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CELEBRATING A LIFETIME OF DEDICATION TO DUTY AND FAITH

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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear friends,

After five wonderful years as your minister in Central Norfolk Circuit, I will be leaving in August. What a privilege it has been to share the journey of faith with you. I count it among my deepest joys. Even in sad times, what a blessing it has been to support each other in these moments. Our lives have been interwoven in the fabric of faithful service to our Lord and Saviour. I thank you. And Christine and Divine add their thanks to my own.

If we could take a snapshot of my congregations in September of 2017 and hold it alongside today, we would see churches we recognise, but also churches that have been much transformed. The responses we have acted upon due to the pandemic, and all the measures we have initiated to meet this highly unusual situation — indeed, all that we have accomplished together — took optimism and dedication, in which you generously shared.

Two years ago, none of us could have predicted Zoom meetings, or the livestreaming of worship. I am sure, just as we have done these things, so, too, they will continue into the future, for the worship and praise of our Living Lord. This is God's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

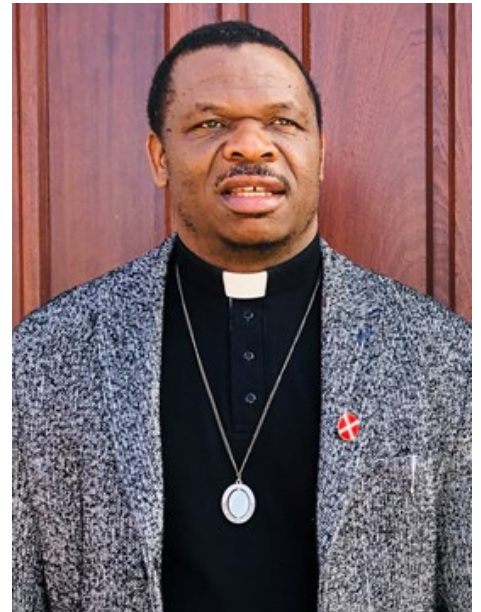
Between now and end of July will be the "Season of Farewell." We will be sharing with you as we always have, but aware it will be a series of "lasts." Our farewell Sunday will be at 3pm on July the 31st at Holt Methodist Church. That day, by way of our worship, I will extend our love and thanks to you. After that day, we will continue to hold you in our prayers and ever be the friends to you that we have been.

What we will not be is Minister and Minister's family. Someone who is your next minister, will fulfil those roles. Give your new minister the same support and encouragement you have given to me.

Some of you have asked: Where will you be next? The answer is, I will be going to Thames Valley Circuit Slough in Berkshire. All through the Bible, God's people are called to be ready to go where God is leading them; and with those many examples as our guide, we will say yes to what God has envisioned as the next chapter in our lives.

While I am leaving you, there is one who remains constant: Jesus Christ. Jesus has been here from the beginning, and will be with you for the rest of time. We will miss you deeply. Central Norfolk Circuit will ever be written upon our hearts and held in our prayers.

Love and blessings, now and always,



Rev Cliff Shanganya

THE LINK

This has been an interesting *Link* to put together as we have had more photographs than usual (though photographs are always very welcome) and fewer articles than sometimes, bearing in mind that one or two regular series have reached their natural conclusion. I trust you will find this edition interesting to read through and also to pray through. It certainly shows we are a lively Circuit!

As many of you realised there was a printer's error in the last edition which, curiously, affected the normal A5 version but not the Large Print. Somehow, and it is still not clear how, page 24 was used from the previous (December—February) edition which resulted in the apparent anomaly of several church boxes appearing twice but advertising their Christmas services and also others which should have been there being omitted altogether. I must pay tribute to our printers who were mortified when it was pointed out what had happened. As you may be aware they immediately offered to print copies of the correct page 24 for anyone who wanted one and are also printing this edition at half-price. Whilst the

mistake was unfortunate I hope you will agree that our printers are to be commended for taking the matter very seriously and responding as they did. I think our current printer has been making a very good job and, apart from this minor blip, considerably improved the quality of the magazine.

It's good to read that we are continuing to return normality as Covid recedes. Or rather not simply to go back to what we were doing before but to develop and introduce new and exciting ideas. I strongly believe we worship and follow an exciting God who has lots of new initiatives up his divine sleeve for us to get involved in. A number of these are highlighted in the following pages – keep your eyes and prayers open for more!

More changes are happening in the summer with the departure of Cliff and the arrival of Jonny. We shall miss Cliff with his emphasis on multi-cultural worship and look forward to working with Jonny.

Read on—pray on.

Tony Hey

DEADLINE

**FOR THE
September—November
EDITION**

SATURDAY 30th JULY

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up to the end of November*

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FAREWELL AND THANKS

From Jacqui Horton

Cliff has been a reliable, helpful, committed, forgiving and enjoyable colleague! He believes in teamwork and doing whatever is asked of him (if possible) and it has been a joyful experience to have worked with both Cliff and Christine over the past 32 months. Their musical contributions have brightened up circuit zooms and other occasions, and Cliff's thoughtful messages and devotions have likewise punched above their weight in Worship Sheets, Staff devotions and Thoughts for the Day. Thank you Cliff for collegueship and friendship on behalf of the Staff Team - we pray many blessings on both you and Christine for the future.

From Sam Parfitt:

One of the most difficult things to embrace as a Methodist is often that sweet sadness of a Minister's five year tenure coming to an end. Often it seems to go by all too quickly, and Cliff's time with us in the Circuit is no exception. I fondly remember Cliff's first week and the occasional phone call I received asking for directions as he navigated his way around the back roads of the section! Very quickly though he settled into our communities, bringing with him a vibrant and songful gift that is very much at the centre of his calling. If I could only choose one word to describe Cliff it would be joyful; whether draped in multicoloured fairy lights to sing carols, dancing in the spirit at Synod or celebrating the joy of the risen Lord very early on Easter morning at Spout Hills. It has been a privilege to be one of Cliff's colleagues, and a recipient of the generous hospitality of both Cliff and Christine - whatever the occasion. I will miss Cliff's laughter, indomitable spirit and joyfulness but know that all of these gifts and more will not only serve well, but richly bless the community he is joining in his next station.

From Pippa Cook:

When Cliff and Christine came on their second visit to the Circuit before taking up their appointment in 2017, they came to spend the night with us in Stibbard. Before we went to bed we invited Cliff to say a prayer and his first thought was that he and Christine should sing. Music has been such a large part of his ministry with us and although Covid put an end to the 'Born in Song' music group, it did not stop the singing. Neither did it stop the contact with Cliff, as he often phoned to check on us and to have a prayer with us. We have been blessed to have him as our minister since Rev. Andrew left and pray that the people of Slough will be just as blessed as we are. We wish Cliff, Christine and Divine all God's blessing in their next appointment.

LL, CLIFF ANK YOU



From Joselyn Bunting:

Cliff has been a breath of fresh air and we have been truly blessed to share in his ministry. The opportunity to learn about his culture and join in his lively and gospel steeped worship is something we at Holt have wholeheartedly embraced and will definitely miss. His wonderful outfits, especially the sparkly shoes have brightened the duller days. May God bless him and Christine in all that they do.



Rev COLIN GARWOOD

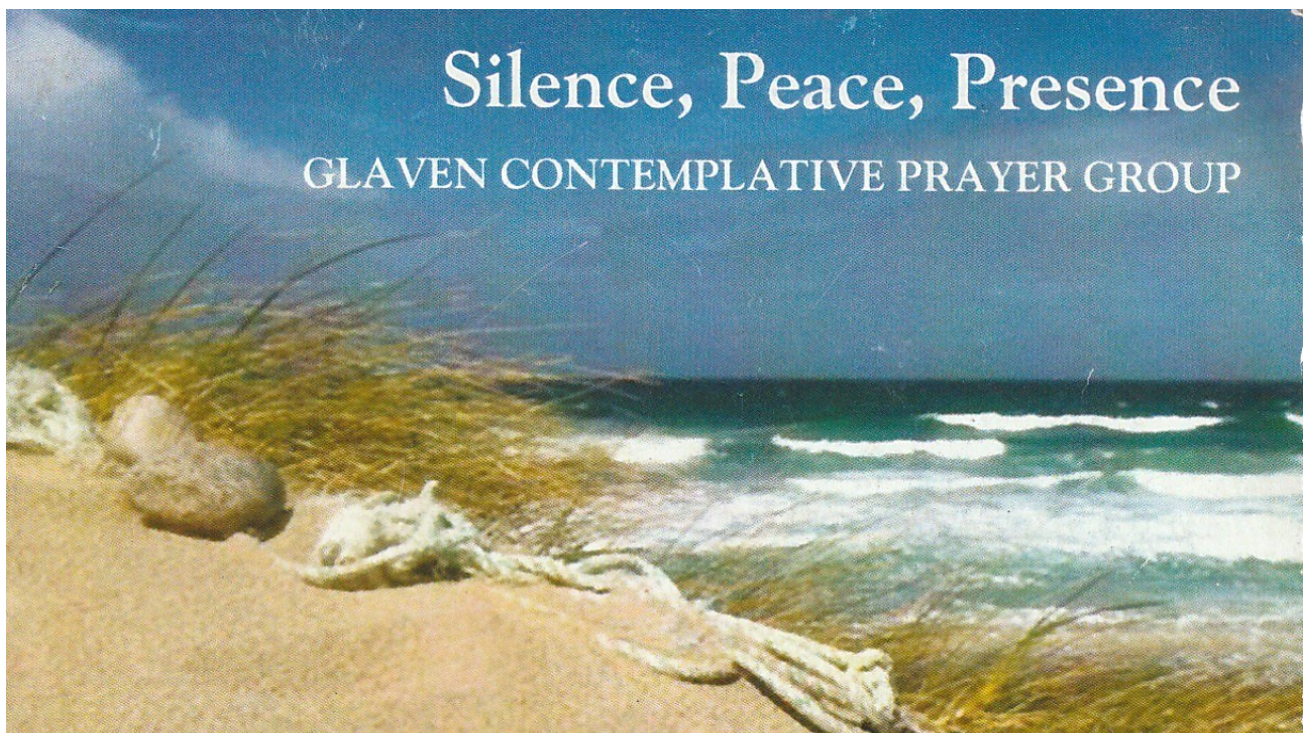


We have received a further appreciation about Colin from Margaret Couchman:

I first met Colin Garwood in the mid-1960s, when he was minister at Cliff Town Congregational Church, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. My father-in-law, Ted Couchman, was organist and choirmaster at Cliff Town for many years. My mother-in-law, Rene, was in the choir with Betty, and Betty and Colin's daughters.

Cliff Town was a vibrant church with well attended services. Christmas Service was very special as were the Bandstand Services on the cliffs overlooking the sea.

Happy special times, with lovely memories.



Every Tuesday at 5.45 p.m.

at Wiveton Parish Church

The focus of our meeting is 30 minutes silent prayer

SWAFFHAM MEETING PLACE DROP-IN



An opportunity to meet together in a safe place. Everyone welcome to enjoy a chat and possibly make new friends. We welcome all who lonely, needing a chat, or just curious! Please join us for free refreshments in lovely atmosphere.



The Hive is spreading the word!

It has been a rich and rewarding time since the beginning of the new year. Hot off the press (thank you Tony for holding these pages for us) we can share the news of a visit at the start of May from the President of Conference, Revd Sonia Hicks. A beautiful, sunny day meant that we could show off The Hive at Great Cressingham both inside and out.



Jacqui, Geraldine, Yasmin, Julian, Sonia Sarah, David, Susan

Accompanied by Jacqui and the Chair of District, Revd Julian Pursehouse, Sonia joined us for a presentation on the outreach work at The Hive. Under the heading of, *Awakening*, she was given a taste of our many and varied activities — yoga, meditation, Celtic spirituality, the natural world, and music for body, mind and soul.

East Anglia District's Mission Enabler, Dr Yasmin Finch, spoke about the growing network of Methodist pioneers and how they are being supported by Connexion and encouraged as they try to find new ways of speaking to people about God. Yasmin brought the President's visit to a conclusion with an invitation to walk the labyrinth newly mown into the grounds surrounding The Hive. After walking (barefoot) to the centre, we returned with a small piece of green marble from Iona to remind us of the visit.

The President's theme for the year is, *God's Table: An Invitation for All*. She spoke about her passion for inclusivity, acceptance and welcome which chimes so well with our ethos at The Hive. "Don't be afraid of *different*," she said, "God finds space for all of us," and by respecting other people's outlook and opinions, "we can all grow."



Our current season at The Hive is in full swing with the now familiar menu of varied events. We have already had the calming and healing experience of listening to 'singing bowls' presented by Alison Taylor-Smith of the British Academy of Sound Therapists and there is much more to come to lift our spirits and feed our souls, including a day retreat led by the Revd Dr Carole Irwin, called *Pilgrimages*. All events are free, although donations are welcomed and it's easy to book through eventbrite or by emailing us on thehiveplace@gmail.com.

Sarah, Geraldine, David and Susan at The Hive



A month earlier, at the beginning of April, we were invited to make a film about The Hive which was played at the District Synod in Ipswich. This was alongside two other pioneering projects and gave us the opportunity of sharing with Synod the exciting ways in which God is calling his church to change.



Spring into Summer at The Hive



Saturday 30th April, 2.30pm

Healing Sounds



Sunday 15th May, 2.30pm

Yoga Workshop

Saturday 4th June, 2.30 - 6.30pm

Jubilee Sing & Celebrate



Saturday 18th June, 2.30pm

Let's Talk About . . . Climate Change



Friday 24th June, 11.00am

Celtic Journeys - Blessings



Saturday 2nd July, 11 - 3.00pm

Pilgrimages



Saturday 16th July 2.30pm

Forest Church



Friday 22nd July 7.00pm

Music for Body, Mind & Soul



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PETER'S SONG

by Rosemary Wakelin

The sky was bright, the sun shone
warm,
And friends were near at hand.
"Who do you really think I am?"
Christ asked his chosen band.
The scene was set for victory
And firm the path they trod,
So Peter gladly owned his friend,
The Christ, the Son of God.

The sky was dark, the sun had set,
No friendly face in sight,
When Jesus, armed with love
alone,
Took on the powers of night.
The scene was set for total loss,
And all his friends had fled,
When Peter three times failed his
Lord -
"I know him not he said,."

The Son had risen, Lord of Life,
When on the shining shore,
For each denial, Peter owned
He loved his Lord the more.
So Jesus turned his grief to joy,
Despair to hope instead:
The sin forgiven, trust restored,
"Now tend my sheep" he said.

SAHAM HILLS

On Mothering Sunday 27th March
we enjoyed a lovely service
dedicated to all mothers here and
also those who are no longer with
us. Although we are only a small
group everyone contributed with
a reading, a prayer, some
interesting information about the
history of Mothering Sunday or
personal anecdotes and
reminiscences. We also said a
special prayer for all the mothers
from Ukraine, both those still in
Ukraine and those being moved
around the world with their
children for an uncertain future.

Loving God

*As a mother gives life and
nourishment to her children
So you watch over your
church*

Bless these women

*That they may be
strengthened as Christian
mothers*

*Let the example of their faith
and love shine through*

*Grant that their sons and
daughters*

*Will honour them always with
a spirit of respect*

*Grant this through Christ the
Lord*



The Pilgrim Methodist Church

Blakeney  Walsingham

From Sam: I'm sitting down to write this article on the afternoon of the last Thursday in April. I was in Blakeney this morning to lead morning prayers, followed by our weekly coffee morning. As I was driving back up Blakeney High Street, headed back to my office, I had to stop the car as there was a Muntjac deer trotting along the street in front of me, exploring people's gardens as it went. After a bit of exploring, it found a nice and lush looking garden to bounce into - I imagine the joy of the garden's owners won't match the joy of the deer in finding such a buffet! Further on in the same journey, I saw a Buzzard soaring gracefully above me. Sometimes I forget how very small and very rural the villages that I'm working in are, but my companions on the journey this afternoon reminded me that this is indeed where I have been called to serve for this season of my vocation. Two of the many things that I find really fulfilling about working in rural villages are the closeness of connection between humans and nature and the closeness of connection between people. Walking through either village I really enjoy stopping to chat to people, many of whom I've come to know during the last few years - sometimes we put the world to rights, sometimes they are going through a bit of a hard time and sometimes they put up with my terrible 'cracker' jokes! This 'sacred art' of neighbouring is, I think, incarnational ministry at its most humble. It is a privilege to walk alongside people, even if for a little while and one I am continually thankful to God for.

At Blakeney the community garden is really looking wonderful, with an array of spring flowers against the backdrop of the church, which is looking very smart with its newly painted woodwork. We've had visitors of all kinds, noticeably an increase in insects and birds who are enjoying the rich planting. Visitors of the two legged variety have been quite frequent too, often stopping to have a picnic on the benches. People have started to leave us messages in the garden book and it is often very touching to read that they have found peace and rest here. Recently I have bought a sun sail for the garden which will offer some shade during these lovely summer months (once we've worked out how to put it up!) and we look forward to continuing to build on the garden and its ministry.

In Walsingham it has been a joy to welcome visitors to the church once again, including Pilgrims, school groups, day trippers and holidaymakers. Many people in the village are keen to support us in promoting us as a place to visit, including local cafe owners and places to stay, which makes me hopeful for a busy summer. I have recently had some very encouraging conversations in ecumenical services, including one of the Carmelite Sisters from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham and look forward to continuing to build those relationships as the year rolls round.

At Walsingham the church is open to visitors every Monday and Friday from 2pm - 4pm. If you've never visited Walsingham or the Methodist Church it makes a very pleasant afternoon trip. If you would like to visit outside these times please email us to arrange a visit (on the email address Glyn has shared) At Blakeney we'll be hosting a Tea in the Garden event, selling refreshments, cakes and books etc on Saturday 12th August from 2-4pm, it would be a lovely time to come and see the garden and enjoy some refreshments .

Praying that you all have a lovely summer,

Blessings

Sam Parfitt



Tea in the Garden

Saturday 13th August
2-4pm



Refreshments, Cake Stall, Books and more

Proceeds will go to church funds

Blakeney Methodist Church
111 High Street
Blakeney



Walsingham
Methodist Church

Built 1794
The oldest working Methodist Church in East Anglia



Opening Hours

Monday	2pm - 4pm
Friday	2pm - 4pm

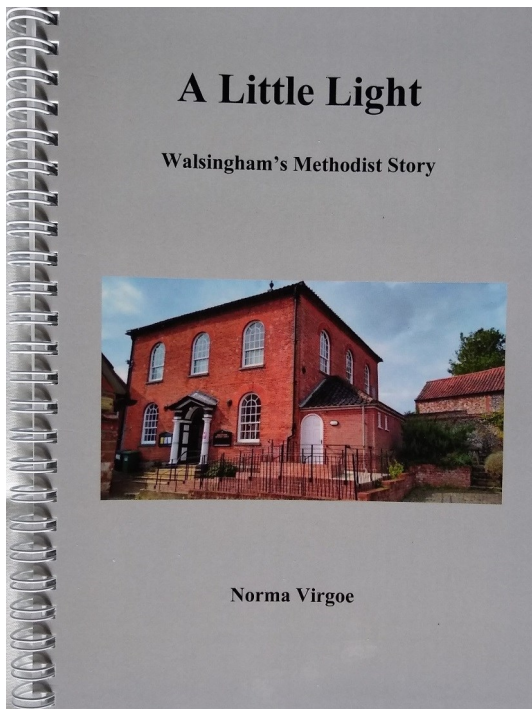
Services at the Church take place monthly, please see our website for details

To arrange a visit or a service outside of these times please contact us at
walsinghammethodist@gmail.com

For more information about Walsingham Methodist Church please visit our website
walsinghammethodist.com

[See overleaf for further information about Walsingham]

From Glyn: It's been a positive few months at Walsingham with the summer Pilgrim season still ahead of us.



The eagerly awaited book by Norma Virgoe is now available and even those of us who thought we knew all there was to know have learnt a lot. It's available at the Chapel, from Rev Jacqui or Sam for £5 or from Glyn (07793866072, walsinghammethodist@gmail.com) for £7-50 inc postage.

Sam supported by the rest of the team has now restarted opening the Chapel on Monday and Friday afternoons as well as to visiting parties and school visits by arrangement. It's amazing how little most teenagers know about our faith and how the inside of the Chapel is as foreign to them as a mosque would be to us. Recently Sam was asked what the hymn board was for. She explained that she'd chosen the hymns for the

Sunday and that led onto a chat about what she was speaking about...an opportunity to share Jesus. Similarly Aileen led a service for a group of 20 visiting pilgrims.

We were also blessed by an unsolicited gift to renew our two notice boards which had seen better days. As I write these are being fitted and will look very smart.

Finally our monthly services continue with around 15-18 of us gathering to meet, sing, worship and share tea together. All are welcome including visitors and pilgrims.

Our services during this quarter are at 4.30 p.m. on:

June 12th, July 10th and August 14th

Keep up with other events in the circuit news and on our website www.walsinghammethodist.com



Visiting pilgrims

EASTER WALKS ROUND LITCHAM

Stephen Lynn writes: On Palm Sunday folk at Litcham were able to revive the traditional processional service around the village after an absence of two years.

Around twenty of us, Methodist and Anglican, walked the village, stopping for prayers and readings along the way, before gathering for the main service on the village green.

In past years we had been able to follow a donkey belonging to one of our number, but it has now passed away, and, in the absence of a live replacement, we took with us a life size wooden substitute who has now been named Neddy!

Sitting on the B1145 crossroads, Litcham is a busy place on a Sunday morning, so many people saw us witnessing to God that day. Hopefully some of them will have reflected on what we were doing, and why we were doing it.

Another event in our calendar which had been postponed during worst of the pandemic was the Good Friday two mile walk between Tittleshall and Litcham, carrying a large cross in witness to our Lord's crucifixion.

Thus it was with great joy that twelve of us were able to do the walk this year. We saw many people along the way, including one motorist who seemed to find great pleasure in driving past us as close and as fast as he could. We pray for him!

In all the years that we have been doing these walks we have never yet been rained off, and this year was no exception, with glorious sunshine as our companion on both days for which we are so thankful.



IT'S A DATE!

Watton Methodist Church & Centre 95th



From Lesley Cowling: Any birthday offers an opportunity for celebration – a chance to look back; to plan for the future; and to be with family and friends in the present.

This is how the many people associated with WMC over the years are hoping to mark the 95th anniversary of the 'new' church building and the vision for the future of the Methodist Centre working alongside the church as true places of outreach, serving the community.

And we'd love it if, in one way or another, you would join us in this special celebration.

Entitled: 'To serve the present age' there is quite a lot going on.....hopefully the event

will have something for everyone!

In the run – up to our special weekend, we have been invited to mount an exhibition in the Watton Museum – this is a new link with the community and we are delighted to have made this connection.

Thursday 7th July . 3 p.m.

A short act of worship and thanksgiving will be held outside the church, as it was 95 years ago, marking, and to some extent re-creating, the occasion when the keys were handed over and the doors officially unlocked for the very first time. Looking at the photograph taken at the time, (come to the exhibition and see for yourselves!) the hope, expectation and faith of the people present are evident and one can almost hear the buzz of pride, hope and excitement in the air.

This will be followed by refreshments served outdoors, including a birthday cake.

Friday 8th July 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

An illustrated talk given by Rev. Jacqui Horton, entitled 'Churches and Conveniences' – the life and work of the Architect, Augustus Scott, whose firm designed the 'new' building. Refreshments will be served.

OR MAYBE 4!

Church Anniversary weekend July 7th-10th

Saturday 9th July from 9.30 a.m. in the Church and the Methodist Centre

Another opportunity to honour the past with exhibitions, memories, stories shared on a rolling audio/visual programme in the church and much more.....come and see. A thankful celebration of the present with members of Community and Church Groups who use the Centre, on hand to demonstrate the activities offered on a regular basis which enrich and enhance life in Watton



and the surrounding area. Mid - morning there will be a short act of re-dedication, led by the Ministers, asking for God's guidance as we step out into the future: sharing our interests, our concerns and our faith and committed to 'serve the present age' in many different ways. Again, refreshments will be available.

As this event involves a lot of different people and organisations exact times are not yet confirmed but you can be sure we'll let you know as soon as they are. Or please contact the Ministers, or email 95asa.celebration@gmail.com for further information.

Sunday 10th July 10.30 a.m.

A Service of Thanksgiving led by Rev. Jacqui Horton & Deacon Jen. Followed by a light lunch.



If anyone has photographs of events at WMC or memories of special occasions please get in touch as it would be good to include them in our ever-growing collection of interesting items and artefacts.

OUTDOORS FOR EASTER



Good Friday walk from Tittleshall to Litcham



Very early on Easter Morning!

Holt on Spout Hills



NEWS FROM CHURCHES

MATTISHALL

This year we hosted the annual World Day of Prayer Service and it was lovely to meet in person again. Almost thirty people from the area attended and members from the village Anglican, Evangelical and Methodist plus Garvestone Methodist churches gave the readings from the service prepared by women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland on the theme of "I know the plans I have for you". Afterwards fellowship continued over light refreshments. Photo shows the table decorated for the event representing the three countries who prepared the service.

Members met weekly at Garvestone for the Lent Course led by the Rev Tim Weatherstone from the Anglican Church. Weekly Bible Study has resumed alternating between the two churches studying Revelations on Thursdays at 2 pm.

We are pleased that the Dementia Support Group (The Link) began meeting again in March with a new co-ordinator although numbers attending are small at the moment.

It was good to see Rev Betty Trinder in April when she came to lead our 122nd Chapel Anniversary Service and afterwards we had a catch up over a cup of tea.

On Good Friday members joined with other Christians in the village for the Walk of Witness with prayers, readings and singing outside the churches and various other venues along the route before finishing in the Parish Church. We will be joining villagers in the coming months for a service to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the annual Open Air service on the Village Green.



NEWS FROM

HOLT

Life for us continues busy. We are having a great Alpha course, which will have been completed by the time you read this. We are considering the possibility of holding another one in two or three years' time (once our proposed developments are complete) aimed much more at the people of Holt.

Our Cream Teas organised by Joselyn and her team are proving popular as always. Unfortunately June's has had to be cancelled as Joselyn will be incapacitated following an operation and most of her team are away. However we are holding a special Strawberry Cream Tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday, June 3rd, from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Our Development Project – Light and Life for All – is moving slowly but steadily forward. We are awaiting the outcome of a Feasibility Study which is looking promising. We have also uncovered some previous alterations which we had never realised had been done. We are hoping to get our formal application to the Heritage Committee in time for their July meeting. However this is not certain and is largely out of our hands. Please keep praying!

SWAFFHAM

We have a busy three months ahead of us. Please note that our Friday Power of Prayer Group now meets in the home of one of our members.

Phone Anne Thorpe (01760722611) for the address please.

WATTON

Springtime has brought a renewal of our activities with our coffee mornings now on the first and third week of each month.

Tuesday Afternoons in The Methodist Centre have also resumed with a variety of events each month, open to all in the community, including Craft Afternoons, talks, or games and much more.

On Easter Sunday, we revived a past custom of singing outside on the church steps. The whole congregation came out at the end of the service, and very enthusiastically sang the hymn, 'Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!'

We were accompanied by music on loudspeakers, all the better to 'wake up Watton! As we were singing, I noticed a collared dove rising up into the sky and briefly hovering in the classic pose of a 'dove of peace' before landing on a rooftop opposite. It is a common sight, but at that moment - as we were singing "Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!..." - it felt very special.

We are now looking forward to our Anniversary in July as we celebrate the work of our church and centre, both in the past and in the future (*see pages 16-17. Ed.*)

BEETLEY

We are looking forward to an increasingly busy summer. In particular our Coffee Mornings are back in alternate months beginning in May (see diary dates).

CHURCHES

WELLS

Wells Methodist Church is putting on a rocking 50's and swinging 60's Musical Show Afternoon at 2.30 p.m. on August 5th in carnival week, featuring Timescape,. They will be performing songs from artists as diverse as Cilla Black, Dusty Springfield, Doris Day, Elvis Presley, Cliff Richard, Frank Sinatra and many more. Tickets will cost £7.00 which includes a delicious afternoon tea and can be pre-booked from Terry Norton on 01328 710931.

Prior notice of our Harvest Festival which will be on Sunday 18th September at 11 o'clock.

GRESSENHALL

To Celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Queen (Scarecrow Form) invites you to her Big Afternoon Tea on Sunday 5th June at 2.30pm. A short service first, then sandwiches, sausage rolls, scones, and cake and as much tea as you can drink.

Please ring 01362 860465 if you think you can make it so we have enough food. We do not want you to go home hungry.

There is a small recorder group that meets on Thursday afternoons in Stibbard Methodist Church Centre. Anyone who thinks they might like to play with us, please contact Pippa on 01328 829324.



SAHAM HILLS

We are pleased to have held a weekly service in chapel this year where some people are still wearing masks, it is not compulsory now but we are taking care.

The chapel has hosted two funerals this year and we have two weddings planned for the summer so our small group is keeping the chapel active in the community.

We held a tentative Book Sale earlier in the year with all precautions, the first open to the public event which went quite well. Our annual Hot Cross Bun Day on April 14th with a small bric-a-brac sale was very successful. People were glad to be able to meet again and have a chat over a cup of tea.

Our Chapel Anniversary Service is to be held on 17th July and Rosemary Wakelin is planned to officiate. 146 years - we shall make it a special day.

We plan a coffee morning for Save The Children in August date to be confirmed.

GREAT ELLINGHAM

First Thursday every month is our Coffee Morning, which resumed again in March this year. Our numbers were quite encouraging, a good start after a two-year shutdown. The June Coffee Morning has been moved on to the 9th, This is due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday.

June 19th is our annual Chapel Anniversary, It's our 177th year, getting on a bit, but still here, keeping the faith!

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.
10.30 a.m. on the 5th Sunday (July 31st)

Prayer Meetings: 9.30 a.m. June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd.

Drop-in: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. June 1st, 15th, July 6th, 20th, August 3rd.

Knit 'n' Natter: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. June 22nd, July 27th, August 24th.

Coffee Mornings: 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. May 21st, July 23rd, September 24th.

Chapel Anniversary: 10th July
10.30 a.m. Rev Betty Trinder
6.00 p.m. Fellowship

HOLT

Services: every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

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

Cream Teas: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. July 15th, August 19th.

Strawberry Cream Tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. June 3rd.

Cliff's farewell service: 3.00 p.m. July 31st.

Jonny's welcome service: 7.00 p.m. August 31st.

NEW HOLKHAM

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

GRESSENHALL

Services: first and third Sundays at 2.30 p.m. with light refreshments.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration: 2.30 p.m. June 5th. Short service followed by Big Afternoon Tea. See page 21.

SWAFFHAM

Services: every Sunday at 10.45 a.m.

Power of Prayer Group: Every Friday 9.30 a.m. Praying for God's world. Phone 01760722611 for the location.

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

Church Coffee Morning with stalls selling books and puzzles: 9.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon
June 11th in aid of church funds
July 2nd in aid of church funds
July 9th run by Swaffham Royal British Legion
August 6th in aid of church funds

Church Anniversary: 10.45 a.m. July 10th service led by Rev Daphne Lloyd followed by refreshments

HINGHAM

Services: every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Coffee Shop with stalls and children's crafty corner: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th.

Afternoon Concert: 2.30 p.m. June 22nd, featuring June, Annette and Susie..

Afternoon Illustrated Talk: 2.30 p.m. July 27th, by Rev Jacqui Horton with light refreshments

DEREHAM

Trinity

Services: every Sunday at 10.45 a.m.

Easter Offering Service: 3.00 p.m. June 12th, led by Jacky Woor.

Mid-week Communion: 11.30 a.m. June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th. (Contact Jacky Woor 01362 697860)

Cards and Chatter: 10.00 a.m. June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th. (Contact Sylvia Meredith 01362 693425)

Lunch Club: 12 noon June 9th, July 14th, August 11th. (Contact Pam Beardmore 01362 854394).

Women's Own: 2.45 p.m. June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, (Contact Olwyn Brough 01362 692799)

Coffee Mornings: 10.00 a.m. June 16th, July 21st, August 18th. (contact Jacky Woor 01362 697860)

Coffee Morning at the home of Sylvia and Richard Meredith (12 Elvin Road): 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon June 30th.

THE PILGRIM CHURCH

Blakeney

Community Garden: open daily.

Services: every Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

Pilgrim Prayers: every Thursday at 9.30 a.m.

Coffee Morning: every Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Spoonies Club (for people living with chronic illness/pain): every Friday 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

Mindful Celtic Colouring: 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. June 20th.

Tea in the Garden: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. August 12th.

Late Summer Flower Workshop: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon September 12th.

Walsingham

Services followed by refreshments: 4.30 p.m. June 12th, July 10th, August 14th.

Open to Visitors: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. every Monday and Friday.

MATTISHALL

Services: every Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

Monthly Charity Coffee Mornings: 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. June 18th, July 16th, August 20th.

Mattishall Dementia Support Group – The Link: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon June 7th, 21st, July 5th, 19th, August 2nd, 16th.

WATTON

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

Church Anniversary Weekend: July 7th – 10th. See pages 16–17.

Coffee Mornings: 9.30 a.m. June 1st, 15th, July 6th, 20th, August 3rd, 17th.

TITTLESHALL

Services: every Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

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

WENDLING

Services: alternate Sundays at 10.30 a.m.

Coffee Mornings: 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon. June 15th. No meetings in July and August.

TOFTWOOD

Services: every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.
followed by a Bring and Share Lunch on June
5th, July 3rd, August 7th.

Weekly Lace Group: Mondays 9.30 a.m. –
12.00 noon except August.

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

Messy Church: 3.30 – 5.00 p.m. June 28th,
July 26th.

Coffee Morning: 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. June 1st,
July 6th, August 3rd.

Craft Group: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. June 1st, July
6th, August 3rd.

Lunch & Linger: 12.00 noon – 2.30 p.m.
June 8th, July 13th, August 10th.

Carpet Bowls: Thursdays 1.45 – 4.00 p.m.

Film Club: closed for the summer, Restarts in
September.

Join the Celebration: June 3rd. Tickets
£5.00.

WELLS

with Churches Together in Wells

Services: every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

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

Tea Party and Show: 2.30 p.m. August 5th.
See page 21.

SPORLE

Services: 11.00 a.m. alternate Sundays

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

STIBBARD

Services; every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee: 10.30 a.m.
Tuesdays.

Lunch @ The Centre: 12.30 p.m. June 8th,
July 13th, August 10th.

Credo Lunch with HoN Benefice: 12.30
p.m. June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th.

Railway Film Evenings with Tea and Cake:
7.30 p.m. June 4th, July 2nd.

Quiz Night @ The Centre: 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.
August 26th.

Circuit Choir Practice: 7.30 p.m. June 3rd,
17th, July 1st, 15th, August 5th, 19th.

GARVESTONE

Services: every Sunday at 6.00 p.m. except
the third Sundays when we meet at 11.00
a.m. at the chapel or the parish church.

Prayer Meetings: 7.00 p.m. June 17th, July
15th, August 19th.

Knit and Natter: 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon
June 14th, July 12th, August 9th. Contact
Lorna Folkes re venue: 01362 858391.

GREAT ELLINGHAM

Services: alternate Sundays at 2.30 p.m. in
the school room.

Coffee Mornings: 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. June
9th, July 7th, August 4th.

Chapel Anniversary: 2.30 p.m. June 19th led
by Pippa Cook.

THURSFORD

Services: fortnightly at 6.30 p.m.

FULMODESTON

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

SCULTHORPE AND FAKENHAM

Services: every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

NORTHERN PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Bible Study and Prayer: 7.15 p.m. alternate Monday evenings via Zoom June 13th, 27th, July 11th, 25th, August 8th, 22nd.

Contact Glyn Constantine
glynandang@gmail.com

LITCHAM

Services: every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

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

SAHAM HILLS

Services: every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Chapel Anniversary: 10.30 a.m. July 17th led by Rev Rosemary Wakelin.

CIRCUIT MEETING

Wednesday 15th June at Swaffham

Meeting begins at 7.15 p.m.

Jesus said: I am with you always
Matthew 28:20

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

Daily	All day	Community Garden	Blakeney MC
Mon	9.30-12.00	Weekly Lace Group (except August)	Toftwood MC
Mon	2.00-4.00	Chapel open to visitors	Walsingham MC
Mon	7.00-8.30	Guides (except August)	Toftwood MC
Tues	10.00-12.00	The Meeting Place Drop-in	Swaffham MC
Tues	10.30 am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Wed	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Tittleshall MC
Wed	10.30 am	Prayer and Praise	Wells MC
Thurs	9.30 am	Pilgrim Prayers	Blakeney MC
Thurs	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Blakeney MC
Thurs	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Litcham MC
Thurs	2.00-4.00	Carpet Bowls	Toftwood MC
Thurs	2.45pm	Women's Own (excluding July & August))	Dereham Trinity
Fri	9.30 am	Friday Prayer Time	Holt MC
Fri	9.30 am	Power of Prayer Group	Swaffham MC
Fri	10.30-12.00	Spoonies Club	Blakeney MC
Fri	2.00-4.00	Chapel open to visitors	Walsingham MC

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Aug 3	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
Aug 4	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Great Ellingham MC
Aug 4	12.30 pm	Credo Lunch with Heart of Norfolk Benefice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Aug 5	2.30 pm	Tea Party and Show	Wells MC
Aug 5	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Aug 6	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
Aug 6	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Swaffham MC
Aug 7	11.00 am	Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Toftwood MC
Aug 8	7.15 pm	Bible Study and Prayer (Northern Prayer Fellowship)	Zoom
Aug 9	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone—for venue see page 24
Aug 10	12.00-2.30	Lunch & Linger	Toftwood MC
Aug 10	12.30 pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Aug 11	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Aug 12	2.00-4.00	Teas in the Garden	Blakeney MC
Aug 14	4.30 pm	Service followed by refreshments	Walsingham MC
Aug 16	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Aug 17	9.30 am	Coffee Morning	Watton MC
Aug 18	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
Aug 19	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Aug 19	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas	Holt MC
Aug 19	7.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Aug 20	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
Aug 22	7.15 pm	Bible Study and Prayer (Northern Prayer Fellowship)	Zoom
Aug 24	2.00-3.00	Knit 'n' Natter	Beetley MC
Aug 25	10.00 am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
Aug 25	11.30 am	Mid-week communion	Dereham Trinity MC
Aug 26	7.30 pm	Quiz Night @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Aug 31	7.00 pm	Welcome service for Rev Jonny	Holt MC



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July 1	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 2	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Swaffham MC
July 2	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
July 2	7.30 pm	Railway Film Evening	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 3	11.00 am	Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Toftwood MC
July 5	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
July 6	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
July 6	9.30 am	Coffee Morning	Watton MC
July 6	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
July 6	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
July 6	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
July 7-10	See page ??	Watton Anniversary Weekend	Watton MC
July 7	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Great Ellingham MC
July 7	12.30 pm	Credo Lunch with Heart of Norfolk Benefice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 9	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning run by the Royal British Legion	Swaffham MC
July 10	10.30 & 6.00	Chapel Anniversary	Beetley MC
July 10	4.30 pm	Service followed by refreshments	Walsingham MC
July 11	7.15 pm	Bible Study and Prayer (Northern Prayer Fellowship)	Zoom
July 12	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone—for venue see page 24
July 13	12.00-2.30	Lunch & Linger	Toftwood MC
July 13	12.30 pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 14	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
July 15	2.00-4.00	Cream Teas	Holt MC
July 15	7.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
July 15	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
July 16	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
July 17	10.30 am	Chapel Anniversary	Saham Hills MC
July 19	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
July 20	9.30 am	Coffee Morning	Watton MC
July 20	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
July 21	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
July 24	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning	Beetley MC
July 25	7.15 pm	Bible Study and Prayer (Northern Prayer Fellowship)	Zoom
July 26	3.30-5.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
July 27	2.00-3.00	Knit 'n' Natter	Beetley MC
July 27	2.30 pm	Afternoon Illustrated Talk	Hingham MC
July 28	10.00 am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
July 28	11.30 am	Mid-week communion	Dereham Trinity MC
July 31	3.00 pm	Farewell Service for Rev Cliff	Holt MC
Aug 2	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Aug 3	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Aug 3	9.30 am	Coffee Morning	Watton MC
Aug 3	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Aug 3	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC

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June 1	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
June 1	9.30 am	Coffee Morning	Watton MC
June 1	10.00-11.30	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
June 1	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
June 1	2.00-4.00	Craft Group	Toftwood MC
June 2	12.30 pm	Credo Lunch with Heart of Norfolk Benefice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 3	tba	Join the Celebration	Toftwood MC
June 3	2.00-4.00	Strawberry Cream Tea celebrating the Queen's Jubilee	Holt MC
June 3	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 4	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop	Hingham MC
June 4	7.30 pm	Railway Film Evening	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 5	11.00 am	Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Toftwood MC
June 5	2.30 pm	The Queen's Jubilee celebration service and tea	Gressenhall MC
June 7	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
June 8	12.00-2.30	Lunch & Linger	Toftwood MC
June 8	12.30 pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 9	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Great Ellingham MC
June 9	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
June 11	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Swaffham MC
June 12	3.00 pm	Easter Offering Service	Dereham Trinity MC
June 12	4.30 pm	Service followed by refreshments	Walsingham MC
June 13	7.15 pm	Bible Study and Prayer (Northern Prayer Fellowship)	Zoom
June 14	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone—for venue see page 24
June 15	9.30 am	Coffee Morning	Watton MC
June 15	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
June 15	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
June 15	7.15 pm	CIRCUIT MEETING	Swaffham MC
June 16	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
June 17	7.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
June 17	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
June 18	10.00-11.30	Charity Coffee Morning	Mattishall MC
June 19	2.30 pm	Chapel Anniversary	Great Ellingham MC
June 20	10.00-11.30	Mindful Celtic Colouring	Blakeney MC
June 21	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
June 22	2.00-3.00	Knit 'n' Natter	Beetley MC
June 22	2.30 pm	Afternoon Concert	Hingham MC
June 23	10.00 am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
June 23	11.30 am	Mid-week communion	Dereham Trinity MC
June 27	7.15 pm	Bible Study and Prayer (Northern Prayer Fellowship)	Zoom
June 28	3.30-5.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
June 30	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	12 Elvedon Road Dereham