthusiastic, demonstrative service, the chapel now was decorated with white flowers and Elizabeth had added her own staging to reflect all the elements of earth that weekend, the soil, the stone, sky and lightening along with all the gifts of God, flowers, food and animals. We love Elizabeth's services.

The work of chapel goes on with a coffee morning is 11<sup>th</sup> May 10.30 am -12 with plants for sale, just the right time to be putting them into the ground.

Good luck to all chapels for the coming year.



**SCULTHORPE AND  
FAKENHAM  
COFFEE MORNING**



**HOLT METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**SUMMER FAYRE**

**SATURDAY 20TH JULY**

**11 AM TO 3 PM**

**BACON/SAUSAGE BAPS  
WITH VEGGIE OPTIONS**

**HOMEMADE CAKES AND SCONES**

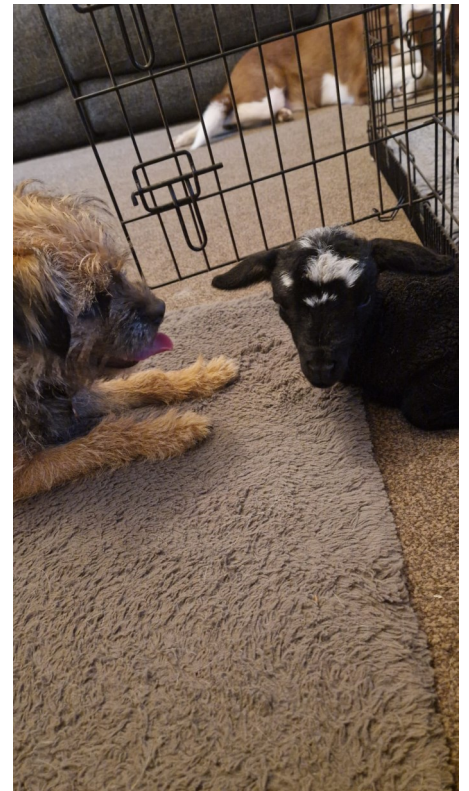
**STALLS, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE,  
COMPETITIONS**

**COME AND  
JOIN US**



**SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU SMILE**

*This little lamb is Mabel. She's being looked after by Anne Thorpe's daughter Tracy and her household of dogs cats etc. She has no mother.*



# NEWS FROM CHURCHES

## HOLT

We continue with a very busy church life and are encouraged that the number of regular attendees is steadily rising. We have also recently hosted two weddings (see below) which has been a great joy. Between Easter and Pentecost we have been holding regular weekly Bible Studies co-ordinated by Rev Jonny and led by different members of the church which have been very well attended. Our Afternoon Teas remain very popular and we now continue with these throughout the winter. Congratulations to Joselyn and her team! A Summer Fayre is planned (see advert on page 22). We shall also take advantage of the Holt Festival, which is being expanded this year, and have the church open as much as possible.

We are very pleased with the way that our choir, featured in the last *Link*, is developing. There are regular practices and it is a good contribution to our worship. Our annual Pet Service is planned for early August. Past experience has shown that, with lively publicity, we can expect a good number of visitors, both human and other species, to join us. It is encouraging to see that some other churches in the Circuit are also adopting the idea.

Our Development Project – Light and Life for All – continues to move forward. Work is well underway with fundraising with a considerable amount of encouragement although nothing as yet is certain. All we can do is to keep working and to keep praying that God's will (not ours!) is done.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Mr. and Mrs Walton

Mr. and Mrs. Wynes  
and Poppy



## BEETLEY

### Beetley's Coffee Mornings

Beetley's Coffee Mornings, held on alternate months, have returned to the successful format that they were before Covid. We are delighted to welcome over 40 people each time. Books and jigsaws, bric-a-brac and cakes are available together with guest stalls such as jams and marmalades from Gressenhall, recycled greetings cards from Trinity and photographic cards in aid of Water Aid.

Donations are gratefully received for refreshments and bric-a-brac. A quarter of the proceeds are donated to other charities, for example, Dereham Food Bank, St. Martin's Housing Trust and Dereham Town Pastors.

## SCULTHORPE AND FAKENHAM

The first of our quarterly Coffee Mornings was held on 9<sup>th</sup> March. We had good support from the village and the Circuit. It was great to see people enjoying themselves, staying for a chat.

We felt we were successful in our intention to let people know who we are and that is still a Methodist Chapel in Sculthorpe where they will be very welcome. Thanks to everyone. [*See page 22 for photographs.*]

## GREAT ELLINGHAM

June 9th is our Chapel Anniversary this year, our 179th birthday. The Service will be led by Rev Jacqui at 2-30pm. still keeping the faith.

July the 7th will be our final Service with Rev Jacqui and Deacon Jen, at 3.00 p.m. in the form of a Songs of Praise. The Parish Church is being invited for this very special Service.

## MATTISHALL

This year it was our turn to host the World Day of Prayer service from Palestine with the theme of "I beg you, bear with one another in love". The service was written well before the current conflict commenced so it was timely that this country was the focus of prayerful reflection this year. Several denominations took part but overall the attendance was lower than in previous years.

Four Methodists joined with other Christians in the annual Village Walk of Witness on Good Friday commencing at the Evangelical Church and stopping at various points along the route for a reading, prayer and hymn before finishing in the Parish Church.

We were pleased to have visitors from the Circuit join us for the visit of Rev Andrew King for our Chapel Anniversary service in April. Fellowship continued over light refreshments.

The monthly Saturday Charity Coffee Mornings commenced in March. Attendance has been varied but those who come appreciate meeting up with others as many are on their own.

"Explore the BIG Story" from the Bible Society is the subject of the latest joint Garvestone/Mattishall Weekly Bible Study course which began in April.

## GRESSENHALL

We continue with our pattern of services in the first and third Sundays of the month followed by light refreshments. A warm welcome awaits you all.



# CHURCHES

## WATTON

Our weekly Wednesday coffee mornings have now picked up well again since the disruption of the Covid lockdowns, and are enjoyed by many regular local people as well as visitors to the town. As well as coffee and tea, there are delicious home-made cakes and other delights on sale. Church members are on hand to welcome and chat to newcomers and regulars alike. In order to not put too much burden on our small band of volunteer helpers, we have been pleased to welcome other helpers from some of the local community groups, including the Air Cadets (parents, as well as the young people in holiday times), the Inner Wheel Club, and the Watton Evening W.I. group. Without this support we would not be able to sustain this weekly outreach venture.

One of the helpers from the Inner Wheel has written the following piece from her perspective of working together with our church:

"The Inner Wheel Club of Watton has become part of the new initiative to work alongside members of the church to maintain the regular Wednesday Coffee Mornings. We are enjoying, with the other groups involved, the support from passing footfall as well as many of their own groups supporters. Money raised is split fairly between the Church and the other organisations involved. We are able to advertise our own events, advertising with flyers and posters on the tables. We look forward to continuing and possibly increasing the mutual support in the months ahead."

*Stella Leonard  
Watton Inner Wheel*

## WELLS

We had a very busy and happy Easter. The Lent lunches and the weekly Lent talks went well – as did our dawn service on Easter Sunday. As I write our Spring Sale of plants etc. will be held tomorrow, Friday 26th April, and we are hoping our efforts will be rewarded. The weather plays an important part in attendance and we have been suffering some strong east and north-east winds lately – we are in God's hands! Revd. Jonny is holding a Bible Study group on Thursdays from 23rd May to 20th June from 2.30-3.30pm – all our Wells Churches are invited to take part as well as Circuit friends. Our Christian Aid Service was on Saturday 18th May in this Church.

Our busiest week this summer is, of course, Wells Carnival Week from Friday 2nd August to Sunday 11th August. We start with "Mindful Music" on Wednesday 7th from 10.30am to 12noon followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. This will be a reflective hour of a personal choice of a CD with an accompanied short talk. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday we are holding an Art Exhibition from 2.30pm to 4.30pm – a variety of art – hopefully some from the school children – some to purchase, some to display. Everyone is most welcome and entry is free. Refreshments will be provided for a small charge. Please come and support us! Our Sunday morning service at 11.00 a.m. will be a Carnival Songs of Praise – hopefully a Churches Together service.

We hope you all have an enjoyable summer – Wells is a lovely place to visit!

# AROUND THE CIRCUIT

*For your information, prayer and support*

## WATTON

**Services:** every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. (mostly live streamed) and 6.30 p.m.

**Church Anniversary:** 10.30 a.m. July 7th, led by Tony Hey.

**Coffee Mornings:** 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. every Wednesday in the Watton Methodist Centre.

**Tuesdays at Two:** 2.00 p.m. dates as arranged. All are welcome to a variety of activities in The Methodist Centre once a month. Details tbc.

## HOLT

**Services:** every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

**Rev Jonny's Testimony Service:** 3.00 p.m. June 15th.

**Rev Jonny's Ordination Service:** Time tbc (late afternoon), June 30th, at Batley Central Methodist Church.

**Pet Service:** 11.00 a.m. August 4th, led by Rev Jonny.

**Friday Prayer Time:** 9.30 a.m. on Fridays.

**Mid-week Communion Service:** 4.00 p.m. June 17th, July 15th, (no service in August).

**Holt Choir Practice:** 7.00 p.m. June 14th, 28th, July 12th, 26th, August 9th, 23rd.

**Afternoon Teas:** 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. June 21st, July 19th, August 16th.

**Summer Fayre:** 11.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. July 20th.

**Holt Festival:** July 13th – 27th. Church open as much as possible – times tbc.

## BEETLEY

**Services:** 10.30 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays.  
6.00 p.m. on the first and third Sundays.

**Big Sunday:** 6.00 p.m. June 30th.

**Church Anniversary:** 10.30 a.m. July 14th, led by Rev. Anne Richardson.

**Harvest Festival:** 10.30 a.m. September 8th, led by Rev. Derek Grimshaw.

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

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

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

**Coffee Mornings:** 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. July 27th, September 28th.

**Illustrated Talk 'The Agricultural Labourer' by Steve Pope:** 2.30 p.m. June 22nd, followed by refreshments. Donations welcome.

## SCULTHORPE AND FAKENHAM

**Services:** every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

**Coffee Morning:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon June 1st, in the Village Hall.

**Service of Talents:** 2.30 p.m. July 28th, led by Rev Andrew King. This includes crafts and musical items.

**Chapel Open:** 2.00 – 5.00 p.m. July 29th, to view the items on display. Refreshments available.

## TOFTWOOD

**Services:** every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.  
followed by a Bring and Share Lunch on June  
2nd, July 7th, August 4th.

**Weekly Lace Group:** 9.30 a.m. -12.00 noon  
on Mondays except in August.

**Guides:** Mondays 7.00 – 8.30 p.m. except  
August.

**Coffee Shop with Stalls:** 10.00 a.m. – 11.30  
a.m. June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th.

**Craft Group:** 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. June 5th, July  
3rd, August 7th.

**Lunch & Linger:** 12.00 noon – 2.30 p.m.  
June 12th. July 10th, August 14th.

**Carpet Bowls:** Thursdays 1.45 – 4.00 p.m.

**Messy Church:** 3.30 – 5.00 p.m. June 25th,  
July 23rd.

**Film Club:** 2.00 p.m. Closed for the summer,  
restarts in September.

**Card-making Group:** 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. June  
26th, July 24th, August 28th.

**Strawberry Tea:** 2.30 p.m. June 22nd

## GREAT ELLINGHAM

**Services:** Usually fortnightly on Sundays in  
the Schoolroom at 2.30 pm.

**Chapel Anniversary:** 2.30 p.m. June 9th, led  
by Rev Jacqui.

**Coffee Mornings:** 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. June  
6th, July 4th, August 1st.

## SPORLE

**Services:** 11.00 a.m. first and third Sundays

**United service** with St Mary's (in the chapel)  
on the third Sunday in the month.

## HINGHAM

**Services:** every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

**Coffee Shop with stalls:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00  
noon June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd.

**Silent Auction:** 10.00 – 12.00 July 13th.

## LITCHAM

**Services:** every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

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

## DEREHAM

Trinity

**Services:** every Sunday at 10.45 a.m.

**Church Anniversary:** 10.45 a.m. June 23rd.  
Preacher Rev Andrew King.

**Mid-week Communion:** 10.30 a.m. June 6th,  
July 4th, August 1st. (Contact Jacky Woor  
01362 697860)

**Lunch Club:** 12.00 noon. June 13th, July 11th,  
August 8th. (Contact Rev Anne Richardson  
01362 695582).

**Coffee Mornings:** 10.00 a.m. June 20th, July  
18th, August 15th. (Contact Jacky Woor  
01362 697860)

**Cards and Chatter:** 10.00 a.m. June 27th,  
July 25th. (Contact Sylvia Meredith 01362  
693425)

**Women's Own:** 2.45 p.m. June 4th, 11th,  
18th, 25th. Closed for the summer break in  
July and August. (Contact Olwyn Brough  
01362 692799)

**Coffee Morning** at the home of Sylvia and  
Richard Meredith (12 Elvin Road 01362  
693425): 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon August  
29th.

## STIBBARD

**Services:** last Sunday in the month at 11.00 a.m. If this is the fifth Sunday the service will be followed by lunch.

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

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

**Credo Lunch:** 12.30 p.m. June 6th, July 4th, August 1st.

**Conversing with Psalms:** 2.30 p.m. June 26th, July 24th.

**Circuit Choir Practice:** 7.30 p.m. June 7th, 21st, July 5th, 19th, August 2nd, 16th,.

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

## WELLS

with Churches Together in Wells

**Services:** every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

**Prayer and Praise:** Every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m.

**Community Lunch at the Congregational Hall:** 12.00 noon every Monday

**Ecumenical Bible Study:** 2.30 – 3.30 p.m. May 23rd, 30th, June 6th, 13th, 20th.

**Carnival Week:** August 2nd – 11th.  
“**Mindful Music**”: 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon August 7th.

**Art Exhibition:** 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. August 8th – 10th.

**Carnival Songs of Praise:** 11.00 a.m. August 11th.

## SAHAM HILLS

**Services:** every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

## GARVESTONE

**Services:** every Sunday at 6.00 p.m. except June 16th, July 21st, August 18th, when there will be United Services at 11.00 a.m.

**Prayer Meetings:** 2.00 p.m. June 21st, July 19th, August 16th.

**Ecumenical Bible Study and Discussion Group:** Thursdays at 2.00 p.m. phone Andrew Durrant (01362 858033) for details re venue and subjects..

**Knit and Natter:** 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon June 11th, July 9th, August 13th. For venues contact Lorna Folkes (01362 858391).

## SWAFFHAM

**Services:** every Sunday at 10.45 a.m.

**Baptismal Service** for five children: 10.45 a.m. June 2nd.

**Church Anniversary** (211 years old!): 10.45 a.m. July 7th, led by Rev Jacqui and Deacon Jen combined with their leaving ‘do’ with a Bring and Share lunch.

**Circuit Service – farewell to Rev Jacqui and Deacon Jen:** 3.00 p.m. July 21st.

**Power of Prayer Group:** Friday 9.30 a.m. Praying for God’s world. Phone 01760 722611 for the venue.

**The Meeting Place drop-in:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon every Tuesday. Free refreshments.

**Olympics at Home:** 10.30 a.m. July 11th, run by Jacqui and Jen. Lots of fun and games

**Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall:** 9.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd.

**Swaffham Friendship Group:** Next meeting in September.

## THE PILGRIM CHURCH

Walsingham

**Services** followed by refreshments: 4.30 p.m.  
June 9th, July 7th, August 11th.

**District Service:** 2.30 p.m. June 8th.  
Preacher Rev Julian Pursehouse.

## FULMODESTON

**Services:** first and third Sundays at 2.30 p.m.

## TITTLESHALL

**Services:** every Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

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

## WENDLING

**Services:** 10.30 a.m. first Sunday in the  
month

**Coffee Morning:** 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon  
June 19th.

## MATTISHALL

**Services:** every Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

**Monthly Saturday Charity Coffee Mornings:**  
10.00 – 11.30 a.m. June 15th, July 20th,  
August 17th.

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

## GRESSENHALL

**Services:** Services on the 1st and 3rd  
Sundays of the month at 2.30 p.m. followed by  
light refreshments.

## NEW HOLKHAM

**Services:** 2.30 p.m. last Sunday in the month

## CIRCUIT MEETING

June 19<sup>th</sup> at Swaffham.

All meetings begin at 7.15 p.m.

### **REGULAR Weekly dates for prayer** Further details elsewhere in *The Link*.

Mon	8.45 am	Morning Prayer	Circuit (on Zoom)
Mon	9.30-12.00	Weekly Lace Group (except August)	Toftwood MC
Mon	12.00 noon	Community Lunch in the Congregational Hall	Wells
Mon	7.00-8.30	Guides (except August)	Toftwood MC
Tues	10.00-12.00	The Meeting Place Drop-in	Swaffham MC
Tues	2.45 pm	Women's Own (not July and August)	Dereham Trinity MC
Wed	8.45 am	Open Prayer	Circuit (on Zoom)
Wed	9.30 am	Coffee Shop	Watton M Ch Centre
Wed	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Tittleshall MC
Wed	10.30 am	Prayer and Praise	Wells MC
Thurs	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Litcham MC
Thurs	1.45-4.00	Carpet Bowls	Toftwood MC
Thurs	2.00 pm	Ecumenical Bible Study and Discussion Group Garvestone / Mattishall MC	
Fri	9.30 am	Friday Prayer Time	Holt MC
Fri	9.30 am	Power of Prayer Group	Swaffham MC
Sat	8.45 am	Praying with the Methodist Church and for the Circuit	Circuit (on Zoom)

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July 24	2.00-3.00	Knit 'n' Natter	Beetley MC
July 24	2.00-4.00	Card-making Group	Toftwood MC
July 24	2.30 pm	Conversing with Psalms	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 25	10.00 am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
July 26	7.00 pm	Holt Choir Practice	Holt MC
July 27	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning	Beetley MC
July 28	2.30 pm	Service of Talents	Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
July 29	2.00-5.00	Chapel open to view display	Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
July 30	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning—YANA	Helhoughton Village Hall
Aug 1	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Gt Ellingham MC
Aug 1	10.30 am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
Aug 1	12.30 pm	Credo Lunch	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Aug 2	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Aug 2-11		Wells Carnival Week	Various
Aug 3	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall	Swaffham MC
Aug 3	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Hingham MC
Aug 4	11.00 am	Pet Service led by Rev Jonny	Holt MC
Aug 4	11.00 am	Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Toftwood MC
Aug 6	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Aug 7	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Aug 7	10.00-11.30	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Toftwood MC
Aug 7	10.30-12.00	"Mindful Music"	Wells MC
Aug 7	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Aug 7	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
Aug 8	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Aug 8-10	2.30-4.30	Art Exhibition	Wells MC
Aug 9	7.00 pm	Holt Choir Practice	Holt MC
Aug 11	11.00 am	Carnival Songs pof Praise	Wells MC
Aug 11	4.30 pm	Service followed by refreshments	Walsingham MC
Aug 13	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
Aug 14	12.00-2.30	Lunch & Linger	Toftwood MC
Aug 14	12.30 pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Aug 15	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
Aug 16	2.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Aug 16	2.00-4.00	Afternoon Tea	Holt MC
Aug 16	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Aug 17	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
Aug 20	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Aug 21	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Aug 23	7.00 pm	Holt Choir Practice	Holt MC
Aug 27	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning—WWF	Helhoughton Village Hall
Aug 28	2.00-3.00	Knit 'n' Natter	Beetley MC
Aug 28	2.00-4.00	Card-making Group	Toftwood MC
Aug 29	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	12 Elvin Road, Dereham
Aug 30	7.00 pm	Quiz Night @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre

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25 June	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning—RNID	Helhoughton Village Hall
June 25	3.30-5.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
June 26	2.00-3.00	Knit 'n' Natter	Beetley MC
June 26	2.00-4.00	Card-making Group	Toftwood MC
June 26	2.30 pm	Conversing with Psalms	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 27	10.00 am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
June 28	7.00 pm	Holt Choir Practice	Holt MC
June 30	as arranged	BIG SUNDAY	All churches
June 30	tbc	Rev Jonny's Ordination Service	Batley Central MC
July 2	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
July 3	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
July 3	10.00-11.30	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Toftwood MC
July 3	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
July 3	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
July 4	10.30 am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
July 4	12.30 pm	Credo Lunch	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 5	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 6	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall	Swaffham MC
July 6	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Gt Ellingham MC
July 6	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Hingham MC
July 6	7.30 pm	Railway Film Evening	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 7	10.45 am	Church Anniversary	Swaffham MC
July 7	10.45 am	Church Anniversary led by Tony Hey	Watton MC
July 7	11.00 am	Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Toftwood MC
July 7	4.30 pm	Service followed by refreshments	Walsingham MC
July 9	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
July 9	10.30 am	Olympics at Home run by Jacqui and Jen	Swaffham MC
July 10	12.00-2.30	Lunch & Linger	Toftwood MC
July 10	12.30 pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard MC
July 11	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
July 13	10.00-12.00	Silent Auction	Hingham MC
July 12	7.00 pm	Holt Choir Practice	Holt MC
July 13-27		Holt Festival	Various
July 14	10.30 am	Church Anniversary led by Rev Anne	Beetley MC
July 15	4.00 pm	Mid-week Communion Service	Holt MC
July 16	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
July 17	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
July 18	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
July 19	2.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
July 19	2.00-4.00	Afternoon Tea	Holt MC
July 19	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 20	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
July 20	11.00-3.00	Summer Fayre	Holt MC
July 21	3.00 pm	Circuit Service—farewell to Rev Jacqui & Deacon Jen	Swaffham MC
July 23	3.30-5.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC

# **DATES FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT**

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June 1	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall	Swaffham MC
June 1	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Hingham MC
June 1	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Sculthorpe Village Hall
June 1	7.30 pm	Railway Film Evening	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 2	10.45 am	Baptism Service	Swaffham MC
June 2	11.00 am	Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Toftwood MC
June 4	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group–The Link	Mattishall MC
June 4	2.45 pm	Women’s Own	Dereham Trinity MC
June 5	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
June 5	10.00-11.30	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Toftwood MC
June 5	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
June 5	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
June 6	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Gt Ellingham MC
June 6	10.30 am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
June 6	12.30 pm	Credo Lunch	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 6	2.30-3.30	Ecumenical Bible Study	Wells MC
June 7	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 9	2.30 pm	Chapel Anniversary led by Rev Jacqui	Gt Ellingham MC
June 9	4.30 pm	Service followed by refreshments	Walsingham MC
June 11	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
June 11	2.45 pm	Women’s Own	Dereham Trinity MC
June 12	12.00-2.30	Lunch & Linger	Toftwood MC
June 12	12.30 pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 13	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
June 13	2.30-3.30	Ecumenical Bible Study	Wells MC
June 14	7.00 pm	Holt Choir Practice	Holt MC
June 15	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
June 15	3.00 pm	Rev Jonny’s Testimony Service	Holt MC
June 17	4.00 pm	Mid-week Communion Service	Holt MC
June 18	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group–The Link	Mattishall MC
June 18	2.45 pm	Women’s Own	Dereham Trinity MC
June 19	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
June 19	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
June 19	7.15 pm	CIRCUIT MEETING	Swaffham MC
June 20	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
June 20	2.30-3.30	Ecumenical Bible Study	Wells MC
June 21	2.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
June 21	2.00-4.00	Afternoon Tea	Holt MC
June 21	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 22	2.30 pm	Talk: ‘The Agricultural Labourer’ by Steve Pope	Beetley MC
June 22	2.30 pm	Strawberry Tea	Toftwood MC
June 23	10.45 am	Church Anniversary led by Rev Andrew King	Dereham Trinity MC
June 25	2.45 pm	Women’s Own	Dereham Trinity MC