

THE LINK

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FAREWELL TO THURSFORD CHAPEL

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MINISTER'S LETTER

One of the things that we, as a Circuit, have been proactive with sorting is the EDI training (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) and we are indeed very ahead of many other Circuits on this! EDI, though, is a part of a much larger project that we, as Christians, are a part of. That is, social justice. This is about achieving a true fairness and equity for all in the world; it is a fair sharing of resources, opportunities and privileges to all. It concerns you, me and all people and it is grounded in the theology that we hold that each and every person is made in the image of God – that we all hold a likeness, a sliver, a spark of God in us. This gives every human being an inherent value that cannot be taken away by what we have done or by who we are. But how are we to achieve social justice whilst holding this image of God in all?



We are to love our neighbours and our enemies alike (cf. Matthew 4:43-44). We are to “...let justice roll down like water and righteousness like and ever-flowing stream.” (Amos 5:24) We are to be alongside those who are oppressed and who are outcasts (cf. Romans 12:15-18). We are to support the persecuted, protect those who cannot protect themselves, plead for those who are vulnerable (cf. Isaiah 1:17). Throughout the prophets, throughout the perfect revelation of God in Jesus Christ, and throughout the letters to the Early Church, we have the call to seek out the powerless, the lowly, the despised of the world and to support them. This is the work of the Church and its call towards social justice. This too is how we honour that shard of God, that divine image, that resides in each and every one of us. Therefore, our work is to be on the side of the powerless and to challenge the powerful in order for their humanity to be upheld. You may wish to read and pray over the words in James 2:14-26 and 5:1-6 to help you with this task.

God bless,

Rev Jonny

THE LINK

Once again I am enjoying the excitement of putting another edition of *The Link* together. I count it as a great privilege to be on the receiving end of so much tremendous news about what God is doing with us in our churches and the plans being developed for the future. In the midst of our everyday lives it is very easy to get a bit bogged down in the minutiae of living (whose turn is it to get the milk for next week's coffee?) and lose sight of the bigger picture. Perhaps one function of *The Link* is to help us consider that bigger picture and remember that we—all of us—are involved with it.

It is also important that we keep praying for the next steps for our Circuit. The stationing process is well underway and this can be an anxious time for both Circuits and ministers seeking new appointments. I remember once hearing a previous District Chairman say that in all the form filling, meetings and discussions we must never lose sight of the fact that God has a plan for us and we are all, Circuits and ministers, seeking to fulfil that plan.

It is, of course, sad when we have to say farewell to a chapel as has just happened at Thursford. But let us rejoice at all God has done there over the years and pray for whatever lies ahead. God is not in the business of closing down, just changing. Whenever I see a closed chapel anywhere I give thanks for those who built it, who worshipped and maintained its life over many years and pray for those who live there now.

One event coming up that only one chapel has mentioned is the World Day of Prayer on March 1st. Please ensure I have details of any services happening at any church in your area next time. The date is just after the publication of the next edition and last year several people asked me why their local service wasn't mentioned while others were. The simple answer is that I wasn't told. If you don't tell me I can't include it!

Enjoy your read—enjoy your pray.

Blessings

Tony Hey

DEADLINE

**FOR THE
MARCH—MAY
EDITION**

**SATURDAY 27th
JANUARY**

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

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CLOSURE OF

Jean Nield writes: It was with great sadness that the members of Thursford Methodist Church held their final service on 3rd September, 2023. The service was led by Rev. Jonny Bell assisted by Rev. Jacqui Horton and Rev. Robin Stapleford from Thursford Parish Church. It was lovely to have Pippa Cook to play the organ.

During the service David Davies showed a short film of Pancake Day held in 2008 which brought back many memories.



The Chapel was built on land donated by Mr. F. Bushell who ran a threshing business in Thursford. The first three stones of the Chapel were laid in the porch on the first day of



Spring in 1934, following considerable fund-raising efforts. It was thought to be the first Methodist Church to be built in the country following the consummation of the Methodist Union. Prior to the Chapel being built worship had taken place in the cottage of Mrs. H. Smith. The Chapel was described in the local press reports as having "accommodation for 81 persons, and its construction a quiet well-proportioned traditional style".

Mrs. Bushell played the organ until she was 90 and when the service was over she would always play a Sankey hymn with much enthusiasm.

It was wonderful to see over 40 people in the congregation including some who had known the Church all their lives including Bryan and Heather Plumbly, Derek Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Bushell's family.

It was much appreciated to see many members of other churches in the circuit and also people from Thursford village. Much was discussed including Sunday School in the past, coffee mornings with stalls, pancake days, etc.

The service was followed with tea, coffee and cakes.

Thank you to everyone who made it a memorable evening.

THURSFORD CHAPEL

Hazel Yarham has discovered this cuttings in a scrapbook kept by her Mother. Unfortunately it is not dated. We have done our best reproduce it as well as possible as it shows a fascinating insight into the Chapel's beginning.

METHODISM AT THURSFORD
STONELAYING OF A CHURCH

In the parish of Thursford there is being raised what is understood to be the first Methodist Church to be built in the country since the consummation of the Methodist Union. The visit of a mission to Thursford was one of the factors that contributed to a successful application being made for a Methodist Church there. Before the coming of the Mission local Methodists went to the adjoining parishes of Little Snoring, and Hindringham to attend services and on occasion open-air services were arranged at Thursford. The evangelists left behind a desire for a local Methodist place of worship, and during the past six months Methodists have been attending two services each Sunday in the cottage of Mrs. H. Smith. The supporters of the campaign were responsible for all the arrangements, including the duties of securing preachers. On several occasions there have been 30 people in the long room used in the cottage and there was an attendance of 50 at one service. Within a few weeks they will be meeting in the Methodist Church.

The site of the church was given by Mr. F. Bushell. The church will have accommodation for 81 persons, and in its construction a quiet, well-proportioned traditional style is being followed.

On Wednesday three stones were laid in the porch by local leaders. There was a large attendance at the service, officers of several Methodist churches in the Fakenham

and Wells Circuit joining the Thursford people. Builder's boards formed the platform, and the congregation stood in and around the walls.

The first stone was laid by the Rev. W. H. Heap (chairman of the Norwich District). In a brief address he congratulated the Thursford Methodists upon reaping one of the first fruits of Methodist Union by the erection of that church. That day marked the beginning of spring, and he believed that it was the springtime of religion after weathering the storms.

Mr. Heap laid the stone on behalf of the Norwich District, and those laid by Mr. C. Walker and Mr. H. Harrold (circuit stewards) were for the trustees and the Fakenham and Wells Circuit respectively.

Donations from various Methodist Churches and members were presented to Miss C. Wright (Walsingham) who also received the contributions of several people who laid bricks. The first brick was placed by the Rev. T. Featherstone, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Horne (North Creakle), who sent a donation of £5.

Three ministers of the Circuit, the Rev. F. A. Ingham (supt.), the Rev. T. Featherstone (Wells), and Pastor J. H. Johnston, also took part in the service. The accompaniments of the hymns, which included "This stone to Thee in faith we lay," were played by Mrs. Plumley. The builder (Mr. W. Hinson, of Wells) was prevented from attending through illness. Mr. T. G. Scott represented Messrs. A. F. Scott & Sons, the architects.

In the evening there was a tea and public meeting in Hindringham Methodist Church.



Golden Jubilee 1984



Sunday School 1969

SCULTHORPE AND FAKENHAM

Coffee Morning



The Coffee Morning held in the Sculthorpe Village Hall on 2nd September, a lovely morning, went very well.

There were various craft stalls, books, tombola and a great variety of cakes. Our calendar for 2024 was on sale. The beautiful photographs were taken by Richard, a member of the chapel.

It was lovely to see people from the village and friends from around the Circuit. It was good to see people happy to stay and chat over teas/coffee and cake.

Grateful thanks to all those who manned stalls, made cakes, served teas and coffees and put out tables and chairs and those who sent donations.



On the day we raised £749.13 which was really great. Since then we have had more donations and sold some more calendars so have now raised £899.13.

Thanks be to God.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

SAHAM HILLS

From Dot McIlroy: A notable date in our yearly Methodist calendar our Harvest Service on the 17th September was boosted by a few more residents attending which was a welcome change and a large table of goods was collected between our small congregation and our always generous local community. The boxes of goods were taken to St. Martins Homeless Charity in Norwich.



The chapel was decorated with welcoming bunting and foliage outside, beautiful

flower arrangements inside and an excellent porch installation arranged by Elizabeth. Jaqui kindly agreed to officiate the communion service for us which made it an extra special day.

These notable diary dates throughout the Christian year help to cement our motivation to continue the work to save our small chapels for local prayer and just to continue to be there. The next, most important, occasion will be Christmas and I am sure all chapels and churches are already organising festive coffee mornings and carol services to attract congregation and boost finances. We wish everyone good luck, enjoy Christmas and with renewed resilience look forward to another year of notable dates.

I just wish the years would not come around so fast now.



THE HIVE at GREAT CRESSINGHAM

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.” So said Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), one of America’s Founding Fathers and an almost exact contemporary of John Wesley (1703 – 1791). Franklin biographers suggest that ‘his early religious training was according to the Methodist faith’ and, indeed, it is recorded that Franklin and George Whitefield were not only acquainted, but also friends, Whitefield having taken the Wesleyan message to New England in 1770. Whitefield, incidentally was the President of the first Methodist Conference!

Wesleyan history aside, it is the quotation that resonates with The Hive and I’ll return to that a little later on. Meanwhile, another quotation, this time attributed to John F. Kennedy, “Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other,” sees The Hive core team set off to Cliff College in the Derbyshire Peak in September for an FRCO weekend – not for Fellows of the Royal College of Organists, but for Faith Rooted Community Organising!



The course dates fell on the weekend of the storm Babet floods and although we managed to get through much high water, many others didn’t and the course had to be cancelled. Cliff College were very hospitable and we stayed for the weekend and had many interesting conversations, short walks locally and three square meals a day whilst we waited for the waters to abate.



Returning to Norfolk, bodily well fed, if missing the hoped for opportunity to learn, we looked forward to the next living and learning event at The Hive which was our seasonal Retreat Day, led on this occasion by Rev. Jonny Bell.

LIVING AND LEARNING

Jonny, who is a graduate of the Chelsea College of Art and Design, combined his fine arts skills with spiritual practice to present a day of looking, making and reflecting, which stimulated discussion, listening and creativity.

“Involve me and I learn,” is very much at the heart of The Hive’s ethos and, as we took on various activities, it was a delight to listen and learn from one another of life experiences, faith journeys, questions and aspirations.

A quotation from Pablo Picasso seems appropriate at this point - “I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it.”



Being a Christian is a path of life-long learning and although we are sometimes reluctant, sometimes deaf and sometimes stupid, we know from Matthew’s gospel, the forbearing, patient and reassuring words of Jesus, the teacher: “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

The season of Autumn Inspiration continues at The Hive with sessions of yoga, the Celtic tradition, music, poetry and play-reading. On Saturday 2nd December, District Chair, Rev. Canon Julian Pursehouse returns for, ‘The Heart’s Time – Music and Poetry for Advent’, a sequel to his much enjoyed visit last year. Do be sure to book your place soon!

To close, here is a delightful quote attributed to Alfred Einstein. “Everybody is a genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.” Food for thought!

Sarah Rodgers

JUST ONE MOMENT

To live our life can be so stressful now, everyone is busy, traffic is busy, the world is busy and in disarray but we should all find moments of quiet, moments for ourselves, moments to reflect. My moment is the first cup of tea in the morning which brought about this little 'Just one moment'

I was sitting in bed one morning drinking my tea watching a buzzard flying high up under the clouds. The large picture window overlooks the garden and a field beyond with a wide expanse of sky, ideal for watching the birds or just enjoying the sky, sun and clouds, that morning the sun was just rising throwing a golden glow across the dewy grass.

The buzzard suddenly stopped for a few seconds then floated down to my eye level near to the hedge and circled round on motionless wings as if he knew he had an audience. It was just a few moments of silent nature that said "all is well God is here" which set me up for the day.

Dot McIlroy

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT LITCHAM

Following on from the great success of our Harvest lunch and celebratory service at Litcham Bull, we are going to hold a similar event for Christmas on Saturday December 9th.

We will begin with a traditional lunch at 1.00 p.m., followed at 2.00 p.m. with a celebration of all things Christmas, with carols readings and prayers led by the Rev. Miriam Fife, and music provided by Stephen Lynn's Magical Music Machine, (OK, it's a keyboard, but it sounds more exciting!).

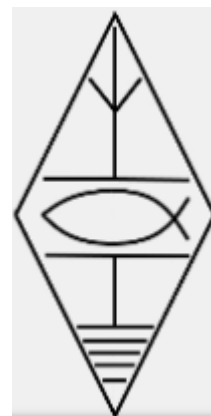
The cost is £11.50, and there will be a vegetarian alternative which must be ordered in advance.

More details are available from Stephen Lynn on 01328 700978.



CHURCHES ON THE AIR

On Saturday 9th September, Stibbard's car park area was filled with aerials and technical equipment as King's Lynn Amateur Radio Club joined the Churches on the Air Day. They made several connections in the UK and Europe, and enjoyed a lunch provided by the Church. They hope to return next year.



SCULTHORPE AND FAKENHAM HARVEST FESTIVAL



We held our Harvest Festival on 17th September.

Alan Warby from Watton was our speaker. Sonya played her recorder and members of the chapel explained the difficulties facing people in Malawi, Rwanda, Guatemala and Thailand, mostly caused by climate change and the isolation that many of them live in.

We had a good gathering and an excellent display of tins and packets which we sent to the Foodbank in Fakenham (confirmed as 35.5kg – enough to feed five people for three days). The fresh produce of fruit, vegetables and beautiful flowers were taken home by members of the congregation for a donation.



Thanks to everyone who brought items to the Harvest. We will be sending a donation as usual to All We Can.

Yes, God is good.



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AT LITCHAM

From Stephen Lynn: Last year we were delighted to have the opportunity to have part of the massive collection of Nativity scenes owned by our Ministerial team, Jacqui Horton and Jen Woodfin, on display in Litcham chapel. They were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by those who came along to see them, so we are pleased to announce that they have agreed to do the same again this year with a completely different selection.

Last year the display covered half the chapel, and was utterly amazing. The date is Saturday December 2nd and will be open between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. There will also be refreshments available, and there is no set charge, although donations will be most welcome.

This will be the only chance to see this remarkable collection as the 'Two J's' retire next year and will be moving to the South coast, so do come along and enjoy the start of the Advent season with us.



The Pilgrim Methodist Church

Walsingham



Blakeney

Sam Parfitt writes: Hopefully most people will now be aware of the current position at Blakeney, where I continue to pray, work and mission until the end of March 2024. A small, yet committed number of regular people continue to come together to pray, on a new day and time (Wednesdays at 10am) followed by coffee and fellowship. There is a tabletop games club, which continues to meet at least fortnightly and, at the time of going to press, I am working through what the next few months might

look like, with the utmost hope and goal of continuing to serve the community until the time comes to close the door for the last time.

Having asked the community directly what they would like to see happening at the Chapel, I've got a few things to follow up. Anything that becomes more solid I'll be sure to include in one of Marianne's circuit newsletters nearer the time. The garden continues to flower and bloom and has, in October, given us a dazzling display of Cosmos, which have self-seeded from plants we were kindly given last year. In fact, it is often when I'm tending to the garden that I am reminded of a building's impermanence and God's durable presence throughout the whole of creation - there can be fewer things more enriching than delving hands into soil and feeling the goodness and warmth therein.

Walsingham

As I write during the last week of October, there is just one session left of our regular opening times before the winter. It has been a busy season of wonderment and joy, although I am yet to do a full count, we have certainly exceeded last year's visitor numbers, I even suspect we may have doubled them!

During the winter the school visits will continue. These continue to grow in popularity and a recent group of young people had so many questions that they didn't have time to look in the balcony and the pulpit (they often enjoy doing this!)

This is now the time for me to busy myself with some collections care and preparation for next year, alongside opening the Chapel for visitors by appointment (which I'm always happy to do - people can either book in advance or call me on the off chance!)

Glyn Constantine adds: The last few months seem to have flown by. The chapel has been open to the public twice a week as usual and we opened specifically for the Heritage Open Day weekend. It's always great to chat to our visitors and share our faith, but it was especially meaningful when a Catholic priest came in just as we were closing up after a Sunday Service. He was really down to earth and we had a lovely chat about our lives and faith and then prayed together at his suggestion... Sometimes it feels that many Catholics seem closer to Methodists in their outlook on life than some other denominations. There was a real feeling that we are all part of one Christian family despite our differing ways of worship and the memory of that evening will stay with us.

Dan, our go to person for repairs, decorating and odd jobs has been busy doing some decorating for us, which has kept on top of things. Unfortunately, a vehicle backed into our railings when no one was around and we were away in the USA. I got a phone call in Eureka Springs from the chapel neighbours!! As expected no one has owned up to causing the damage. Amazingly though after a message to him Dan was able to straighten it with a car jack !



Our monthly services followed by a meal continue and there are usually up to about 25 of us. The next ones will be at 4-30pm on:

December 10th

January 14th

February 11th

Do feel free to join us if you have the opportunity or are in the area.

HELPING HANDS NORTH NORFOLK

OUR TRIP TO ROMANIA



by Malcolm and Pippa Cook



We would like to say thank you to all those who support Helping Hands, North Norfolk through regular or one-off donations. This year we went to Romania to be part of the 30th Anniversary celebrations of the Filadelfia Pentecostal Church in Santana. We have been associated with the Church for about 27 of those years and Malcolm was in Santana for the setting up of the Social Canteen. On the first day there were about ten children who came to the church for a meal after school. The canteen grew quickly and after two or three years there was not enough room to accommodate the children who needed a meal, so now meals are collected from the Canteen and are provided for approximately 100 people, families and old people.

In the early days we would travel by road and take clothes, food and equipment which was in short supply. Nowadays, everything is readily available in Romania so we support the Social Canteen mostly by paying bills and buying food.

Pastor Aurel is a man of vision. Last year he talked to us about removing a wall in the building and retiling the floor. Soon after we returned to Norfolk his wife found he had made a start, and this year the extended room was ready for the celebration meal.

His new vision is to use his bungalow on the other side of the road to provide affordable accommodation for those who need it. Rooms have been divided to provide single en-suite rooms with a shared kitchen/dining area, and work has started on some family accommodation. The orchard area provided apples for juicing and is used for chickens and ducks.

We are always surprised at how much we are appreciated when we visit, although we are not allowed to do as much physical work as we used to because we are 'old'. What feels like a holiday to us is seen as valued support to Aurel, his family, and the Church in Santana.



HELHOUGHTON CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Our monthly Coffee Mornings, which Jill Reed was the leading light in organising, originated in West Raynham Chapel many years ago. There was a bric-à-brac stall too. Somehow, we then moved on to offering a soup and dessert lunch and from that to a main and dessert. We had support from local folk and Methodists from around the circuit, including Tony Hey from Holt, Pippa and Malcolm Cook from Stibbard, plus a contingent from Tittleshall.

Sadly, this community event ceased with the closure of the Chapel. However, at some point, my Mum, Kay Barker, who used to come over for the lunches from Stibbard, asked Pippa if she would consider offering meals at the Chapel there (now known as Stibbard Methodist Church Centre). The rest is history! How she and her small team have continued to manage to cater for so many ever since, is amazing.

After a gap, I felt I wanted to help offer lunches again locally, so Helhoughton Village Hall became the venue for these. Over the years, the number of team members and diners dwindled so it was decided to revert to Coffee Mornings again and these have remained very popular. We have a good number of regulars, from near and further afield, and it is heartwarming to hear all the chatting as people catch up over a hot drink and a cheese scone or a slice of cake.

The last 2 events raised £80 for Fibromyalgia Action UK (FMA UK) and £140 for Diabetes UK. We so appreciate people's generosity.

Our last Coffee Morning of the year is a festive one, on **Thursday 14th December, 10 - 12**, in aid of **East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH)**. We would love to see you! We act as a collecting point for the Mid Norfolk Food Bank, so please bring along a tin/packet or two if you can! Thank you.

*Elizabeth Lodge
Tittleshall Methodist Chapel*

UNITED HARVEST FESTIVAL GARVESTONE

This was held on September 17th in Garvestone Parish Church, the annually alternating venue. We Methodists contributed groceries and produce and flowers, and helped with the display in the church. The goods were taken afterwards to Dereham, to the Community Larder and the Mid-Norfolk Foodbank.



CHRISTMAS CD AVAILABLE ONLINE

From Stephen Lynn: Some of you bought my Christmas CD, Hark the Herald Angels Swing last year, and kindly said some very nice things about it.

I am very much aware that many folk prefer to buy their music online now, so, by the time you read this it should be available to download from most of the major music websites.

All profits from the CD go to Litcham Methodist Church.

There are still copies of the CD available which are available at £7 from myself.

I SUPPOSED I KNEW MY BIBLE

Found when clearing out a filing cabinet

I supposed I knew my Bible, reading piecemeal hit or miss,
Now a bit of John or Matthew, now a snatch of Genesis.
Certain chapters of Isaiah, certain Psalms (the 23rd)
Twelfth of Romans, first of Proverbs – yes, I thought I knew the Word.
But I found that thorough reading was a different thing to do.
And the way was unfamiliar when I read the Bible through.
Oh the massive mighty volume ‘Oh the treasures manifold’
Oh the beauty and the wisdom and the grace it proved to hold.
And the story of the Hebrews swept in majesty along,
As it leaped in ways prophetic, as it burst to sacred song,
As it gleamed with Christly omens,
The Old Testament was now,
Strong with cumulative power,
When I read the Bible through.
Oh imperial Jeremiah, with his keen coruscant mind,
And the blunt old Nehemiah, and Ezekiel refined.
Newly came the Minor Prophets, each with his distinctive robe.
Newly came the Song idyllic, and the tragedy of Job:
Deuteronomy the regal,
To a towering mountain grew
With its comrade peaks around it.
When I read the Bible through.
What a radiant procession as the pages rise and fall.
James the sturdy, John the tender – Oh, the myriad-minded Paul.
Vast apocalyptic glories wheel and thunder, flash and flame,
While the Church Triumphant raise one Incomparable Name.
Ah, the story of the Saviour,
Never glows supremely true,
Till you read it whole and swiftly,
Till you read the Bible through!
You who like to play at Bible dip and dabble, here and there,
Just before you kneel, weary, and yawn through a hurried prayer.
You who treat the Crown of Writings as you treat no other book –
Just a paragraph disjointed, just a crude, impatient look –
Try a worthier procedure,
Try a broad and steady view;
You will kneel in very rapture,
When you read the Bible through.

Anon.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

WATTON

Adam Henson (of Countryfile fame) said recently in an interview that it was always important to celebrate success and thank those who have made it possible.

The thanks, we know, are important and generally I think we are pretty good at this but I'm not quite so sure about our celebrations of success or indeed our ability to have pride in what we do. Pride is I know one of the deadly sins but does it serve us well to take that too literally in this day and age.

Even though we struggle with finances personnel and numbers our Circuit has much to proud ofthe Link itself is a cut above some publications and a careful look at the Diary dates listed on the back indicate a huge range of activities and events to interest, support, help and excite folk of all ages.....enriching lives and offering alternatives to loneliness and boredom: from circuit choir singing to railway film afternoons, knit and natter, lunch and linger card making craft afternoons. All these are in addition to coffee mornings. quiz nights. special services. markets, concerts and prayer and Bible study groups and regular services led by an enthusiastic team of Ministers and Local Preachers. New initiatives are encouraged and embraced and the only Chapel housing a museum of church history is in our Circuit at Wighton.

The coffee morning at Watton is rising (cautiously) from the ashes of Covid. It is able to open each week as different groups are gradually becoming involved in "working alongside" our regular hospitality teams to keep hungry customers supplied with a variety of home-made goodies. Additionally we have held a Table Top Sale on the car park, a service, a cream tea and festival songs of praise at harvest time and there are plans for more activities at Christmas.

This weekend we celebrate Big Sunday coming this time from Watton led by Rev Jacqui with the District Chair, Rev Julian Pursehouse, with us in person to preach . Big Sundays originated out of necessity during lockdown: another success to be celebrated.

As we approach Advent and Christmas perhaps we can share our joy by inviting people we know (and welcoming those we don't) to celebrate with us, confident and proud of the many ways in which we strive to carry out God's work in this time and place.

THE FINAL HARVEST FESTIVAL AT THURSFORD CHAPEL

[see pages 4-5]



NEWS FROM

MATTISHALL

The chapel was full at the end of August for the funeral of Bertha Browne led by Rev Anne. Bertha had been worshipping with us since the closure in 2016 of the Mattishall URC where she had been secretary since 1978. She was a true countrywoman who led a long life of service to others. This included more recently baking for the monthly Coffee Mornings and her sausage rolls were particularly appreciated.

Our Harvest Festival this year was celebrated in October with Rev Jacqui in the chapel which had been decorated by members and included two tables of food which were later donated to the local Foodbank. We were joined by three younger people and Rev Jen kindly played the organ for us. Later in the month six members and friends joined Rev Anne for a lunch out which was enjoyed by all.

Although the chapel was open for the Annual Churches Trust Bike Ride we only had six visitors this year.

Unfortunately, attendances have been low at the recent Coffee Mornings so we will be having a break for the winter and the November one clashed with the local Parish Church Christmas Fayre.

NEW HOLKHAM

New Holkham harvest produce auction event went very well with a large amount of donations and bidding customers. Lots of giggles in the Granary building as Will Freeze made his annual appearance with a lemon cake. We thank all who turned out on the evening or sent donations raising much needed funds for the Chapel.

WELLS

It seems that we just have to blink and we find ourselves planning for Christmas and beyond! We are happy to report that the Carnival Concert, which I mentioned in our last article in the Link, was a huge success. The Chapel was full and the variety of the performances as well as the superb afternoon tea were greatly appreciated – it also added £460 to our Church funds.

Our Carol Service will be held on Sunday 24th December and there will be a short service on Christmas Day at 9.30am – both conducted by the Revd. Jonny.

After Christmas our Covenant service will be held on 7th January 2024 with our Anglican friends as our guests. The minister will be the Revd. Jonny. We will be celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25 and each Church in Wells will hold a short service, to which we will all be invited.

A peaceful and happy Christmas to you all.

GREAT ELLINGHAM

We continue with our regular fortnightly services at 2.30 p.m. We are looking forward to our Carol Service at 11.00 a.m. on December 17th when we shall welcome Rev Jacqui to lead the service and Deacon Jen to play the organ.

After the December Coffee Morning we shall rest these until the Spring as many people are not very eager, quite understandably, to venture out in the winter months.

CHURCHES

HOLT

We continue to be a busy lot! Lots of things are happening and we are experiencing an increased demand for the use of our premises even before the planned alterations. Our monthly Afternoon Teas are proving so popular that it has been decided that, while normally they don't take place in December, January or February, this year they will be continued right through the winter. Joselyn and her team work very hard and it is clearly much appreciated. We have also held another Pet Service which was very successful and brought in a wide variety of assorted species, including humans! You may have seen that BBC's Songs of Praise featured a Pet Service from Worcester Cathedral in October so we feel we are in good company and can strongly recommend it as a means of community outreach – just make sure it is well advertised (and disinfectant is available if needed!).

Planning for our Light and Life for All development continues apace. We are now very much at the fund-raising stage and building links with many aspects of our community. Our fund-raisers are very encouraged by the progress with this and will soon be able to put in applications for grants. We are planning a church Vision Day on 13th January to both generate ideas and assess what is practicable.

We are extremely grateful to Seb who has produced a logo for the development with which we are very pleased. It will be used on all Light and Life communications in future.

We also have various other ideas in the pipeline – more of these next time.

GARVESTONE

Our Ecumenical Bible Study and Discussion Group is held weekly at our chapel or Mattishall. We shall now be using the 'Cover to Cover' Study Guide on the New Testament book of Philemon. Contact Andrew Durrant (01362 858033) for details.

Our Harvest festival was held on September 17th in the Parish Church. There is a brief article about it and pictures on page 15.

SCULTHORPE & FAKENHAM

We have had a busy autumn with our Coffee Morning in the Village Hall at the beginning of September and our Harvest Festival later in the month. Illustrated articles about these can be found on pages 6 and 11.

Now we are looking forward to our Carol Service in aid of Action for Children to which visitors will be most welcome.



Light and Life for All

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

For your information, prayer and support

GREAT ELLINGHAM

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

Carol Service: 11.00 a.m. December 17th led by Rev Jacqui, and Jen on the organ.

Coffee Mornings: 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. December 7th.

Covenant Service: 2.30 p.m. January 14th, led by Rev Jacqui

HINGHAM

Services: every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Covenant Service: 10.30 a.m. January 28th, led by Rev Jacqui

Coffee Shop with stalls: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon December 2nd, January 6th, February 3rd.

Take-a-Break Lunches: 12.00 noon – 2.30 p.m. January 16th, February 13th.

WENDLING

Services: alternate Sundays at 10.30 a.m.

Christingle Service: 4.00 p.m. December 3rd, led by Rev Anne.

Carol Service: 10.30 a.m. December 17th, led by Rev Anne.

Joint Covenant Service with Dereham: 10.45 a.m. January 7th, led by Rev Anne.

Coffee Mornings: 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon December 6th (with a Christmas theme), February 28th.

SWAFFHAM

Services: every Sunday at 10.45 a.m.

All-age Service with the Guides and Brownies: 10.45 a.m. December 3rd, led by Rev Jacqui. Look out for Mary and Joseph figures during December!

Carol Service: 10.45 a.m. December 17th, led by the Worship Leaders.

Café Style Carol Service: 7.00 p.m. December 20th, led by Rev Jacqui.

Christmas Day Service: 10.00 a.m. led by Rev Jacqui.

Joint Covenant Service with Sporle: 10.45 a.m. January 7th, led by Rev Jacqui.

Display of Nativities: 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. December 16th.

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

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

Church Coffee Morning and Fundraising Stall: 9.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon January 6th, February 3rd.

Swaffham Friendship Group: 2.30 p.m. December 14th, January 11th (Beetle Drive), 25th (Joint Replacement), February 8th, 22nd..

SCULTHORPE AND FAKENHAM

Services: every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

Carol Service in aid of Action for Children: 11.00 a.m. December 17th.

HOLT

Services: every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

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

Mid-week Communion Service: 4.00 p.m.
December 4th, 18th, January 8th, 22nd,
February 5th, 19th, led by Rev Jonny.

Christmas Fayre: 1.00 – 4.00 p.m.
December 15th (incorporating December's
Afternoon Tea)

Afternoon Teas: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. January
19th, February 16th.

Carol Service: 11.00 a.m. December 17th,
led by Rev. Jonny.

Carols at Christmas: 4.00 p.m. led by Rev.
Jonny and aimed at the community. It will be
outside if the weather is suitable.

Christmas Eve Communion: 11.00 p.m. led
by Rev Jonny.

Christmas Day service: 11.00 a.m. led by
Rev Jonny.

Church Vision Day: 12.00 – 4.00 p.m.
January 13th.

Covenant Service: 11.00 a.m. January 21st,
led by Rev Jonny.

MATTISHALL

Services: every Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

Carol Service: 2.30 p.m. December 17th, led
by Pippa Cook.

Joint Covenant Service with Garvestone:
2.30 p.m. January 7th, led by Rev. Anne.

World Day of Prayer: 2.30 p.m. March 1st.

**Mattishall Dementia Support Group – The
Link:** 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon December
5th, 19th, January 2nd, 16th. February 6th,
20th.

BEETLEY

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

Carol Service: 10.30 a.m. December 10th, led
by Rev. Anne.

Big Sunday: 6.00 p.m. December 31st.

Prayer Meetings: 9.30 a.m. December 6th,
January 3rd, February 7th.

Drop-in: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. December 6th, 20th,
January 3rd, 17th, February 7th, 21st.

Knit 'n' Natter: 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. December
27th, January 24th, February 28th.

Coffee Mornings: 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.
November 25th, January 27th. We will be
sending a donation to St. Martin's Housing
Trust.

SPORLE

Services: 11.00 a.m. first and third Sundays

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

Carol Service: 2.30 p.m. December 17th, led
by Rev Jacqui

Joint Covenant Service with Swaffham:
10.45 a.m. January 7th, led by Rev Jacqui.

GRESSENHALL

Services: Services at God's Little Cottage are
on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at
2.30.p.m. followed by light refreshments.

Carol Service: 2.30 p.m. December 17th, led
by Rev Anne.

Covenant Service: 2.30p.m. January 21st,
led by Rev Anne

TOFTWOOD

Services: every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.
followed by a Bring and Share Lunch on
December 3rd, January 7th, February 4th.

Christingle Service: 4.00 p.m. December
10th, led by Rev Anne.

Carol Service: 11.00 a.m. December 24th.

Christmas Day Service; 9.30 a.m.

Covenant Service: 11.00 a.m. January 14th,
led by Rev Anne.

Weekly Lace Group: 9.30 a.m. -12.00 noon on
Mondays.

Coffee Morning: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon
December 2nd, January 6th, February 3rd.

Lunch & Linger: 12.00 noon – 2.30 p.m.
December 13th, January 10th, February 14th.

Carpet Bowls: Thursdays 1.45 – 4.00 p.m.

Messy Church: 3.30 – 5.00 p.m. December
28th, January 23rd, February 27th.

Film Club: 2.00 p.m. December 8th, January
12th, February 9th.

Gina Card-making Group: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.
December 27th, January 24th, February 28th.

DEREHAM

Trinity

Services: every Sunday at 10.45 a.m.

Carol Service: 10.45 a.m. December 17th, led
by Rev Anne.

Joint Covenant Service with Wendling:
10.45 a.m. January 7th, led by Rev Anne.

Mid-week Communion: 10.30 a.m.
December 7th, January 4th, February 1st.
(Contact Jacky Woor 01362 697860)

Cards and Chatter: 10.00 a.m. February
22nd. (Contact Sylvia Meredith 01362
693425)

Lunch Club: 12.00 noon. December 14th,
January 11th, February 8th. (Contact Pam
Beardmore 01362 854394).

Women's Own: 2.45 p.m. December 5th,
12th. No meetings in January or February.
(Contact Olwyn Brough 01362 692799)

Coffee Mornings: 10.00 a.m. December 21st,
January 18th, February 15th. (Contact Jacky
Woor 01362 697860)

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

THE PILGRIM CHURCH

Blakeney

Community Garden: open daily.

Morning Prayers: 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. every
Wednesday

Walsingham

Services followed by refreshments: 4.30 p.m.
December 10th, January 14th,
February 11th.

LITCHAM

Services: every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Joint Covenant Service with Tittleshall:
9.30 a.m. February 4th, led by Rev. Jacqui.

Christmas Lunch: 1.00 p.m. December 9th at
the Bull in Litcham followed by musical
entertainment.

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

STIBBARD

Services: every Sunday at 11.00 a.m. The fifth Sunday services are followed by lunch.

Carol Service: 11.00 a.m. December 17th.

Covenant Service: 11.00 a.m. January 14th, led by Rev Jonny

Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee: 10.00 a.m. every Tuesday.

Lunch @ The Centre: 12.30 p.m. December 13th, January 10th, February 14th.

Credo Lunch with Heart of Norfolk Benefice: 12.30 p.m. December 7th, January 4th, February 1st.

Railway Film Afternoons with Tea and Cake: 2.30 p.m. December 2nd, January 6th, February 3rd.

Quiz Night @ The Centre: 7.30 p.m. February 23rd.

Circuit Choir Practice: 7.30 p.m. December 8th, January 5th, 19th, February 2nd, 16th.

NEW HOLKHAM

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

Carol Service: 2.30 pm December 10th, led by Beryl Flood.

Covenant Service: 2.30 p.m. January 28th, led by Rev Jonny

FULMODESTON

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

United Carol Service at Christchurch: 11.00 a.m. December 17th.

Carol Service: 2.30 p.m. December 31st.

Covenant Service: 2.30 p.m. January 7th, led by Rev Jonny

WELLS

with Churches Together in Wells

Services: every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

Carol Service: 11.00 a.m. December 24th, led by Rev Jonny

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

Covenant Service: 11.00 a.m. January 7th, with our Anglican friends, 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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18th – 25th with a short service in a different church everyday

SAHAM HILLS

Services: every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Carol Service: 3.00 p.m. December 17th, led by Deacon Jen

Covenant Service: 10.30 a.m. January 14th, led by Rev Jacqui

Coffee Morning: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon February 9th (tbc)

TITTLESHALL

Services: every Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

Christmas Day Service: 9.30 a.m. led by Linda De Bloeme

Joint Covenant Service with Litcham: 9.30 a.m. February 4th, led by Rev Jacqui.

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

WATTON

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

Carol Service: 10.30 a.m. December 17th.

Coffee Shop: 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. December 6th (with book and novelty stall), 13th, in the Watton Methodist Centre

Christmas Market: 12.00 noon December 3rd, (Advent).

Christmas Craft Afternoon: 2.00 p.m. December 12th.

Christmas Coffee Morning with activities, cakes and carols: 11.00 a.m. December 20th.

Covenant Service: 10.30 a.m. January 21st, led by Rev Jacqui

GARVESTONE

Services: every Sunday at 3.00 p.m. (including Christmas Eve) except January 21st (united service at the Parish Church). and December 17th and February 18th at 11.00 a.m. at our chapel.

Joint Covenant Service with Mattishall: 2.30 p.m. January 7th, led by Rev Anne.

Prayer Meetings: 2.00 p.m. December 15th, January 19th, February 16th.

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

Knit and Natter: 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon. December 12th, January 9th, February 13th. For venues contact Lorna Folkes (01362 858391).

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

Daily	All day	Community Garden	Blakeney MC
Mon	8.45 am	Morning Prayer	Circuit (on Zoom)
Mon	9.30-12.00	Weekly Lace Group	Toftwood MC
Mon	12.00 noon	Community Lunch in the Congregational Hall	Wells
Tues	10.00-12.00	The Meeting Place Drop-in	Swaffham MC
Tues	10.00-2.00	Open to visitors	Walsingham MC
Tues	10.30 am	Ecumenical Prayers and Coffee	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Tues	2.45 pm	Women's Own)	Dereham Trinity MC
Wed	8.45 am	Open Prayer	Circuit (on Zoom)
Wed	9.30 am	Coffee Morning	Watton M Ch Centre
Wed	10.00-11.00	Morning Prayers	Blakeney MC
Wed	10.00–12.00	Coastal Community Shop (monthly)	Stibbard M Ch Centre / Village Hall
Wed	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Tittleshall MC
Wed	10.30 am	Prayer and Praise	Wells MC
Thurs	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Litcham MC
Thurs	1.45-4.00	Carpet Bowls	Toftwood MC
Thurs	2.00 pm	Ecumenical Bible Study and Discussion Group	Garvestone/Mattishall MC
Fri	9.30 am	Friday Prayer Time	Holt MC
Fri	9.30 am	Power of Prayer Group	Swaffham MC
Sat	8.45 am	Praying with the Methodist Church and for the Circuit	Circuit (on Zoom)

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Feb 7	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Feb 7	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Feb 8	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Feb 8	2.30 pm	Swaffham Friendship Group	Swaffham MC
Feb 9	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning (tbc)	Saham Hills MC
Feb 9	2.00 pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Feb 11	4.30 pm	Service followed by refreshments	Walsingham MC
Feb 13	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
Feb 13	12.00-2.30	Take-a-Break Lunch	Hingham MC
Feb 14	12.00-2.30	Lunch & Linger	Toftwood MC
Feb 14	12.30 pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 15	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
Feb 16	2.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Feb 16	2.00-4.00	Afternoon Tea	Holt MC
Feb 16	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 19	4.00 pm	Mid-week Communion	Holt MC
Feb 20	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Feb 21	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Feb 22	10.00 am	Cards and Chatter	Dereham Trinity MC
Feb 22	2.30 pm	Swaffham Friendship Group	Swaffham MC
Feb 23	7.30 pm	Quiz Night @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 26	10.00-12.00	Charity Coffee Morning (tbc)	Helhoughton Village Hall
Feb 27	3.30-5.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
Feb 28	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
Feb 28	2.00-3.00	Knit 'n' Natter	Beetley MC
Feb 28	2.00-4.00	Gina Card-making Group	Toftwood MC
Feb 29	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	12 Elvin Road, Dereham
Mar 1	2.30 pm	World Day of Prayer	Mattishall MC



HOLT METHODIST CHURCH
AFTERNOON TEA
FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY
2.00 - 4.00 PM
DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES
TOMBOLA, BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS



HOLT METHODIST CHURCH
ARE HOLDING A
FESTIVE CREAM TEA & FAIR
FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 1 - 4 PM
WITH STALLS, RAFFLE & TOMBOLA
AND DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES
EVERYONE WELCOME



HOLT METHODIST CHURCH
AFTERNOON TEA
FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
2.00 - 4.00 PM
DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES
TOMBOLA, BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS



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Jan 8	4.00 pm	Mid-week Communion	Holt MC
Jan 9	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
Jan 10	12.00-2.30	Lunch & Linger	Toftwood MC
Jan 10	12.30 pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 11	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Jan 11	2.30 pm	Swaffham Friendship Group	Swaffham MC
Jan 12	2.00 pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Jan 13	12.00-4.00	Church Vision Day	Holt MC
Jan 14	10.30 am	Covenant Service led by Rev Jacqui	Saham Hills MC
Jan 14	11.00 am	Covenant Service led by Rev Jonny	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 14	11.00 a.m.	Covenant Service led by Rev Anne	Toftwood MC
Jan 14	2.30 p.m.	Covenant Service led by Rev Jacqui	Great Ellingham MC
Jan 14	4.30 pm	Service followed by refreshments	Walsingham MC
Jan 16	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Jan 16	12.00-2.30	Take-a-Break Lunch	Hingham MC
Jan 17	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Jan 18	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
Jan 18-25	tbc	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Wells Churches
Jan 19	2.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Jan 19	2.00-4.00	Afternoon Tea	Holt MC
Jan 19	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 21	10.30 am	Covenant Service led by Rev Jacqui	Watton MC
Jan 21	11.00 am	Covenant Service led by Rev Jonny	Holt MC
Jan 21	2.30 pm	Covenant Service led by Rev Anne	Gressenhall MC
Jan 22	4.00 pm	Mid-week Communion	Holt MC
Jan 23	10.00-12.00	Charity Coffee Morning (tbc)	Helhoughton Village Hall
Jan 23	3.30-5.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
Jan 24	2.00-3.00	Knit 'n' Natter	Beetley MC
Jan 24	2.00-4.00	Gina Card-making Group	Toftwood MC
Jan 25	2.30 pm	Swaffham Friendship Group	Swaffham MC
Jan 27	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning	Beetley MC
Jan 28	10.30 am	Covenant Service led by Rev Jacqui	Hingham MC
Jan 28	11.00 am	Covenant Service led by Rev Jonny	Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
Jan 28	2.30 pm	Covenant Service led by Rev Jonny	New Holkham MC
Feb 1	10.30 am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
Feb 1	12.30 pm	Credo Lunch with Heart of Norfolk Benefice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 2	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 3	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Swaffham MC
Feb 3	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Hingham MC
Feb 3	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Feb 3	2.30 pm	Railway Film Afternoon with Tea and Cake	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Feb 4	9.30 am	Joint Covenant Service led by Rev Jacqui	Litcham / Tittleshall
Feb 4	11.00 am	Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Toftwood MC
Feb 5	4.00 pm	Mid-week Communion	Holt MC
Feb 6	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC

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Dec 17	11.00 am	Carol Service led by Rev Jacqui	Great Ellingham MC
Dec 17	11.00 am	Carol Service led by Rev Jonny	Holt MC
Dec 17	11.00 am	Carol Service in aid of Action for Children	Sculthorpe & Fakenham MC
Dec 17	11.00 am	Carol Service	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Dec 17	2.30 pm	Carol Service led by Rev Anne	Gressenhall MC
Dec 17	2.30 pm	Carol Service led by Pippa Cook	Mattishall MC
Dec 17	2.30 pm	Carol Service led by Rev Anne	Sporle MC
Dec 17	30.00 pm	Carol Service led by Deacon Jen	Saham Hills MC
Dec 18	4.00 pm	Mid-week Communion	Holt MC
Dec 19	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Dec 20	11.00 am	Christmas Coffee Morning	Watton M Ch Centre
Dec 20	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Dec 20	7.00 pm	Café Style Carol Service led by Rev Jacqui	Swaffham MC
Dec 21	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	Dereham Trinity MC
Dec 23	4.00 pm	Carols at Christmas led by Rev Jonny	outside Holt MC
Dec 24	11.00 am	Carol Service	Toftwood MC
Dec 24	11.00 am	Carol Service led by Rev Jonny	Wells MC
Dec 24	11.00 pm	Christmas Eve Communion	Holt MC
Dec 25	9.30 am	Christmas Day Service led by Linda De Bloeme	Tittleshall MC
Dec 25	9.30 am	Christmas Day Service	Toftwood MC
Dec 25	9.30 am	Christmas Day Service led by Rev Jonny	Wells MC
Dec 25	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service led by Rev Jacqui	Swaffham MC
Dec 25	11.00 am	Christmas Day Service led by Rev Jonny	Holt MC
Dec 27	2.00-3.00	Knit 'n' Natter	Beetley MC
Dec 27	2.00-4.00	Gina Card-making Group	Toftwood MC
Dec 28	3.30-5.00	Messy Church	Toftwood MC
Dec 31	As arranged	BIG SUNDAY	Around the Circuit
Dec 31	2.30 pm	Carol Service	Fulmodeston MC
Jan 2	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Jan 3	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Jan 3	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Jan 4	10.30 am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
Jan 4	12.30 pm	Credo Lunch with Heart of Norfolk Benefice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 5	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 6	9.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Swaffham MC
Jan 6	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Hingham MC
Jan 6	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Jan 6	2.30 pm	Railway Film Afternoon with Tea and Cake	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Jan 7	10.45 am	Joint Covenant Service led by Rev Anne	Dereham Trinity / Wendling
Jan 7	10.45 am	Joint Covenant Service led by Rev Jacqui	Swaffham / Sporle
Jan 7	11.00 am	Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Toftwood MC
Jan 7	11.00 am	Ecumenical Covenant Service led by rev Jonny	Wells MC
Jan 7	2.30 pm	Covenant Service led by Rev Jonny	Fulmodeston MC
Jan 7	2.30 pm	Joint Covenant Service led by Rev Anne.	Mattishall / Garvestone

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Dec 2	10.00-12.00	Coffee Shop with Stalls	Hingham MC
Dec 2	10.00-12.00	Coffee Morning	Toftwood MC
Dec 2	10.00-4.00	Display of Nativity Scenes	Litcham MC
Dec 2	2.30 pm	Railway Film Afternoon with Tea and Cake	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Dec 3	10.45 am	All-age service with Guides and Brownies	Swaffham MC
Dec 3	11.00 am	Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Toftwood MC
Dec 3	12.00 noon	Christams Market	Watton
Dec 3	4.00 pm	Christingle Service led by Rev Anne	Wendling MC
Dec 4	4.00 pm	Mid-week Communion	Holt MC
Dec 5	10.00-12.00	Mattishall Dementia Support Group—The Link	Mattishall MC
Dec 5	2.45 pm	Women's Own	Dereham Trinity MC
Dec 6	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting	Beetley MC
Dec 6	9.30-11.30	Coffee Shop (with book and novelty stall)	Watton M Ch Centre
Dec 6	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning	Wendling MC
Dec 6	2.00-3.00	Drop-in	Beetley MC
Dec 7	10.00-11.00	Coffee Morning	Great Ellingham MC
Dec 7	10.30 am	Mid-week Communion	Dereham Trinity MC
Dec 7	12.30 pm	Credo Lunch with Heart of Norfolk Benefice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Dec 8	2.00 pm	Film Club	Toftwood MC
Dec 8	7.30 pm	Circuit Choir Practice	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Dec 9	1.00 pm	Christmas Lunch	The Bull in Litcham
Dec 10	10.30 am	Carol Service led by Rev Anne	Beetley MC
Dec 10	2.30 pm	Carol Service led by Beryl Flood	New Holkham MC
Dec 10	4.00 pm	Christingle Service led by Rev Anne	Toftwood MC
Dec 10	4.30 pm	Service followed by refreshments	Walsingham MC
Dec 12	10.30-12.00	Knit and Natter	Garvestone MC
Dec 12	2.00 pm	Christmas Craft Afternoon	Watton M Ch Centre
Dec 12	2.45 pm	Women's Own	Dereham Trinity MC
Dec 13	9.30-11.30	Coffee Shop	Watton M Ch Centre
Dec 13	12.00-2.30	Lunch & Linger	Toftwood MC
Dec 13	12.30 pm	Lunch @ The Centre	Stibbard M Ch Centre
Dec 14	10.00-12.00	Charity Coffee Morning	Helhoughton Village Hall
Dec 14	12.00 noon	Lunch Club	Dereham Trinity MC
Dec 14	2.30 pm	Swaffham Friendship Group	Swaffham MC
Dec 15	1.00-4.00	Christmas Fayre (including Afternoon Tea)	Holt MC
Dec 15	2.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Garvestone MC
Dec 16	10.00-4.00	Display of Nativities	Swaffham MC
Dec 17	10.30 am	Cariol Service	Watton MC
Dec 17	10.30 am	Carol Service led by Rev Anne	Wendling MC
Dec 17	10.45 am	Carol Service led by Rev Anne	Dereham Trinity MC
Dec 17	10.45 am	Carol Service led by the Worship Leaders	Swaffham MC
Dec 17	11.00 am	Untied Carol Service	Christchurch, Fulmodeston