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CHURCHES AND A
BUILDING PROJECT
BEGINS!

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Thank you all for your contributions towards the last edition of The Link, it was great to see all that is happening across the circuit. In this edition we hear what churches have been up to and look towards the autumn. So make yourself a cup of tea and settle down for a good and informative read.

In Tony's words 'The Link is intended as information for ourselves, a means of praying through all that is happening, and something to give to visitors to our Churches.'

Please send any contributions for the next issue to the details listed here.

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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

The final decade of the twentieth century was designated as “the decade of evangelism”. This initiative was, I believe, a response to the recognition that across the denominations numbers had been dwindling for some time. I can still remember attending dynamic events during that ten-year period in our home city of Bradford. We prepared for a deluge of new people, but they never turned up, and to be honest, despite our efforts, we never seemed to gain much from the experience.

Arriving in Norfolk in September 2005, I had a very clear understanding of my role as a probationer presbyter; I had been taught at theological college that the Methodist Church was experiencing rapid decline, and I was one of those charged to turn around the fortunes of the Church. I was always aware that this didn't simply mean “packing ‘em in on a Sunday morning” but it was about creating opportunities to share the gospel message.

Over the years I have worked with teams in several Churches trying to excite people and create opportunities. I thank God constantly for the people he has blessed me with to share in mission, and I have seen the fruits of our labours. Back in the 1990s I felt that we had failed in our endeavours, but with hindsight I had learned a lot from the experiences of the decade of evangelism.

I love working in this Circuit; we have good churches with wonderful people. During my first year of working among you I started to feel that our narrative was one of failure, but my mind has changed. Today I see some wonderful things happening each week as I read the online newsletter. My hope is that with the help of the Circuit Leadership Team and folk who want to change the narrative of the Circuit, it will change to one of mission and growth, in dynamic and creative ways.

The Methodist Church produced a resource in 2025 entitled “Our Church's Future Story”, which is an excellent resource, and it is free, there are copies around the Circuit and I can easily obtain more.

There is loads of information on the Methodist Website www.methodist.org.uk - search for Our Church's Future Story.

If you want to be a part of our Circuit's future story, please speak with Neil Vels, one of the Circuit Stewards or me and let us build a missional church for Christ for the future.

Derek

Circuit Leadership Team Spotlight:

Pippa Cook *Circuit Steward*



Q. Where are you from?

I was born and grew up in Cirencester, in Gloucestershire and went to Cirencester Grammar School and then to teacher training in Birmingham. I ended up in Norfolk almost by accident, but probably because this is where God wanted me to be.

Q. How did you get to do what you are doing now?

I grew old enough to retire! Almost as soon as I retired, I was asked to become a Circuit Steward and after I had accepted, was advised by a former Circuit Steward not to do it. I have no regrets. I started taking services in the Congregational Churches around Cirencester when I was 16, but was not accredited in the Methodist Church until 1992, when I was moved from 'Helper' to Local Preacher.

Q. Please describe yourself in three words:

Willing but disorganised

Q. What are your hobbies/interest?

I like to knit, but the grandchildren are too big now. Most of my free time is taken up with music, playing trombone in two orchestras and two bands. I teach the beginner players of Fakenham Band and lead the small choir that grew out of the Circuit Choir. I am also part of a small recorder group that meets weekly in Stibbard. On two days of the week I teach beginner piano to home-educated children. Other than that, I play the organ at Holt, and often I lead worship and play in other churches in the circuit.

Q. Is there a book you've read recently that you'd recommend?

I do read and I like a good murder! One of the most challenging books I have read recently is The Heavenly Man, the story of Brother Yun, a Chinese Christian, who faced the most cruel torture and persecution. Would I endure such persecution?

Q. What is the best thing about being a Methodist?

I think some of the good things are the variety of preaching styles and the fact that there is 'backup' for decisions made by any and all people. We are connected.

Q. What makes you grumpy?

Not a lot, but I do get fed up if composers or arrangers change from bass to tenor clef in the middle of a piece of music!

Q. Which is your favourite Bible verse and why?

Out of many favourites, possibly Psalm 139 v 23 - 24: *'Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.'*

Q. Which is your favourite Hymn?

Even more favourites here, but the one I would like at my funeral is 'There's a light upon the mountains and the day is at the spring.' A hymn that looks forward to something better.



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QUIZ NIGHT

LITCHAM METHODIST CHURCH

WE ARE HOLDING A QUIZ NIGHT AND WOULD LOVE YOU TO COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN.

WHETHER YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, ARE A COUPLE OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS, WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU.

When: Saturday 26th September 2026

Time: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Location: Jubilee Hall Litcham

Cost: £5.00 per ticket including tea or coffee and some nibbles

Bring any other refreshments that you would like to share!!

If you would like tickets please contact: Maria Martin on 07552 354225

NEVER STOP WONDERING AND ASKING QUESTIONS

The poster has a white background with a large, stylized 'QUIZ NIGHT' logo at the top, outlined in yellow and red. The text is in a mix of black and red fonts. A red-bordered box at the bottom contains the text 'NEVER STOP WONDERING AND ASKING QUESTIONS'.



THE HIVE
CREATIVITY ~ SPIRITUALITY ~ WELL-BEING

It has been a full and rewarding season at The Hive.

Our final event was partnering with East Anglia Pilgrims to host a walk around local churches and places of pilgrimage from The Hive, led by David. It is very good to be able to share our ethos with others who have the same aim of bringing faith into everyday activities, mixing up the conversation, listening and learning.

Below are some images of recent events which give a flavour of the variety and imagination which goes into planning the programme and creating the opportunities alongside for helping so many people navigate their lives and the challenges they encounter.



Susan's yoga experiences are as uplifting as the pink blocks and are carefully designed for all ages and associated flexibility. She also often includes a time of guided meditation which helps to bring us to the still centre – a great place to encounter God.

No, not a picture from earlier times in Circuit! Just one of the many images which accompanied Geraldine and Sarah's programme of poetry and music around the poets and composers who survived the First World War. It provoked an interesting conversation in the light of current wars.



Not everything goes as planned, as was demonstrated in a very practical way at our Quiet Day, thinking about, 'Change'!

Here are some helpful take-aways from the session: **The Five C's**

Commitment: Making a firm, dedicated decision to pursue an objective over time, embracing the fact that real evolution is a repetitive process.

Courage: The bravery needed to step outside your comfort zone, face the fear of the unknown, and abandon outdated behaviours.

Curiosity: Approaching your new journey with an open, exploratory mindset rather than judgement, allowing you to learn from setbacks.

Compassion: Showing grace to yourself when you make mistakes, which prevents the frustration-and-quit cycle.

Creativity: Being flexible and willing to adjust your strategies or routines if your initial approach to change isn't working.



The Open Play-readings have become a firm favourite of each season at The Hive. Here the readers have enjoyed a dramatised adaptation of Laurie Lee's classic, *Cider with Rosie*. There were plenty of Gloucestershire characters to recreate the young Laurie's early life and interesting insights into the traditions and ways of rural communities from the time – some of which we were happy to leave behind, but equally, some of which we were sorry to have lost.



The East Anglia Pilgrims enjoyed an extended circular walk taking in St Mary's Houghton-on-the-Hill where we heard an interesting talk about the 12th century paintings revealed under layers of plaster on the walls of the chancel.



The final stop at St Michael's Great Cressingham enabled walkers to add a stamp to their walk tokens.

We feel very blessed to have so many creative people involved with The Hive and thank God for the creativity, spirituality and well-being that we are all able to enjoy.

We are also grateful that those who come to The Hive continue to make donations towards our costs so that we are able to be largely self-financing and our thanks go to Circuit for supporting us with Great Cressingham chapel.

Our thanks, too, to all our supporters across the Circuit who either attend events, put up posters and fliers or remember us in their prayers.

We are still on our journey towards appointing another team member to bring fresh perspective and help us to develop a vision for the next five years.

The next season at The Hive will begin in September. Individual fliers will come through the Circuit Newsletter and there is always plenty of information on the Facebook page.

Sarah Rodgers
For Sarah, Geraldine, David and Susan

Photo Competition

Are you a budding photographer or a keen artist?

We're looking for artwork or photographs for the front cover of The Link Magazine.

Anything Christmas/winter-themed would be appreciated! Please do send over any submissions and we'll pick one for the next issue, crediting the artist or photographer.

Email submissions to cnc.thelink@gmail.com or call 07538281707 for postal address.

Lectinary Readings & Weekly Hymns

If you need the Lectinary Readings or Weekly Hymns, use the link below, scroll down and choose the date on the calendar that you want to look at - it will then show you hymns under one tab, and prayers under another:

www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/resources

East Anglia Pilgrims - Wells-next-the Sea to Walsingham

The East Anglia District Pilgrimages have been taking part over the summer and there was one to Walsingham, a centre of pilgrimage. (The East Anglia District website has details of future ones.) 19 brave souls met in Wells Methodist Chapel for refreshments and a chance to get to know each other. Fortunately the weather was not too warm, just right for walking and the group were sent on their way with prayers from Revd. Elizabeth Bellamy.

Moving inland from Wells the group walked up to Wighton and despite the joke that Norfolk is flat we can assure you there are inclines. The tracks were easy to follow and we met a few cyclists and walkers en route. The scenery was beautiful, trees, farmland, hedges and wildflowers, we could only hear the birds. Our Pilgrim badges attracted attention including the knitted shells that Revd. Elizabeth had made for us.

Lunch was taken at Wighton Methodist Heritage Centre and pilgrims were fascinated by the exhibitions and the information available. Onwards up the hill and the second part of the journey as we moved on to Walsingham. Our route brought us into Gt. Walsingham and an opportunity to look in at the former Methodist Chapel which is now an Orthodox Church. Then across the ford and towards the churchyard of St Peter's Church. Time did not allow us to look inside as we moved on to Little Walsingham. At The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham we were met by Dr Jane Southward, Education Officer, who gave a short introduction to the shrine and how it helps her faith. Time was spent looking at various aspects before a leisurely stroll back to Little Walsingham Methodist Chapel, a short epilogue, rest and refreshments. Lots of chatter, talk and sharing together. It was good to welcome people from different areas and friends from other denominations including Jared Linu who visited from the Diocese of Vellore.

Aileen Fox





Helhoughton News

Helhoughton Monthly Tuesday Charity Coffee Mornings

In April we had another fundraiser for the Mid Norfolk Foodbank and were very pleased with the donations, totalling £150. In May we collected £100 for Mind and in June £86.50 was raised for Carers Matter Norfolk. We receive lovely, heartfelt letters/emails of appreciation. 😊

Coming up...

- 8th September - Norfolk Community Foundation is a charity dedicated to building stronger communities and improving the lives of people in Norfolk
- 27th October - DEBRA, a national charity supporting those affected by Epidermolysis Bullosa, a potentially fatal skin condition that causes constant pain due to unstoppable internal and external blistering
- Saturday 21st November – Save the Children, with Christmas cards and other items on sale

All are welcome any time from 10am in the Village Church Hall and we close at midday. Come and enjoy a drink and a homemade bake or two, including options made with vegetarian/vegan/gluten free/reduced sugar ingredients, in a warm and friendly atmosphere! Just donate what you can afford. We are happy to consider supporting other charities you may wish to suggest.

We also act as a collection point for items for the Mid Norfolk Foodbank. If each person who comes along were able to donate just a single tin/packet/carton, we would have a significant practical contribution to offer to those who struggle with finances. Is your Church/Chapel a collection point as well?

**Elizabeth Lodge,
Tittleshall Methodist Chapel**

Nature in Norfolk

I am writing this in early June as another heavy shower blows through Holt. This morning it was dry and sunny when I was sitting on Cley beach. Leaving the beach car park I paused at the sluice gate where a pair of swallows were feeding their young. I couldn't see the nest but the increased 'chatter' as the adults flew in indicated there was one out of sight. Further east along the coast road I stopped to listen to a Song Thrush singing loudly - bird song identification is so easy with the Merlin bird app.

Aware that you are reading this in September, I've looked back to see what nature I was enjoying in early September 2025. Cycling down to Glandford by Hurdle Lane there was a field of Phacelia and Sunflowers - a sea of mauve and yellow. Sunflowers not only look like the sun they also turn their heads to follow the sun as it moves across the sky.



At the village crossroads Swallows were beginning to gather on the telephone wires. Going uphill towards Wiveton Downs gorse was in flower. Common gorse flowers from January to June so this must be Western or Dwarf Gorse which flowers from July to November. You can always find at least one gorse flower, so there is no need to fear the folklore that 'you should only kiss your beloved when the gorse is in flower' or alternatively 'when gorse is out of blossom, kissing is out of fashion'. There is a car park and information boards on Wiveton Downs approached from the Wiveton to Langham road. From here you can link to the Bayfield Bird Walk or take a path down to Blakeney. With dry conditions I decided to cycle down to Blakeney, I've often watched Hares on one open field before reaching New Barn Farm, but this time I enjoyed numerous birds feeding on berries in the hedges below the farm.

Passing Beach Road, Cley, I saw my first Pink Foot Geese of autumn in the distance and continued cycling to Salhouse. I always climb up to Salhouse Heath by the slightly easier Cross Street, as the climb at last eases there is a viewpoint for a well earned rest. The coast road is almost hidden by hedges so you are only aware of the rolling fields bordered by hedges and trees as you look out to the sea. There are many tumuli to find on the heath, some with interesting names like Three Halfpenny Hill and Three Farthing Hill. It is suggested that this area possibly has the largest number of burial barrows, or tumuli, in Norfolk.



If I'd been here in April or May I might have gone down the footpath called Bixes Lane to look for bluebells, this is a dead end path on top of the hill above Cley Road, there are good views and a mix of trees as well as bluebells to enjoy. But this time I continued home by Kelling Road ready for my lunch.

Angela Mason

East Anglia Methodist Heritage Centre at Wighton



It has been a busy summer at Wighton with 200 visitors between Easter and early July. This includes 21 for our 2026 season opening service, 52 during the village Scarecrow Festival, when we opened extra days, and 19 pilgrims en route from Wells to Walsingham.

We continue to receive historic items from churches that have closed. Our latest – and biggest – to date is the very heavy mahogany pulpit from Gorleston (see photo) in which John Wesley preached in October 1783.

Looking ahead, we are open:

- Tuesdays and Fridays 11am to 3pm
- September 12th Heritage Day and Churches Cycle Ride
- October 10th from 2pm for the E A Methodist Historical Society meeting with a lecture on 'Methodist fonts and Ceramics'. This will also be our last day of opening for the 2026 season after which we will pack everything away for the winter
- Reopening at Easter 2027

Elizabeth Bellamy



HOLT METHODIST CHURCH



**OUR CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED
FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS**



**Thanks to the support of The National Lottery
Heritage Fund and National Lottery players
We have started work on our building project!**

**We will continue to meet for worship
SUNDAYS AT 11AM**

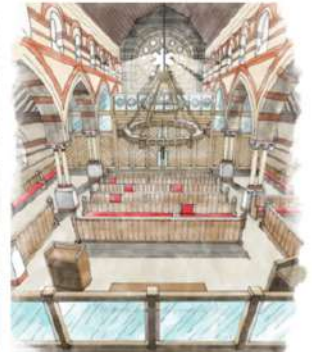
Holt Youth Project
Old Station Way, Holt, NR25 6DH



**Our Afternoon Cream Teas will continue
3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
2 - 4PM**

Holt Community Centre,
Kerridge Way, Holt, NR25 6DN

For information and updates visit our
website or facebook page
www.holt-methodist.org.uk



REOPENING SUMMER 2027

News from Churches

Holt

At Holt Methodist Church we are excited to announce that we have been awarded our grant from the National Heritage Lottery Fund so all is full steam ahead for packing up and moving out! By the time you are reading this we will be meeting for worship at The Holt Youth Project, who are making us extremely welcome. Twenty of us went for Tea and Cake in July to look at where we would be meeting and hear about the work of the Youth Project which was extremely enlightening and impressive. We were waited on by some of the young people and served delicious homemade Brownies and Shortbread.

Our monthly Afternoon Teas will continue in a different format and be held at Holt Community Centre, on the 3rd Friday of the month.

As a Church congregation we are sad to say goodbye to Jonny and Seb but wish them many blessings as they continue their ministry in their new circuit. We thank them for all they've been to us and for helping us grow in God's grace. Our love and gratitude go with them.

Joselyn Bunting

Mattishall

We celebrated the 126th Chapel Anniversary in April with a service led by Rev Derek. Fellowship continued afterwards over a cuppa and cake.

After a summer break the joint Bible Study will start again on 3rd September at 2pm at Mattishall. We plan to open the church this year for the annual Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride, Walk and Drive on 12th September and hope to welcome more visitors than in recent years. Later in the month on 27th Rev Neil will lead our Harvest Festival service.

In November we will join in the Remembrance Day service starting on the Village Green at the War Memorial before processing after 11am to the Parish Church to continue the service there.

Eileen Browne

Saham Hills

Sadly in this our 150th year Saham Hills chapel decided to close, with a final service on August 30th 2026. So no services or preachers have been arranged for this quarter.

Saham Hills

Our 150th Anniversary Weekend

Saham Hills Primitive Church it says on the plaque above the front door with the date when it was built 1876, there were two smaller sites for the church in Saham Hills before this larger chapel was built, one of them is a private house now. We have photos in our archive of the Sunday School children taken in 1852 which shows why a larger premises was needed.



The mostly agricultural area of Saham Hills enjoyed a close-knit community which blessed the church with a large congregation and a thriving Sunday School, we are envious of the photos of a full chapel congregation even into the 20th century. The Sunday School continued in our chapel until the 1980s and many present residents of Saham Hills who attended the Sunday School came to view the exhibits and it was interesting to hear them talking to each other about their childhood, there was a lot of laughter over that weekend.

Everyone likes looking at old photos and the old posters and photographs of village events, outings, fetes, weddings etc. brought back wistful memories of earlier times to everyone who came to join us over the weekend, one elderly lady had come from Northumberland because she attended the chapel as a child. I enjoyed a lot of conversations with visitors and the theme of those conversations was nostalgia from those of a certain age. A time past, well remembered.



As well as the local history there was a lot of Methodist history with pictures of the founding clergy and committee members from the early years, a lot of literature concerning benefactors, accounts and the changes occurring within the circuit. We have some interesting old bibles with dedications of names and dates presented to the chapel as well as some old music scores for the organ or piano. Our organ has a history of its own but that is another story. I am sure all this would be of interest to the Methodist Heritage Centre at Wighton and it is thanks to Jane and her predecessors for keeping so much so safe.

On both days St. Catherine's Bells, a small group of hand bell ringers based at Necton Church came to play for 30 minutes in the afternoon, which brought in new visitors and was a pleasant interlude in a busy day. We thank them for offering to play free of charge to celebrate our weekend. We also thank everyone who visited us over the weekend and for all the kind remarks in our visitor's book, all who came were impressed with the amount of displays and the varied interest on show, plenty to read and talk about whilst enjoying free refreshments. The weekend was our gift to our community to say thank you for all their help over the years to keep this small chapel alive, it was a tiring but enjoyable and successful weekend, tinged with sadness as we contemplate our closure with so few members left.

Dot McIlroy and all at Saham Hills



Litcham

As I am writing this, we are going through a particularly warm period. Schools are closing, warnings are being sent out by the railways and there are a lot of red warnings on the weather maps being shown on TV.

Whilst I understand a lot of people don't like the heat, I also know a lot of people that do. Here in the UK we are definitely "weather moaners"! It's too hot, it's too cold, it's too windy, it's too wet! Weather is now a national pastime.

But... why don't we turn it around and appreciate ALL types of weather. What a beautiful sunny day, let's find somewhere cool and sit and read a book or I'm so glad it's raining, my garden needs a good drink. I'm so glad it's windy today, my washing is drying very quickly. Summer has finally arrived and those of us lucky enough to go on holiday will be packing our suitcases and sun cream ready for some fun. If you can't go away, why not treat yourself to a staycation. Find a good book, go somewhere you wouldn't normally go, maybe to a different coffee shop or park. If you can afford it, treat yourself to a nice cup of coffee. Alternatively fill up a flask and take it with you. There are many options.

I think the verse from Ecclesiastes 5: 19 has a strong message;

'Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil – this is a gift of God.'

We all go through difficulties in our lives, some more than others but let's try and be grateful for our "lot". Let's celebrate the good things, the good people in our lives and our memories and experiences.

Happy summer everyone.

A date for your diary, on Saturday 26th September we are holding our annual quiz night at the Village Hall in Litcham. Everyone is welcome.

Maria Martin

Swaffham

Chatting to Rev Neil after hearing about his time in South Africa 🇿🇦



Sculthorpe & Fakenham

We were blessed on the 28th June to once again hold a Service of Talents, ably led by Jacky Woor. We had instruments :- piano, trumpet, recorder & harmonica, singers, a trio and a soloist.

The chapel window sills and boards across the pew ends were full of beautiful and intricate handicrafts: glass items, patchwork, crochet, knitting, paintings, cross stitch items, embroidery, photography, cushions, bead, African artefacts and a veritable 200 knitted animals, birds and sea creatures.



My grateful thanks to everyone who took part in any way to make this such a wonderful occasion enjoyed by all. Thanks to God for the many talents that he has given to us and the willingness of people to share them with us all.

Avril Temple



Tittleshall

Deaths of Chris Sproston and Jean Freeman

I am very sad to report that Chris, a Tittleshall resident who used to attend Chapel, and also Beetley, died in June, a few months after moving into a home.

We are also missing Jean Freeman of Helhoughton, who went to W. Raynham Chapel and later joined us at Tittleshall, who died later the same month.

They were both strong in their faith but struggling with illness, so it is a real blessing that they are now at peace.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our annual Cancer Charity Coffee Morning takes place on Saturday 26th September from 10 – 12. We would be most appreciative of raffle prizes and homemade cakes.

Elizabeth Lodge

Wells

This summer's heat has given us clear evidence of global-warming so we are even more aware of the need to take action towards net zero churches. We continue to progress our plans to put solar panels on the roof, encouraged by NNDC which has clarified that we do not need planning permission even though we are in a conservation area. Good news.

On June 13th we had the great pleasure of hosting 19 pilgrims as they gathered at our church for refreshments and a prayer before leaving to walk to Walsingham via Wighton. We gave each of them a knitted scallop shell to wear.

After a break for August our weekly Wednesday Prayer & Praise ecumenical service resumes on September 2nd with our new Rector and Rev Elizabeth each leading once a month. Our thanks to the local preachers who also come to Wells to lead it.

Looking ahead:

- September 12th from 2.30pm – our annual Gift Day for church funds with afternoon tea. Visitors welcome to join us for the tea.
- September 20th at 11am - our Harvest Festival followed by lunch

New Holkham

New Holkham will be celebrating their Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September at 2.30. Our service is being taken by Mrs Amanda Sands.

We continue our celebrations on Monday 28th September at 7.00 when we have a short service followed by an auction of our harvest produce.

If you want an evening of happy fellowship with much laughter do come and join us. People wait with bated breath to see if Will Freeze or his brother Willnot Freeze will put in an appearance. This is our only fundraiser during the year to keep our church going.

All welcome on both days. Because of where our church is if you would like to attend either days please ring Beryl on 01328878383.



Prayer & Praise in Watton

In May we hosted the Sunday Ecumenical Prayer & Praise afternoon organised by Love Watton. The theme was Thankfulness. It was very uplifting with some lovely music provided by the ecumenical worship group.



Rev. Neil gave a very moving testimony and we were all encouraged to join in small groups to discuss what we were thankful for. Our faith, freedom to worship, our families, the medical professions and the natural world were just a few of the suggestions mentioned. Jenny had provided some brilliant prayer stations using the windows in the Church.



We highlighted the verses of the hymn, Give thanks with a Grateful Heart, in two of the windows and all eight verses of the hymn, Think of a world without any Flowers, in the other windows. These provided a brilliant focus for our prayers on several different issues, and meant that we could all go to different prayer stations at the same time.

As is customary in the Methodist Church this session ended with tea & cake and an opportunity to chat to other Christians in the town and get to know them a little better. Love Watton sent us a letter to thank us for hosting this event.

Tuesdays @ 2 in Watton

Our Tuesday afternoon group continues to go from strength to strength. In May we made some superb covered notebooks. A lot of the materials for this activity were donated by a lady who was very pleased to see the end result when she was presented with a notebook afterwards. All participants were able to keep the notebook they had made.



In June we made ribboned Rosettes, that proved to be quite a tricky project, but everyone persevered and the end results were very pleasing. One lady decided that she would award her Rosette to someone she knows who does so much for the community, that goes unrecognised but is greatly appreciated. Some other members of the group decided they would give their Rosette to their football-crazy, goal scoring, grandchildren.



In July we are going to make decorative Felt Watering Cans, with a bunch of flowers just for our own delight, but I expect some of them will be sent to others in different parts of the country.

Shirley Stephen

Walsingham

We have continued to host school visits with one week 150 youngsters visiting! One group had two pupils who are good organists and were willing to play some hymns. Other groups have included a small group of Methodists from Norwich who combined their visit with a morning at Wighton Methodist Heritage Centre. Two holiday makers who rang to see if it was possible to visit and passers by when the chapel has been open. The National Pilgrimage attracted people and it was interesting viewing the procession from the bottom of the slope and interacting with others watching.

Sundays continue with our service on the second Sunday of the month at 4.30pm and this is followed up with a meal. No booking required unless you have an allergy or special diet. Contact us on 07787156335 or walsinghammethodist@gmail.com

Advanced notice: Crib festival at Walsingham Methodist 8th -17th December.
Carol service 4.30pm 13th December followed by refreshments.

Aileen Fox

Dates Around the Circuit

Beetley

Services: 10.30am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays
6pm on the 1st & 3rd Sundays

Big Sunday: 29th November. 10.30am

Harvest Festival: 13th September. 10.30am

Drop-In: 2 - 3pm. Wednesdays. 2 & 16th Sept, 7 & 21st October, 4th & 18th November

Knit 'n' Natter: 2 - 3pm. Wednesdays. 23rd September, 28th October, 25th November

Coffee Mornings: 9.30 - 11.30am. 26th Sept & 21st Nov (25% to FoodBank)

Dereham Trinity

Services: Every Sunday at 10.45 am

Heritage Open Day: 12th September. 9.30am to 4pm

Harvest Festival: 20th September. 10.45am. Led by Rev Derek Grimshaw

Carol Concert with St Withburga Ringers: 21st November. 2.30pm

Mid Week Communion: 10.30 am. 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November
(Contact Jacky Woor 01362 697860)

Coffee Mornings: 10 -11.30 am. 17th September, 15th October, 19th November
(Contact Jacky 01362 697860)

Cards & Chatter: 10-12 noon. 24th September, 22nd October, 26th November
(Contact Sylvia Meredith 01362 693425)

Women's Own: 2.15 pm. 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th September, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th October
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November
(Contact Olwyn Brough 01362 692799)

Coffee Morning: 10-12 noon. 29th October
at the home of Sylvia and Richard Meredith (Contact 01362 693425)

Fulmodeston

Services : 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 2.30pm.

Harvest Festival: 6th September. Led by Mrs Avril Temple

Garvestone

Services: Every Sunday at 6pm, except 3rd Sunday which is a United Service either at the Chapel or Parish Church (see plan for more information)

Prayer Meeting: 3rd Friday of the month, 2pm at Garvestone

Bible Study: Every Thursday afternoon

Gressenhall

Services: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 2.30pm. Followed by light refreshments

Harvest Festival: 20th September. 2.30pm

Hingham

Services: Every Sunday at 10.30am

Coffee Shop with stalls: 10am - 12noon. 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November

Harvest Festival: September 27th. 10.30am. Led by Nelson Tubby

Holt

Services: Every Sunday at 11am
At Holt Youth Project, Old Station Way, Holt NR25 6DH

Friday Prayer Time: 9.30am on Fridays (Contact Steward@holt-Methodist.org.uk for venue)

Afternoon Teas: 2 - 4pm. 3rd Friday of the month
Holt Community Centre, Kerridge Way, Holt NR25 6DN

Choir Practice: 4th & 18th Sept, 2nd, 16th, 30th Oct, 13th & 27th Nov. 4-5pm.
At Holt Scout Hut, 20 Cley Rd, Holt NR25 6JG

Litcham

Services: Every Sunday at 9.30am

Coffee Mornings: Every Thursday. 10.30am - 12noon

Bible Study: 3rd Fridays. 10am

Quiz Night: Saturday 26th September. 7 for 7.30pm. Jubilee Hall, Litcham

Mattishall

Services: Every Sunday at 2.30pm

Harvest Festival: 27th September. 2.30pm. Led by Rev Neil Vels

Weekly Bible Study: Thursdays at 2pm. Alternating with Garvestone Methodist Church (Contact Fred on 01362 850750 for venue)

New Holkham

Services: 27th September, 25th October, 22nd November

Harvest Festival: Sunday 27th September. 2.30pm. Led by Mrs Amanda Sands

Harvest Service & Auction: Monday 28th September. 7pm

Ring Beryl on 01328878383 to arrange access to our church, as it is in Holkham Park.

Sculthorpe & Fakenham

Services: Every Sunday at 11am

Coffee Morning: 5th September. 10am - 12noon in the village hall.

Harvest Festival: 20th September. 11am

Swaffham

Services: Every Sunday at 10.45am followed by refreshments

Harvest Festival: 13th September. 10.45am

The Meeting Place Drop-In: 10am - 12noon. Every Tuesday
Free refreshments. Warm welcome for everyone.

Power of Prayer Group: 9.30am. Fridays. (Contact 07468518084 for venue)

Church Coffee Mornings: 9.30am - 12noon. 5th September, 3rd October, 14th Nov

Swaffham Friendship Group: 2.30pm. 10th & 24th Sept, 8th & 22nd Oct, 5th & 26th Nov
Speakers to be confirmed. Refreshments provided.

Tittleshall

Services: Most Sundays at 9.30am. Occasional Joint Services at Litcham.

Coffee Mornings: 10.30am - 12noon. Every Wednesday

Toftwood

Services: Every Sunday at 11am (Bring & Share Lunch on 1st Sunday in month)

Weekly Lace Group: 9.30 - 12noon. Every Monday

Carpet Bowls: 1.45 - 4pm. Every Thursday

Coffee Shop & Stalls: 10am - 12noon. 1st Saturday of the month

Harvest Lunch: Saturday 26th September. 12:30pm. Ticketed

Christmas Concert: Saturday 28th November. 2:30pm. Ticketed

Walsingham

Services: 2nd Sunday of the month 4.30pm followed by a meal. All Welcome.
13th September, 11th October, 8th November

Watton

Services: Every Sunday at 10.30am (mostly live-streamed)

Evening Services: 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays at 6.30pm

Coffee Mornings: 9.30am - 11.30am. Every Wednesday in the Methodist Centre.
Delicious refreshments and a friendly welcome to all.

Tuesdays at Two: 2pm. 2nd Tuesday of the month at Methodist Centre.

Suitable for all abilities with afternoon tea included.

8th September - Harvest Wreaths

13th October - Light Festival Jars

10th November - Re - use & Recycle Christmas Cards

Wells

Services: Every Sunday at 11am

Gift Day with Afternoon Tea: 12th September from 2.30pm

Harvest Festival: 20th September. 11am

Wendling

Services: 10.30am. 27th September, 1st & 22nd November

Circuit Dates

Circuit Meeting: Wednesday, 23rd September 7.15pm at Trinity Dereham

Regular Dates

Day 	 Activity	 Location	 Time
Monday	Weekly Lace Group	Toftwood MC	9.30am - 12noon
	Community Lunch	Wells	12 noon
Tuesday	The Meeting Place Drop-In	Swaffham MC	10 - 12noon
	Women's Own	Dereham Trinity MC	2.15pm
Wednesday	Coffee Shop	Watton Centre	9.30am
	Coffee Morning	Tittleshall MC	10.30am - 12 noon
	Prayer & Praise	Wells	10.30am
Thursday	Coffee Morning	Litcham MC	10.30am - 12 noon
	Carpet Bowls	Toftwood MC	1.45 - 4pm
	Ecumenical Bible Study & Discussion Group	Garvestone /Mattishall MC	2pm
Friday	Prayer Time	Contact Holt MC for venue	9.30am
	Power of Prayer Group	Swaffham	9.30am

**If you have a prayer request, please contact Glyn Constantine
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