

# THE LINK

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## A WARM WELCOME TO DEREK AND KAREN



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# MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This feels very strange for me. After spending most of the last year dealing with all my “lasts” in the Ipswich circuit and saying goodbye to a long list of people I have come to know well during my eleven years as their superintendent minister, I now turn the corner and start to say “hello” to a lot of new people in the Central Norfolk Circuit.



Looking back, the last five years have been some of the toughest of my ministry mainly because of all the challenges surrounding the Covid 19 pandemic. I was talking with a lady recently who worked as a supermarket manager during lockdown, and she was telling me of all the negatives of trying to keep shoppers safe and the barrage of abuse they had to deal with. After a moments reflection she said, “but we learned so much through that whole experience” and I admit to feeling the same.

I will never forget the days following the start of the first Lockdown, I got up, sat at my desk, and hadn't a clue what to do with myself, I had a full diary, but couldn't fulfil any appointments, I had services to conduct, that weren't happening, and I felt a huge responsibility for the staff of the circuit and all the Churches. It is easy to look back at those days and see only the negatives, but as I reflect, like my supermarket friend, we learned so much from that whole experience.

We possibly all find change difficult, I want to thank Jacqui and Jen for the work they have done in the Central Norfolk Circuit during that same period. I had the pleasure of working alongside Jacqui when we both worked in the Norwich Circuit in neighbouring churches, and I hope to pick up the good work she has done and move the Circuit forward for the next five years.

My original plan was to retire this summer. I had a sabbatical last year and found the whole thing a struggle, one of the biggest lessons I learned was that I am not ready to give up yet, but I feel that I still have much to offer to the Church, my next stipulation was “not another superintendency”. But God knew different and here I am.

Please don't think for a moment that I resent coming and working with you, I have come to love working with small village and Market towns and best of all as we come to live and work among you, we will be just twenty minutes from our eldest daughter and our grandson.

Without a doubt, the Church in the western world is facing a period of change which goes far beyond a change of personnel, we know that there are fewer people around to deal with the day to day running of the Church and many of us are tired, but I can't believe that God has finished with His Church, and he will lead us through our time together.

I look forward to meeting with you all during the coming weeks.

With best wishes.

*Derek*

# THE LINK

Once again it is my privilege to edit a bumper edition of *The Link*, thanks to so many contributions sent in by so many people (all of which arrived on time and most of them were early, which is a great help). I find it both humbling and impressive to see how much is going on throughout the Circuit—God is keeping us pretty busy!

We have had many opportunities to celebrate all that Jacqui and Jen did amongst us as you will see in the following pages. By the time this edition is published we shall be in the process of welcoming Derek and Karen amongst us and we look forward to working with them in whatever new directions they lead us.

It has been good to once again receive so many photographs of so many events. Coupled to my thanks may I add a word of caution. I've received quite a number of photos of large groups taken, I suspect, on a 'let's get everybody in' basis. Sorry, but they don't come out well when printed as the figures of often too small to make out who they are. I've done my best but photographs which are big and bold

showing something happening are best. Also please bear in mind that if you send me a photograph I assume all who are in it are happy for it to be printed. If you are in doubt please check first.

As you read these pages you may notice that one place (The Hive) is very good at advertising upcoming events and also one of our churches. If you wonder why your church's special events are not advertised it's because nobody has sent me a poster! I know it may seem strange preparing publicity for a Christmas Fayre in July but if you want it printed that's what's got to be done!

Producing *The Link* is quite a drawn out process. Much can be done before the official deadline, especially in preparing the diary pages. The remainder is assembled as quickly as possible thereafter, it then has to go to proof-readers, and then to our excellent printer who requires ten working days. With the help of our distributors this should enable it to be in your church on the penultimate Sunday of the month.

Blessings,

*Tony Hey*

# DEADLINE

**FOR THE  
DECEMBER- FEBRUARY  
EDITION**

**SATURDAY 30th  
NOVEMBER**

*Please include details of activities  
up to the end of February 2025*

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# FAREWELL TO

## FAREWELL SERVICE AT SWAFFHAM



# JACQUI AND JEN

## PARTY AT DEREHAM



## WATTON

We have been saying thank you and goodbye to our ministers, Rev Jacqui and Deacon Jen during the summer. People from the congregation, local community and ecumenical groups came together for a party as we wished them well in their retirement. We

gave thanks for their ministry with their creative skills and generosity of gifts of time, talents and themselves.



# FAREWELL TO

## HINGHAM

*From Heather Parle:* On Tuesday 25th June, we had a 'Retirement Lunch' for Rev Jacqui & Deacon Jen at Lincolns Restaurant in Hingham. There were 27 of us enjoying the lunch, which was delicious and Lincolns catered for us so well! We had Balloons and Banners, Gifts & Speeches! It



was a real 'Fun Time'!

We shall miss Jacqui and Jen so very much. Their Ministry has been all encompassing and we at Hingham thank them for it all. Thank you, Jacqui and Jen for always supporting us.



## LOCAL PREACHERS' MEETING



## WALSINGHAM



# JACQUI AND JEN

## A MESSAGE FROM JACQUI AND JEN

We would like to thank everyone very much indeed for our Farewell events and for all the cards and messages we received from across the Circuit. A huge Thank You for the generous cheque for each of us, we will use the money for something special to mark our time in Central Norfolk.



A particular thank you to Aileen and Anne for organising the party and service on the final weekend, both were extremely memorable, meaningful and enjoyable.

We will be praying for the future of Circuit, churches, and people, and remembering you all with deep affection.

With love, prayers and blessings.

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who gave so generously of their time and money to ensure a really good send off for Revd Jacqui and Deacon Jen. So much goes on behind the scenes for all these occasions, that we are often not always fully aware of. A special thanks to Revd Anne for all her work especially for the service for Jacqui and Jen.

Now we move on and it is a time of new beginnings. Firstly for Revd Jonny following his ordination at the Methodist Conference. For Revd Anne who suggested that she moved to the Swaffham section and that the Superintendency operated from the Dereham section. Also as Revd Anne enters the Stationing process for September 2025.

For Revd Derek (Grimshaw) Karen and family moving into Dereham, and all in Methodism as our year starts on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The new year will involve the circuit as well as Anne going into Stationing, the process by which circuits, Presbyters and Deacons enter the system for appointments for September 2025.

There is so much too as we discern the way forward within our circuit and churches. Please pray for the circuit as we enter our New Methodist Year.

All good wishes.

*Aileen*

# OUR STORY

Derek and Karen

Karen and I come as a pair and I thought that you might like to hear a little bit about our story, we are both what is sometimes referred to as “cradle Methodists” having attended Church from being small babies.



I was born in the village of Calverley in West Yorkshire which sits midway between the cities of Leeds and Bradford. I have one brother who is a year older than me, both my parents were extremely active in the village chapel, so it was inevitable that my brother and I would be absorbed into the “Chapel culture” and attended Sunday school and I became a Church member aged thirteen.

Karen’s paternal family were evacuated from Guernsey during the second world war and settled in Bradford and like me, Karen’s family were involved in the life of one of the other Churches in the same circuit. Karen has two sisters both younger than her and they all attended Church from an early age.

I left school at sixteen, chiefly because my dad was seventy-two that year and after a lifetime of working in the woollen mill as mule spinner, he was retired, and my brother and I had to go out and earn some money. All I wanted to do was to work as sales rep, chiefly so that I would be supplied with a company Ford Cortina, I was very driven, and my dream came true and in my late teens I was travelling the length and breadth of the country.

The only problem with my career choice was that I wasn’t very good at it and aged twenty-two, I was promoted into a management position and spent the next twenty-five years working in what became known as logistics management, running large distribution centres.

Karen and I met at the Methodist Association of Youth Clubs MAYC London weekend in May 1980, my brother and I sat behind her and her friend on the coach, he married one girl, I married the other. My brother and sister-in-law celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary last year and Karen and I mark our Ruby wedding in September 2025.

We hit a rocky patch in the late eighties when both my parents died, our eldest daughter Laura died when she was just sixteen hours old, and Karen’s father was involved in a fatal traffic collision. But against all this sadness we were blessed with our two girls, Amy and Emma. I was working hard in my management role and Karen was working as a registered childminder, looking after a string of children who became an extension of our family.

*[Continued on page 9]*



# AUTUMN MONTHS

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun  
Remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colours of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath, in the cool air remind us that it is you who gives us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us

of the abundance we have been given  
And bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness for ever and ever.

Amen

*Maria Martin*

# OUR STORY

*[Continued from page 8]*

After being a local preacher for fifteen years and having felt called to the ministry for many years, I had never followed my call, because with a young family, taking time out to attend theological college didn't feel viable. Things changed and the Methodist Church opened a pathway for training part time while working full time.

Looking back, I don't know how I ever managed it, I started my training in 2001 while working full time, spending time on placement in a neighbouring circuit, and being a husband and dad at the same time. Relocating was always a big deal, and we were stationed to Hethersett, Framingham Earl, and Brooke in the Norwich Circuit in September 2005 and I was ordained at the Blackpool conference of 2007.

What is fascinating is that my maternal grandmother grew up in the National Children's Home and for most of my life I knew nothing of her story. I have now discovered through research that her mother lived in the village of Brooke in Norfolk, the very place where my presbyteral ministry began, and my great, great, great, grandfather grew up in the village of Sporle in Norfolk during the early nineteenth century and candidated for the Primitive Methodist Ministry as an eighteen-year-old following a camp meeting in the village and served in and around East Anglia.

Even though my roots are firmly fixed in West Yorkshire I feel to be back where I belong, and Karen and I look forward to working with you. Amy and our grandson Alexander live in Hethersett and Emma and her husband Alex will be living with us in Dereham, so the family feels to be back together again.

## WALSINGHAM UPDATE



# The Pilgrim Methodist Church

Walsingham



Since the last Link was published, things have moved forward at Walsingham. Money from non-circuit and Methodist sources has been used to renovate the Georgian Ceiling. In itself, viewing the ceiling and ground level from a temporary additional scaffolding floor 8ft from the ceiling was an interesting and hopefully one off experience as was cleaning and polishing afterwards! The result however is beautiful and really enhances the Grade 2\* listed building.



Fortunately, we were able to get the chapel looking smart for the 230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary District service in June with 2 days to spare. This was a great day when Rev'd Julian Pursehouse led us in worship whilst both he and Jacqui reminded us of the importance of the Methodist witness, past present and future, in such a national place of pilgrimage.



In July, we sadly had to say goodbye to Jacqui who has supported us so well over the past 5 years. One of our congregation, Jane, is an artist and she generously painted her a special picture of the chapel as a parting token of our appreciation, which Angela presented to her.



We are now back to our normal schedule of opening on Fridays from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. as well as school visits and our regular monthly services.

These are at 4.30 p.m. on September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>. We gather for a time of worship followed by a meal. Do join us if you are in the area, you would be most welcome.

## HOLT SPRING PARTY

Holt held its annual open-air Spring Party in the Memorial Gardens in the centre of Holt on Pentecost Sunday to which everyone was most welcome, whether they be residents or visitors. We had quite a number of people who just dropped in and it was a very successful occasion, giving us the opportunity of telling people what—or rather who—we are about.



# EAST ANGLIA METHODIST HERITAGE CENTRE AT WIGHTON

The Heritage Centre is now in its second year telling the story of Methodism's contribution to East Anglia over the last 250 plus years.



Last year we opened 2 days a week from late May to late October. We had more than 400 visitors from many parts of the UK and beyond. This year we opened at Easter (late March) and will be open Tuesdays and Fridays till September 27<sup>th</sup>.



Methodist items of historic interest are regularly given to us and form part of our ongoing and changing displays. Well worth a visit or a second visit. Material for our reference library continues to be brought to us by the box load, so much so that we have run out of space for the box files storing it.

The Circuit Meeting have given us permission to expand. NNDC have given us full planning consent to build an extension on the school room/library and to convert the two toilets



into one accessible toilet and a walk-in store. As soon as the plans have been costed we will be seeking donations and applying for grants.

Watch this space!

*Elizabeth Bellamy*



## ANGELA CYCLES THE CENTRAL NOFOLK CIRCUIT IN AID OF HOLT'S LIGHT AND LIFE FOR ALL FUND

Soon after 9 o'clock on Friday the 28th June Natasha and I were greeted by Tony at Holt Methodist church. We explained to Natasha the alterations that are planned to make the building more 'user friendly' and showed her the architect's drawings demonstrating how natural light will fill the church when the Rose Windows are exposed. We then set off on our laden bikes for North Elmham, on back lanes rather than the Dereham Rd, where a friend promised us coffee and cake. From there we peddled back and forth to the 6 churches and chapels in the Dereham area. Wendling chapel had kindly been left open for us so we could make use of the facilities over our picnic lunch. That day we cycled 41 miles.

After the night in Dereham we set off soon after 8 o'clock for our biggest day of the ride which was 51½ miles. Natasha realised she had a slow puncture by the time we reached Garvestone, when we arrived at Hingham a kind 'Yellow Van Man' used his air compressor to re inflate the tyre to full pressure. By then we were behind schedule and sending messages to stewards waiting for our arrival. Watton provided us with drinks and biscuits and, after mending the puncture, hand washing facilities. We pushed on with flying visits to Saham Hills and the Hive and were found collapsed in a scrap of shade at Swaffham church by Ann and her husband. It was a hot day and despite drinking lots of water I, at least, was a bit dehydrated. We had 3 more chapels to visit before reaching our B&B in Hempton, we had planned to visit Sculthorpe too but ran out of time and energy.

The final day saw us starting in rain at 8.30 by popping out to Sculthorpe and back, luckily I knew the cycle route which meant crossing main roads but not cycling on them. Then we cycled east to Stibbard before heading north and into a cold wind, to Fulmodeston and Walsingham. Reaching the South Gate entrance to Holkham park and the way to New Holkham chapel a security man told us 'Sorry, closed for a 5 day photo shoot'. But Natasha gave him her best smile and he gave us permission to visit the chapel and return to the same gate, phew! So we reached Wells church and the promised home-made cake at about 12.15. Elizabeth and others made us welcome and gave me a generous contribution to our cause, the Holt Light and Life for All. We then had a short stop at the Wighton Heritage Centre, and a longer stop for a sandwich by the River Stiffkey. We returned to Holt church at 3.30 where we were welcomed by Jenny and Stephen. We'd cycled 40 miles that day, though Natasha had another 5½ to get her home.

We had taken photos at every church we visited, both for our personal records and to prove we had been there. The whole trip was 132 miles and raised **£1059** for the Light and Life for All fund.





## Simply Summer at The Hive

What a terrific season at The Hive – we'll let it speak for itself!



A play-reading of George Orwell's *Animal Farm* provoked thoughtful discussion about world affairs and how to engage with them.

Julian's last engagement in the Central Norfolk Circuit was for Poetry and Music for a Summer's Day – an inspiring event!



Thank you so much for an absolutely magical afternoon of music, poetry and strawberries. The atmosphere was redolent of a gentler England.

Just a word of thanks for the afternoon's activity. It was most enjoyable and everyone's hard work was much appreciated.

I pray you have been able to find rest and recuperation ready for all the activities which lay before you. Thank you for being such blessing.

# THE HIVE

CREATIVITY - SPIRITUALITY - WELL-BEING



It was the best for thing for me: so distracting and absorbing, often curious and sometimes bizarre! I felt safe and welcome in company where I could be myself, free from pressure and judgement. Thank you for a wonderfully therapeutic afternoon at The Hive.



# OLYMPICS AT HOME



From Anne Thorpe: Swaffham Methodist Church had their very own Olympics at Home in July. We had to bring them forward a bit because of Jacqui and Jen's imminent departure. As usual, lots of fun was had by all and it was quite something to watch the concentration on the faces of the participants.



*Anne comments:  
I don't know who  
enjoyed the games  
the most! Look at  
Jacqui's face!*





# A SPECIAL VISIT TO BEETLEY

In Mid-May we were delighted to welcome Rev. Dr. Prof. Gnanavaram and his wife Kiruba back to the Chapel. They stayed with Rev. Anne over the weekend, visited friends in the Circuit and helped with Holy Communion at Trinity. He also took part in the service at Beetley when he talked about the work with the Children in his native village of Melayakudi, Tamil Nadu, India. Well over £600 was raised for this work.



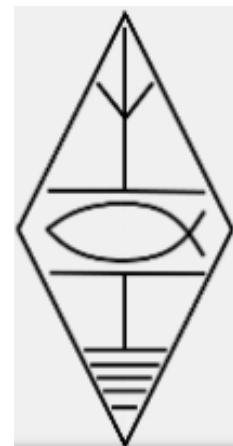
A few weeks later, Gnana and Kiruba stayed with Rev.

Andrew and Sarah King and was able to attend the District Service at Walsingham.

They have now returned safely to India.



## CHURCHES ON THE AIR



**ALL DAY  
SEPTEMBER 14th**

**BASED AT  
STIBBARD**

## THE HIVE

*Dot McIlroy writes:* I attended the Summer Poetry Event at The Hive on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, what a pleasant afternoon we had, even the sun came out shining through the windows after a very dull day. Reverend Julian read his own choice of poems, varied and thoughtful poems all on the theme of Summer, including the appreciation of the natural world and spiritual emotions. Entertaining music was delivered by Geraldine and Sarah which set our feet tapping and to top it all we were treated to strawberries and cream, mock cocktails and cake. Thanks to the small group at the Hive and best wishes for your events next season and good luck to Julian with his new venture in Yorkshire.

Last autumn Chris and I enjoyed a very peaceful break in a wooden lodge in a wildflower meadow alongside a river in Cambridgeshire, an idyllic, isolated spot where Kenneth Grahame once stayed, not in the lodge but the adjacent cottage. I could just imagine the inspiration for *Wind in the Willows*. There was a small writer's hut on the river bank with just one armchair where I would sit for hours and one day I actually wrote a poem. The lodge was called *The Ark* so I called the poem *The Ark* and left it with the lady of the house who has framed it in the hut.

Listening to Julian talk about his poetry and his spiritual connections with verse and later reading Reverend Jonny's piece on Ministry where he said each of us has our own prayer life, I wondered if my poem that day was a prayer in appreciation of all the beauty God has given us. Richard Coles on his winter walk on TV said 'we all need silence, peace and contemplation'. Our weekend break certainly delivered that and my poem is with me always.

## THE ARK

The river is calm  
The bank is wild with balsam and willow  
Quivering with visiting bees and butterfly

The clouds are grey  
Autumn dampness pervades the still air  
Not a hint of sunshine to break the sky

But I am warm  
The little writers hut with glass all round  
Wraps me in comfort but lets me keep my eye

There is plenty to see  
In the stillness of water and air  
But imagination takes over as inspiration is high

No photo is needed  
This peaceful place twixt heaven and earth  
Is in my mind and my heart like a dancing butterfly.

*Dot McIlroy*

# 'THE AGRICULTURAL LABOURER' AT BEETLEY

Beetley hosted a fascinating illustrated talk by Steve Pope, this time on the subject of 'The Agricultural Labourer'. The church was well filled and the people found the talk most interesting especially as several had links with farming.

It was followed by refreshments including a beautiful cake to celebrate the 80th Birthday of one of our dear friends, Brenda Everett.



**HOLT METHODIST CHURCH  
AFTERNOON TEA  
FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER  
2.00 - 4.00 PM  
DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES  
TOMBOLA , BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS**



**HOLT METHODIST CHURCH  
AFTERNOON TEA  
FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER  
2.00 - 4.00 PM  
DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES  
TOMBOLA , BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS**



**HOLT METHODIST CHURCH  
AFTERNOON TEA  
FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER  
2.00 - 4.00 PM  
DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES  
TOMBOLA , BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS**



**HOLT METHODIST  
CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS  
FAYRE**

**SATURDAY 30TH NOV  
11 AM TO 3 PM**

**LIGHT LUNCHES WILL BE SERVED  
VEGGIE OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

**HOMEMADE CAKES AND SCONES  
STALLS, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE,  
COMPETITIONS**

**COME AND  
JOIN US**

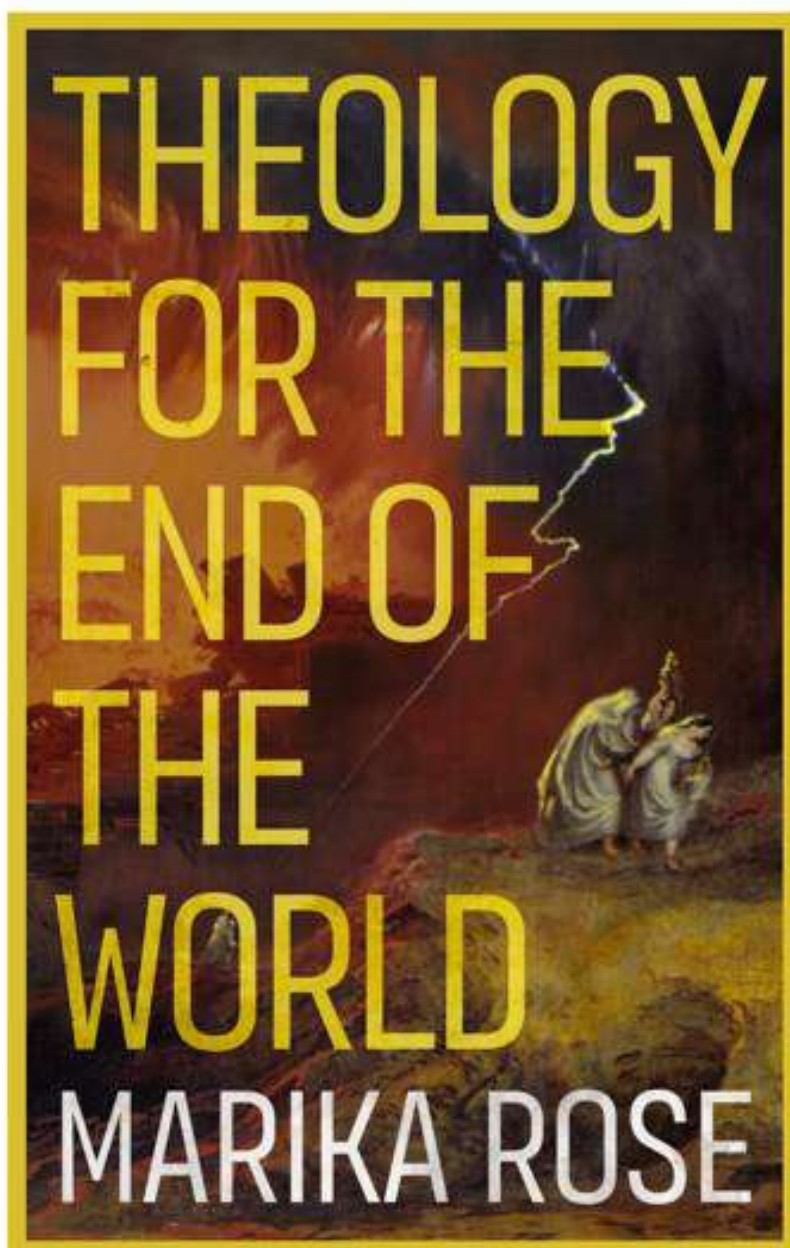




# Holt Methodist Church Bible Study Group

"It feels like the world is ending. In the midst of apocalyptic times it's tempting to cling on tightly to what we still have.

But what if our desire to save the world is part of the problem?" - *from the book's blurb*



We will explore one chapter a week at 7 pm on the first and third Thursday of the month in the Loades Hall. We will meet on the following dates:

1st Aug  
15th Aug  
5th Sep  
19th Sep  
3rd Oct  
17th Oct  
7th Nov  
21st Nov  
5th Dec

# HELHOUGHTON VILLAGE CHURCH HALL CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

We are delighted that a regular clientele has become established at these events, and that we are also joined by newcomers. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Here are the charities supported in the last few months and the totals raised:

April - Save the Children Emergency Fund **£210**

May - Wells RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) **£111**

June - RNID (Royal National Institute for Deaf People) **£111**

Coming up, we are fundraising for...

\***WWF (Worldwide Fund for Nature)** on **Tuesday 27th August**

\* **Primary School Play Equipment** on **Tuesday 24th September**

\* **The IBS Network** that supports people living with irritable bowel syndrome  
on **Tuesday 29th October**

\* **ShelterBox**, which provides emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by disaster  
on **Tuesday 26th November**

We are also collecting items for the **Mid Norfolk Foodbank**; food, toiletries and cleaning products.

All welcome **10 – 12** in **Helhoughton Village Church Hall** on **The Street**.

*Elizabeth Lodge  
Tittleshall Methodist Chapel*

## TITTLESHALL FÊTE

Tittleshall held its annual summer Fête on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July but was summer in name only! The weather was mixed to say the least. To be fair, we did have some occasional sunshine but otherwise there was plenty of rain, at times torrential, and you will see from the photo that it was very cold. The Met Office temperature indicated 8 degrees Celsius!

Still, we managed to keep cheerful on our 'That and This' gift stall and were amazed and delighted to have raised £300 for our Chapel.

*Elizabeth Lodge*



## MATTISHALL

We continued with the monthly Charity Coffee Mornings for a few months but as attendances have been low we have decided to have a break for the next few months. Ecumenically we joined members of the Mattishall and Tudd Valley Benefice and took part in a United Service at the end of June. This was originally planned to be held on the Village Green but as it was wet we went into the Parish Church. We should join with them again in November for the annual Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial on the Village Green.

The most recent set of seven Bible Studies have been held at Mattishall. We have used the "Cover to Cover" study book to study Romans sub-titled "Good News for everyone". Garvestone join us for this on Thursday afternoons from 2 - 4 pm including tea and refreshments at the end.

The chapel should be open as usual for the annual Churches Trust Bike Ride on 14th September and we look forward to seeing Rev Derek Grimshaw the next week for our Harvest Festival service.

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## GRESSENHALL

We have services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2.30pm with light refreshments. We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival on 15<sup>th</sup> September which will be Rev Derek's first visit to us.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> November our Fellowship Service will include All Souls Day when we will light a candle to remember our loved ones and sing their favourite hymns.

## SAHAM HILLS

It has been a quiet few months for us here with less folk and absentees for illness etc. but we started off well with our coffee morning and plant sale on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We had a lot of plants for sale and residents brought more on the day to add to our stalls so with a packed hall and a bustling kitchen serving teas and cakes we were really pleased with our very healthy total of £360.

We hold a service every Sunday, often with our own arrangements but we were pleased to have both Jacqui and Jen officiate a service each for us during their last month and a very welcomed communion with Jacqui. We thanked them both for all they have done for the circuit and for their friendly visits to our coffee mornings, I am sure they will appreciate a well earned rest before starting their next venture.

Our next coffee morning is on September 14th and we are going to stage a local Art and Craft Show as something different to encourage new visitors. It is also the open church day for the charity Bike Ride. All will be welcome.

With Harvest Festival on 6<sup>th</sup> October and our Christmas coffee morning 30<sup>th</sup> November we will have survived another year of events. Who knows what next year will bring, we pray we will be able to continue.

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## NEW HOLKHAM

Our Harvest Festival with Betty Trinder will take place at 2.30 p.m. on 29th September and the very popular Harvest Sale on Monday 30th September at 7.00 p.m. All welcome.

# CHURCHES

## HOLT

We continue very busy with all our worship and proclamation of our Lord and Saviour. We are continuing with our Afternoon Teas which are proving so popular that they are happening (usually on the third Friday) every month in the year. Friday Prayer Time is an important power house for the church, backed up with our weekly Prayer List on Sundays. We are looking forward to our Harvest celebrations at the end of September and also the Switch-on of the Holt Lights in mid-November. Holt must be one of the few towns in the country where the clergy are still invited to play an important role. November will end with our Christmas Fayre.

It has been decided to discontinue our mid-week communion services as it proved difficult to find a mutually convenient time. Instead Rev Jonny is going to lead an informal Evening Service once a month which should be more easily accessible.

We now have a regular weekly Bible Study at the church on Thursday evenings. It began as a temporary arrangement for the period between Easter and Pentecost but has proved so successful that it has become a permanent feature of church life. See the advert on page 20.

A great deal of work continues to be done around our Light and Life for All project. We are having a bit of a problem because most grant-givers want somebody else to give a grant before they do which is a bit frustrating. However we remain constant in our faith that God will sort everything out in accordance with his way. Please continue to pray for this project which is attracting a lot of interest with various groups in Holt .

## WELLS

As I write this, we are still looking forward to our busy Carnival Week activities with "Mindful Music" on Wednesday and an Art Exhibition on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, culminating in a "Carnival Songs of Praise" on Sunday. Next time we hope to report a successful week!

Our "Prayer and Praise" service continues to flourish as it increasingly includes people from the other Churches in Wells. We would particularly like to thank David Saunders from the Quaker Meeting House, one of our regular leaders for many years, for his interesting, informative and enjoyable meetings (mostly with a strong musical element!) as he feels that it is now time for him to step down from leading the meetings.

As building renovations are still going on at the Parish Church in Wells, the Methodist Church continues to host a number of activities which would usually take place at St Nicholas' Church. This includes their summer afternoon concerts, which continue into September. We have very much enjoyed the increased collaboration with the Anglicans.

As we go into the autumn, we are looking forward to our Harvest Festival on 22nd September, with a Gift Day preceding it on the 21<sup>st</sup> September.

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## SPORLE

Sporle Chapel will continue to be open for Worship but only on the morning of the 3rd Sunday in the month.

We ask for your Prayers in support of our on-going Witness.

# NEWS FROM CHURCHES

## LITCHAM

What a great year we have had so far in Litcham. We held our annual cream tea in July, it was a lovely afternoon well supported by the local community. As autumn approaches, we are looking forward to sharing some other occasions, we are holding a harvest lunch at the Litcham Bull on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 12.00. Tickets are £11.50 per person and can be obtained from Stephen Lynn on 01328 700978.

We are hoping to hold a quiz night in October, details to be confirmed at a later date, if you would like more information on this, please contact:  
maria.martin@live.com.au.

We are also holding a prayer walk around the village on 17<sup>th</sup> September, meeting on the green at 10.00 am. Come and walk around the village with us as we pray for the village and all the wonderful people in it.

As always our coffee mornings continue every Thursday morning at Litcham Chapel and also our Bible Study on the third Friday of each month. We would love to welcome you to any or all of these events.

## FULMODESTON

Our Harvest Festival Service will be on September 1<sup>st</sup>, led by Mrs Avril Temple. This service will be at 11.00 a.m. not our usual 2,30 p.m.

For the rest of the quarter we will continue with services on the first and third Sundays of the month at 2.30 p.m.

## GARVESTONE

We continue with our regular services at 6.00 p.m. until September 22<sup>nd</sup>, when the time changes to 3.00 p.m. for the winter. On the third Sunday we have united services with our friends at the Parish Church, alternately in the Chapel and the Parish Church.

Our Harvest Festival takes place on September 15<sup>th</sup> with the fresh produce going to the Dereham Community Pantry and the remainder to the Dereham and District Foodbank.

## SCULTHORPE & FAKENHAM

1<sup>st</sup> June saw us holding the second of our quarterly Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall. We had great support from the village and the Circuit.

People enjoyed coffee / tea and cake and stayed for a chat. We feel that they are getting to know us more and know that they will be very welcome at the Methodist Chapel. Thanks to everyone.

See you on September 7<sup>th</sup> for our next Coffee Morning with craft stalls, cake stall and our 2025 calendar on sale.





# AROUND THE CIRCUIT

*For your information, prayer and support*

## BEETLEY

**Services:** 10.30 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays.  
6.00 p.m. on the first and third Sundays (except September 1st).

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

**Big Sunday:** 10.30 a.m. October 27th.

**Prayer Meetings:** 9.30 a.m. September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th.

**Drop-in:** 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. September 4th, 18th, October 2nd, 16th, November 6th, 20th.

**Knit 'n' Natter:** 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. September 25th, October 23rd, November 27th.

**Coffee Mornings:** 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. September 28th, November 23rd.

## THE PILGRIM CHURCH Walsingham

**Services** followed by refreshments: 4.30 p.m. September 8th, October 13th, November 10th.

## FULMODESTON

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

**Harvest Festival :** 11.00 a.m. September 1st, led by Avril Temple.

## SPORLE

**Services:** 11.00 a.m. on the third Sunday.

## DEREHAM

Trinity

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

**Harvest Festival:** 10.45 a.m. September 29th, led by Rev Derek.

**Mid-week Communion:** 10.30 a.m. September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th. (Contact Jacky Woor 01362 697860)

**Lunch Club:** 12.00 noon. September 12th, October 10th, November 14th. (Contact Rev Anne Richardson 01362 695582).

**Coffee Mornings:** 10.00 a.m. September 19th, October 17th, November 21st. (Contact Jacky Woor 01362 697860)

**Cards and Chatter:** 10.00 a.m. September 26th, October 24th, November 28th. (Contact Sylvia Meredith 01362 693425)

**Women's Own:** 2.45 p.m. September 10th, 17th, 24th, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th. (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 October 31st.

## GREAT ELLINGHAM

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

**Harvest Festival:** 11.00 a.m. September 29th, led by Rev Jan May, followed by Harvest Lunch.

**Coffee Mornings:** 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th.

## HOLT

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

**Informal Evening Services:** 6.00 p.m.  
September 22nd, October 20th, November 17th.

**Harvest Supper:** 6.00 p.m. September 28th.

**Harvest Festival:** 11.00 a.m. September 29th.

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

**Holt Choir Practice:** 7.00 p.m. September 6th, 20th, October 4th, 18th, November 1st.

**Afternoon Teas:** 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. September 20th, October 18th, November 22nd.

**Holt Lights Switch-on:** From 5.00 p.m. November 15th.

**Christmas Fayre:** 11.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. November 30th.

## WELLS

with Churches Together in Wells

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

**Harvest Festival:** 11.00 a.m. September 22nd, led by Rev Jonny

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

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

**Gift Day:** September 21st.

## NEW HOLKHAM

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

**Harvest Festival:** 2.30 p.m. September 29th, led by Rev Betty Trinder.

**Harvest Sale:** 7.00 p.m. September 30th.

## TOFTWOOD

**Services:** every Sunday at 11.00 a.m. followed by a Bring and Share Lunch on September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd.

**Harvest Lunch:** 12.30 p.m. September 21st.

**Harvest Festival:** 11.00 a.m. September 22nd, led by Rev Anne.

**Weekly Lace Group:** 9.30 a.m. -12.00 noon on Mondays. Restarts October 7th.

**Coffee Shop with Stalls:** 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. September 7th, October 5th (first anniversary with birthday party theme), November 2nd.

**Lunch & Linger:** 12.00 noon – 2.30 p.m. September 11th, October 9th, November 13th.

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

**Messy Church:** 3.30 – 5.00 p.m. September 17th, October 15th, November 19th.

**Card-making Group:** 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. September 25th, October 23rd, November 27th.

**Film Club:** 2.00 p.m. September 13th, October 11th, November 8th.

## LITCHAM

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

**Harvest Lunch:** 12.00 noon September 14th, at The Litcham Bull. Tickets £11.50 from Stephen Lynn (01328 700978).

**Prayer Walk:** 10.00 a.m. September 17th, meeting on the green.

**Harvest Festival:** 9.30 a.m. September 22nd, led by Rev Anne – at Tittleshall,

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

**Bible Study:** 10.00 a.m. September 20th October 18th, November 15th.

## SWAFFHAM

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

**Harvest Festival:** 10.45 a.m. September 29th,  
led by Rev Anne

**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, with a visit from  
Green Pastures pop-up Shop on October 7th,  
and November 12th.

### **Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall:**

9.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon run by:

Sept 7th, the church

Sept 14th, Royal British Legion

Oct 5th, the church

Oct 12th, Swaffham Guides

Oct 26th, Hospital League of Friends

Nov 2nd, Royal British Legion – Poppy  
Appeal

Nov 9th, the church

**Swaffham Friendship Group:** 2.30 p.m..

Sept. 12th: Quiz with Sandra Simm

Sept. 26th: Hidden Histories with David  
Jones

Oct. 10th: 'Ted E. Bear's Amazing Journey'  
PowerPoint presentation by Anne Thorpe

Oct. 24th: 'Eh Up, Miss' Rosemary Natriss  
presents Tales from the Classroom

Nov 14th: The Falklands – a talk by Rod  
Goddard

Nov 28th: tba

## 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. September  
11th, October 9th, November 13th.

**Railway Film Evenings with Tea and Cake:**  
7.30 p.m. September 7th, October 5th,  
November 2nd.

**Proverbial Prattle:** 2.30 p.m. September 25th,  
October 23rd, November 27th.

**Circuit Choir Practice:** 7.30 p.m. September  
13th, 27th, October 11th, 25th, November  
8th, 22nd.

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

**Churches on the Air:** all day September 14th.

## MATTISHALL

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

**Harvest Festival:** 2.30 p.m. September 22nd,  
led by Rev Derek

**Monthly Saturday Charity Coffee Mornings:**  
These have been discontinued for the time  
being..

**Mattishall Dementia Support Group – The  
Link:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon September  
3rd, 17th, October 1st, 15th, November 5th,  
19th.

## TITTLESHALL

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

**Harvest Festival:** 9.30 a.m. September 22nd,  
led by Rev Anne.

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

## SCULTHORPE AND FAKENHAM

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

**Harvest Festival:** 11.00 a.m. September  
15th, led by Rev Jonny.

**Coffee Morning:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon  
September 7th, in the Village Hall

## WATTON

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

**Harvest Festival:** 10.30 a.m. September 15th, led by Rev Anne

**Coffee Mornings:** 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. every Wednesday in the 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. Suitable for all abilities, with refreshments.

Sept 10th: Stained Glass Butterfly Craft

Oct 8th: Harvest Craft Afternoon

Nov 12th: Endangered Animal and Bird Bingo

Dec 10th: Christmas Poems and Reflections

## GARVESTONE

**Services:** every Sunday at 6.00 p.m., 3.00 p.m. on and after September 22nd.

**Harvest Festival:** 11.00 a.m. September 15th, led by Aileen Fox.

**Prayer Meetings:** 2.00 p.m. September 20th, October 18th, November 15th.

### 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 September 10th, October 8th, November 12th. For venues contact Lorna Folkes (01362 858391).

## SAHAM HILLS

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

**Harvest Festival:** 10.30 a.m. October 6th, led by Rev Anne

**Art & Craft Show Coffee Morning:** 10.00-11.30 a.m. September 14th.

**Christmas Coffee Morning:** 10.00 a.m. November 30th.

## HINGHAM

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

**Harvest Festival:** 10.30 a.m. September 29th, led by Nelson Tubby.

**Coffee Shop with stalls:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd.

**Take-a-Break Tuesday Soup Lunch:** 12.00 noon – 2.30 p.m. November 12th.

## WENDLING

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

**Harvest Festival:** 10.30 a.m. September 15th, led by Rev Derek

**Coffee Morning:** 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon September 25th, October 30th, November 27th.

## GRESSENHALL

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

**Harvest Festival:** 2.30 p.m. September 15th, led by Rev Derek.

**Fellowship Service to include All Souls Day:** 2.30 p.m. November 3rd.

## CIRCUIT MEETING

7.15 p.m. September 17th  
Dereham Trinity

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Nov 15	10.00 am	Bible Study	Litcham MC
Nov 15	2.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Nov 15	From 5.00 pm	Holt Lights Switch-on	Holt town
Nov 17	6.00 pm	Informal Evening Service	Holt MC
Nov 19	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Nov 19	3.30-5.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
Nov 20	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Nov 21	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
Nov 22	2.00-4.00	Afternoon Tea	Holt MC
Nov 22	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 23	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning	Beetley MC
Nov 26	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning-Shelterbox	Helhoughton Village Hall
Nov 26	7.15 pm	LOCAL PREACHERS MEETING	Beetley MC
Nov 27	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
Nov 27	2.00-3.00	Knit 'n' Natter	Beetley MC
Nov 27	2.00-4.00	Card-making Group	Toftwood MC
Nov 27	2.30 pm	Proverbial Prattle	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 28	10.00 am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
Nov 28	2.30 pm	Swaffham Friendship Group	Swaffham MC
Nov 29	7.00 pm	Quiz Night @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 30	10.00 am	Christmas Coffee Morning	Saham Hills MC
Nov 30	11.00-3.00	Christmas Fayre	Holt MC

## **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 (from October)	Toftwood MC
Mon	12.00 noon	Community Lunch in the Congregational Hall	Wells
Mon	7.00-8.30	Guides	Toftwood MC
Tues	10.00-12.00	The Meeting Place Drop-in	Swaffham MC
Tues	2.45 pm	Women's Own	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
Thurs	7.00 pm	Bible Study	Holt 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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Oct 12	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall	Swaffham MC
Oct 13	4.30 p.m.	Service followed by refreshments	Walsingham MC
Oct 15	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Oct 15	3.30-5.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
Oct 16	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Oct 17	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
Oct 18	10.00 am	Bible Study	Litcham MC
Oct 18	2.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Oct 18	2.00-4.00	Afternoon Tea	Holt MC
Oct 18	7.00 pm	Holt Choir Practice	Holt MC
Oct 20	6.00 pm	Informal Evening Service	Holt MC
Oct 23	2.00-3.00	Knit 'n' Natter	Beetley MC
Oct 23	2.00-4.00	Card-making Group	Toftwood MC
Oct 23	2.30 pm	Proverbial Prattle	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Oct 24	10.00 am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
Oct 24	2.30 pm	Swaffham Friendship Group	Swaffham MC
Oct 25	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Oct 26	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall	Swaffham MC
Oct 27	as arranged	BIG SUNDAY	All churches
Oct 29	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning –IBS Network	Helhoughton Village Hall
Oct 30	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
Oct 31	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	12 Elvin Road, Dereham
Nov 1	7.00 pm	Holt Choir Practice	Holt MC
Nov 2	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Hingham MC
Nov 2	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall	Swaffham MC
Nov 2	10.00-11.30	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Toftwood MC
Nov 2	2.30 pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 3	11.00 am	Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Toftwood MC
Nov 3	2.30 pm	Fellowship Service to include All Souls	Gressenhall MC
Nov 5	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Nov 6	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Nov 6	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Nov 7	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Gt Ellingham MC
Nov 7	10.30 am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
Nov 8	2.00 pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Nov 8	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 9	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall	Swaffham MC
Nov 10	4.30 p.m.	Service followed by refreshments	Walsingham MC
Nov 12	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
Nov 12	12.00-2.30	Take-a-Break Tuesday Soup Lunch	Hingham MC
Nov 12	2.00 pm	Tuesdays at Two	Watton M Ch Centre
Nov 13	12.00-2.30	Lunch & Linger	Toftwood MC
Nov 13	12.30 pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Nov 14	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Nov 14	2.30 pm	Swaffham Friendship Group	Swaffham MC

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Sept 21	All day	Gift Day	Wells MC
Sept 21	12.30 pm	Harvest Lunch	Toftwood MC
Sept 22	9.30 am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Anne	Tittleshall MC
Sept 22	11.00 am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Anne	Toftwood MC
Sept 22	11.00 am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Jonny	Wells MC
Sept 22	2.30 pm	Harvest Festival led by Rev Derek	Mattishall MC
Sept 22	6.00 pm	Informal Evening Service	Holt MC
Sept 24	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning -Primary School play Equipment	Helhoughton Village Hall
Sept 25	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wending MC
Sept 25	2.00-3.00	Knit 'n' Natter	Beetley MC
Sept 25	2.00-4.00	Card-making Group	Toftwood MC
Sept 25	2.30 pm	Proverbial Prattle	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 26	10.00 am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
Sept 26	2.30 pm	Swaffham Friendship Group	Swaffham MC
Sept 27	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 28	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning	Beetley MC
Sept 28	6.00 pm	Harvest Supper	Holt MC
Sept 29	10.30 am	Harvest Festival led by Nelson Tubby	Hingham MC
Sept 29	10.45 am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Derek	Dereham Trinity MC
Sept 29	10.45 am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Anne	Swaffham MC
Sept 29	11.00 am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Jan May followed by lunch	Gt Ellingham MC
Sept 29	11.00 am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Jonny	Holt MC
Sept 29	2.30 pm	Harvest Festival led by Rev Betty Trinder	New Holkham MC
Sept 30	7.00 pm	Harvest Sale	New Holkham MC
Oct 1	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Oct 2	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Oct 2	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Oct 3	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Gt Ellingham MC
Oct 3	10.30 am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
Oct 4	7.00 pm	Holt Choir Practice	Holt MC
Oct 5	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Hingham MC
Oct 5	10.00-11.30	Coffee Shop with Stalls (1st anniversary celebration)	Toftwood MC
Oct 5	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall	Swaffham MC
Oct 5	2.30 pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Oct 6	10.30 am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Anne	Saham Hills MC
Oct 6	11.00 am	Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Toftwood MC
Oct 8	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
Oct 8	2.00 pm	Tuesdays at Two	Watton M Ch Centre
Oct 9	12.00-2.30	Lunch & Linger	Toftwood MC
Oct 9	12.30 pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Oct 10	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Oct 10	2.30 pm	Swaffham Friendship Group	Swaffham MC
Oct 11	2.00 pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Oct 11	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre

# **DATES FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT**

**Further details on pages 29-31**

Sept 1	11.00 am	Harvest Festival led by Avril Temple	Fulmodeston MC
Sept 1	11.00 am	Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Toftwood MC
Sept 3	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Sept 4	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Sept 4	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Sept 5	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Gt Ellingham MC
Sept 5	10.30 am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
Sept 6	7.00 pm	Holt Choir Practice	Holt MC
Sept 7	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Hingham MC
Sept 7	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Sculthorpe Village Hall
Sept 7	10.00-11.30	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Toftwood MC
Sept 7	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall	Swaffham MC
Sept 7	2.30 pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 8	10.30 am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Derek Grimshaw	Beetley MC
Sept 8	4.30 p.m.	Service followed by refreshments	Walsingham MC
Sept 10	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
Sept 10	2.00 pm	Tuesdays at Two	Watton M Ch Centre
Sept 11	12.00-2.30	Lunch & Linger	Toftwood MC
Sept 11	12.30 pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 11	7.15 pm	<b>LOCALPREACHERS MEETING</b>	Swaffham MC
Sept 12	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Sept 12	2.30 pm	Swaffham Friendship Group	Swaffham MC
Sept 13	2.00 pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Sept 13	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Sept 14	10.00-11.30	Art and Craft Show Coffee Morning	Saham Hills MC
Sept 14	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall	Swaffham MC
Sept 14	12.00 noon	Harvest Lunch	Litcham Bull
Sept 15	10.30 am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Derek	Wndling MC
Sept 15	10.30 am	Harvest festival led by Rev Anne	Watton MC
Sept 15	11.00 am	Harvest Festival led by Aileen Fox	Garvestone MC
Sept 15	11.00 am	Harvest Festival led by Rev Jonny	Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
Sept 15	2.30 pm	Harvest Festival led by Rev Derek	Gressenhall MC
Sept 17	10-.00 am	Prayer Walk	Litcham Green
Sept 17	10.00-12.00	Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Sept 17	3.30-5.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
Sept 17	7.15 pm	<b>CIRCUIT MEETING</b>	Dereham Trinity
Sept 18	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Sept 19	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
Sept 20	10.00 am	Bible Study	Litcham MC
Sept 20	2.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Sept 20	2.00-4.00	Afternoon Tea	Holt MC
Sept 20	7.00 pm	Holt Choir Practice	Holt MC