

The Methodist Church
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Remembrance Sunday: 13 November 2016

DEADLINE for the **DECEMBER/JANUARY EDITION** is
MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER

As it will be a double issue, please include contributions for
events occurring up to and including at least
Sunday 13 February 2017



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Lin's Letter

Dear Friends,

'Will you come and follow me?' – but where to

In discussing a new mission statement at one of the church councils this week, I said that without knowing where we are going we won't go anywhere. Without an aim, without a purpose, we are stuck at a loss. For a moment consider with me the following: political parties have a manifesto – a strategy; athletes have a goal – a distance to run or a height/length to jump; professional fundraisers have a set sum to raise; doctors and nurses job is to save lives; Jesus came to save sinners; his disciples were charged with the task of making more followers of Jesus. As Christians this is our task too. So what are we doing about this, how are we carrying out this task? All of this is part of our mission statements.

You will be aware that over the last year the Circuit has been asking the churches and chapels to review their work and aims and, if needs be, for them to ask for some help. I write now to update you with news of how this work is going.

Firstly, from the local church perspective. Some churches are happy with where they are, feeling that they can't do anymore. This isn't necessarily a negative thing as they feel they are progressing and sharing the Christian message. A few chapels realised that there is more work to be done in their localities but they don't have enough people-resources and so have asked for help.

Secondly, from the Circuit perspective. Two groups were created to look at the Way Forward for the Circuit as I mentioned in the May newsletter. These groups came up with ideas for consideration: Local Pastors; changing days for worship; mission prayer groups; and developing our coffee mornings to be a sharing-of-resources time – “does anyone know a builder” type thing. The second group talked about new things and some of this is already happening. A small group is meeting to share the Christmas Story at Sainsbury's on 27 November. Creating a 'live streaming worship service' has started on a first trial. A canal service was held at Cropredy Wharf and will happen again next year. Conversations with our ecumenical friends have taken place to establish how we can work together with all of the new building developments going up in this area. A 'pop up' carol singing event will happen in December on the Bloxham Road site. These two groups will meet again and move things onwards. Please keep praying for the mission work in this Circuit.

Together we are creating a future. Agreement has been given for the Circuit to spend model trust money on mission by employing two Lay Employees. They will

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help us push things onwards for the future of God's love and existence to be shared with all. The Methodist Church is a movement society – we need to keep moving. Jesus reminds us of this, he said: shake the dust off your shoes (Luke 9:5) and move on. Please pray for people to apply for these posts, the people God wants us to have. Let us move God's work forward.

I'm particularly taken with one sentence in the hymn 'Your hand, O God has guided' (StF 692 HP 784), in the third verse it says: "with your right hand to help us". We work together with God for his purpose. His purpose must be our purpose, our aim is to give glory to Him. May he indeed help us with his guiding hand.

With every blessing,

Lin



EASINGTON PRAYER GROUP

This group meets for silent, guided prayer for approximately one hour on Thursdays at 6.30pm.

There are two or three prayer stations to guide us in our silent prayers. So far we have met for six weeks, had a couple of weeks break then started again.



The dates of the next sessions are:

November 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th

December 1st and 8th

All are welcome to come and pray quietly.

Lectionary Readings



November 6

Haggai 1: 15b - 2: 9

Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

Luke 20: 27-38

November 13

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Isaiah 12: 1-6

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Luke 21: 5-19

November 20

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23: 33-43

YEAR A

1st Advent: November 27

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 36-44

MIDDLETON CHENEY

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebbox Appeal

Our second Wrap and Fill session will be held on 12 November, 9.30am-2.30pm.

Boxes and goodies supplied, but please feel free to add to the items.

All are very welcome to join with us.

For more details ☎ 01295 275334

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other
on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month
at 2.30pm in the Wesley Room.
Men and women of any age are welcome to
share in a varied programme.

Money raised goes to the
'Methodist Church World Mission Fund'.

9 NovRev Lin Francis
23 Nov Quiz: Archie Buzzard
14 Dec Christmas Lunch & Carols
NB: Time 12.30pm
11 Jan Hazel Stagg
Methodist Conference
25 JanKatie Lee

HINTON at WOODFORD HALSE

Come and join with us for
Free coffee, tea, cakes & biscuits

First Saturday every month
10.00am - 11.30am

You may also buy gifts from a chosen
charity.

*The Stagecoach bus number 200 stops
outside Hinton Methodist Church.*

EASINGTON

Ladies' Fellowship

Tuesdays at 2.30pm

A varied programme of speakers, quizzes
and slide-presentations is followed by a
chat over light refreshments.

Whether you come every week or just
occasionally, a warm welcome awaits you.

(Handmade Greetings Cards are on sale on
the first Tuesday each month.)

UPPER BODDINGTON

Coffee and Chat

First and third Wednesday of each month
10.00am - 11.30am

A warm welcome awaits anyone who is
able to join in these happy, chatty sessions.

Christmas

Coffee Morning/Sale

Saturday 26 November
10.00am to 11.30am



CHACOMBE

Friday Coffee & Chat

We gather in the schoolroom
10.30am - 12 noon

Tea, coffee and delicious, homemade
cakes are served accompanied, of course,
by lots of chatter!

Next Date: Nov 4

CROPREDY

Coffee with Bring-and-Buy

Second Friday every month
10.30am - 12 noon

Includes Combined Church/Chapel
Fairtrade Stall

SOUP 'n' PUD LUNCH

Saturday 12 November at 12.30pm

A variety of soups will be available,
all served with crusty bread -
followed by a selection
of puds that you will not want to miss.



Make a note on your calendar.

We would love to see you.

All proceeds will go to our
Chapel Development Fund

**CHANGE THE WORLD
WITH
SAUSAGES!**



Christian Aid BIG BREKKIE

9.00am - 10.30am

Saturday 12 November 2016

Marlborough Road Methodist Church

Calling all Banbury supporters of Christian Aid
(and those just interested in the current campaigns around social justice).
This is an opportunity to enjoy a great breakfast, hear the latest about Christian Aid's work
and chat with others who want to make a difference in the world.

Speaker: Anwen Holmes - Regional Coordinator, Oxford Christian Aid

All welcome! Tell Kate you're coming ☎ 253329

A Visit to WESLEY'S CHAPEL in City Road London

probably in February or March 2017

John and I have agreed to try to organise a trip to Wesley's Chapel in City Road London, EC1, for the beginning of next year. We would like to know how many people in the Circuit would like to do this and of course bring any friends with them. We hope to be using the services of Claydon Fox to get us there and back.

Wesley's chapel is called the 'Mother Church of Methodism' and includes a museum and John Wesley's house. It is open from 10am – 1pm and 2pm - 4pm each week day.

If you are interested please telephone or email us so that we can make a list of those who may be able to come to London.

Hoping we will be able to have a time together to learn more of our history as Methodists from the guides who will be there.



Yours in love,
Katie and John Lee

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BOYCOTT CADBURY'S

Rev David Haslam of 'Methodist Tax Justice Network', recently wrote this in a National Newspaper...

"I was horrified to read that Mark Carney had advocated children spending all the UK's money on Cadbury's Dairy Milk chocolate (report, 17 September). Is he not aware that Cadbury's paid no corporation tax last year? The Methodist Tax Justice Network believes tax dodging is sinful and has called for a boycott of Cadbury's until they pay their share."

REDEVELOPMENT of MARLBOROUGH ROAD CHURCH

At its October meeting, the Marlborough Road Church Council took the decision to put a hold on its redevelopment plan. Essentially, we remain keen to find a way forward that will enable us to make better use of our fine building and to optimise its potential for serving our sense of mission. As yet, however, we have been unable to identify volunteers willing to take on the main roles of project management and leading the necessary fundraising efforts.



We needed to take a positive decision in order to give clear instructions to our architect, who has already put in considerable work in order to furnish us with some viable outline plans, as well as in order to allay concerns within our church.

Our Church Future Group will continue to meet and has been tasked to review our situation and to actively consider the possibility of embarking on a more limited, phased project (where the first phase might see the building of residential accommodation). Our further planning will be guided by a revised mission statement, agreed at the same October Church Council meeting. We are also seeking the views of present and potential users of the Church premises, to inform the planning process.

We remain firmly of the view that to do nothing is not a realistic option, leaving the Church without a long-term future.

We ask for people in the Circuit to join with us in praying for volunteers to come forward for our work towards the redevelopment of the Church.

Alan Vincent

Marlborough Road Church Council Secretary

May I borrow the car?

The son of a minister, after passing his driving test, asked his father if he could use the family car.

"I'll make a deal with you", said his father, "raise your grades at college, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut; then we'll talk about it".

A month later the young man raised the question again.

"Son" said his dad, "I'm proud of you. You've brought your grades, up; studied your Bible diligently... but you haven't had your hair cut!"

The young man paused for a minute, then said, "Dad, I've been thinking, Samson had long hair; Noah had long hair, so did Moses and even Jesus had long hair".

"Yes", replied his dad, "and they walked everywhere they went".



The **Methodist Church**

Upcoming Events

Most people will only be able to afford the time to attend one or two of these events but it is hoped that a good number will attend each.

Journeying as Pioneers - 16 November 2016 - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

This FREE event will be held at...

Newbold Methodist Church Main Street, Newbold, Rugby CV21 1HH
Tea and Coffee with be provided.

Coaching for Effective Leadership - 23 & 30 November 2016 - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

This FREE course will be held at...

Newport Pagnell Methodist Church High Street, Newport Pagnell MK16 8AQ
Tea and Coffee with be provided.

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A FREE day conference for those being, or thinking about doing, pioneer church

10.30am - 3.30pm - 21 January 2017

Birstall Methodist Church Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester LE4 4JS

We are Family

A FREE day conference exploring the changing face of family ministry.

10.30am to 3.30pm - Saturday 4 February 2017

West Bridgford Methodist Church

Musters Road, West Bridgford,
Nottingham NG2 7PQ

Refreshments and free lunch included

*To book a place, or for more information on the above email:
pimlottn@methodistchurch.org.uk*

reImagine forum

A day for all those interested in revitalising & starting churches

10.00am to 4.00pm - Saturday 4 February 2017

Hosted by **Northampton District** at

Daventry Methodist Church, Daventry NN11 4FB

Attendance is FREE but **booking is essential** at...

Northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/mission/reimagine-forum.php
or ☎ 01509 828020

Acts 29: We are the next chapter - District Youth Event - £5 per person

11 March 2017 - 2.30pm to 8.30pm

Towcester Road Methodist Church, Northampton NN4 8DY

More details to follow but get this in all diaries now please!

OCTOBER CROSSWORD SOLUTION

(With thanks to Irene Critchley of Hinton Methodist Church)

Across:

- 1. LUKE
- 4. JAM
- 7. PRAY
- 9. GOD
- 10. ROMANS
- 11. NOAH
- 12. KILL
- 14. OT
- 15. JESUS CHRIST
- 19. ASK
- 22. SLAYS
- 23. MARY
- 25. PETER
- 27. MAT
- 28. AWE
- 30. EXIT
- 31. NO
- 34. ACTS

- 36. HOLY

- 38. THY
- 39. HIS
- 40. GATE
- 41. DRUNK
- 43. CRY
- 44. ENEMY
- 45. ITS

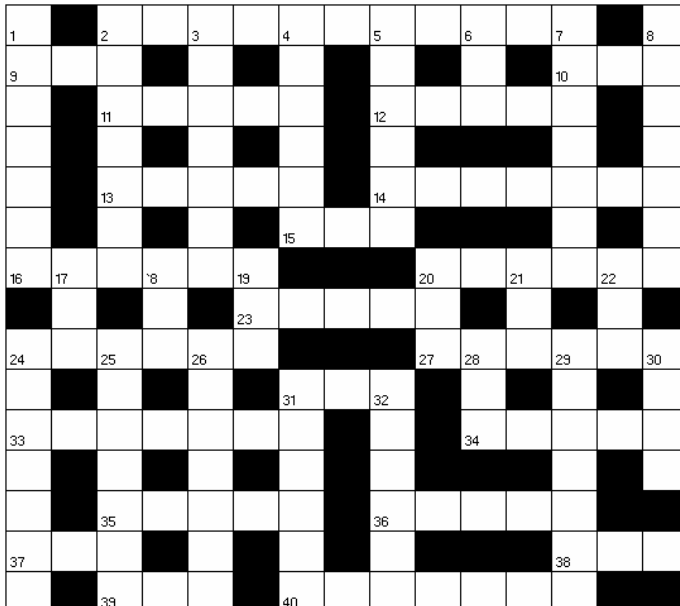
Down:

- 1. LOT
- 2. KP
- 3. LO
- 4. JOEL
- 5. AM
- 6. MARK
- 7. PSALMS
- 8. YEAST
- 9. GENESIS
- 13. IT

- 15. JOSEPH
- 16. SEA
- 17. HEBREWS
- 18. SAMUEL
- 20. ARK
- 21. LAMB
- 24. RUTH
- 26. ELIHU
- 29. MOSES
- 30. ESTHER
- 32. HAGGAI
- 33. THOU
- 35. TITUS
- 37. LAKE
- 42. RI

Did you enjoy the October Crossword? HERE is ANOTHER

Again, with thanks to Irene Critchley.



Clues Across:

2. Place where the Ark settled (5,6)
9. Anglo-Indian slang for tea (3)
10. Belonging to us (3)
11. Device that generates an intense, narrow light beam, often used in medicine (5)
12. Leader of God's chosen people (5)
13. John the Baptist may have dwelt in one of these (5)
14. Closest (7)
15. Belonging to him (3)
16. One of David's children born in Jerusalem (6)
20. Non-venomous snake that kills its prey by constriction (6)
23. Number of blue ribbons used in making the Tabernacle ceiling (5)
24. Skilful (6)
27. Ancient Greek image of a deity (6)
31. Abbreviation: Base unit of electrical current (3)
33. Subtle differences in shade or colour (7)
34. Juliet's beloved (5)
35. Listlessness derived from boredom (5)
36. Material for dressing wounds (5)
37. Cereal plant spike (3)
38. Regret (3)
39. Institute legal proceedings against (3)

40. Framework to support creepers (7)

Clues Down:

1. Assistant or follower of a Priest (7)
2. OT Prophet (7)
3. Not yet received salvation (7)
4. Songbird or yeast infection (6)
5. NT book of letters, written by St Paul (6)
6. Informal abbreviation for resolution of images (3)
7. Action of feeling anger (2,5)
8. Town near Blackpool (7)
17. Top covering (3)
18. Irrational fuss (3)
19. Stern of a ship (7)
20. Container for the consecrated bread of the Eucharist (3)
21. The cup that cheers (3)
22. Washing powder used in the 60s (3)
24. A small ring in Heraldry (7)
25. Bookworms (7)
26. A holy fragrance (7)
28. Paddle for a small boat or canoe (3)
29. Book of the OT (7)
30. Midday (4)
31. Help (6)
32. A vast number of locusts, such as God sent over Egypt (6)

TOONS

by Dan



What Will You be Doing on World Toilet Day?



World Toilet Day is on **Saturday 19 November** and it's the day when 'toilettwinning.org' will be endeavouring to twin as many toilets as possible in 24 hours. Around the UK, people will be baking up a storm, taking on sporty challenges and throwing toilet-themed parties – putting on a 'Do for a Loo' at work or home to try to reach 300 toilet twins this year.

Ideas and resources are available from info@toilettwinning.org, where they are changing the world, one toilet at a time – a mission to save lives, tackling poverty from the bottom up.

What is Toilet Twinning?

It is a simple, quirky way to solve a serious problem and save lives.

For just £60, you can twin your loo (or your chapel loo) with a latrine halfway around the world, in a country of your choosing. For £240, you can twin with a school block or toilets in a displacement camp. Your smallest room becomes the proud owner of a certificate, complete with a photo and GPS coordinates so you can look up your twin on Google Maps. 'Toilet Twinning' funds the work of international relief and development agency Tearfund. Your donation will be used to provide clean water, basic sanitation and hygiene education. This vital combination works together to prevent the spread of disease. Children are healthier, and able to go to school; parents are well enough to work their land and grow enough food to feed their family. With better health and more ability to earn a living, men and women discover the potential that lies within them to bring transformation. Family by family, community by community, nation by nation, we are flushing away poverty.

To twin your toilet or for more information, visit... www.toilettwinning.org.

Be Doers of the Word

This exhortation is attributed to the late Mother Theresa of Calcutta and is engraved on the wall of her home for children...

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you. Be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight. Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have. It may never be enough. Give the world your best anyway.

You see, in the final analysis it is between you and God.

It never was between you and them anyway.



DATES for your DIARY

Further details elsewhere in this newsletter

Tip: to keep the dates readily available,
Pin this page to your home notice board.

Nov 2.....	10am-11.30am.....	Coffee & Chat.....	Upper Boddington MC
Nov 4.....	10.30am-12noon.....	Coffee & Chat.....	Chacombe MC
Nov 5.....	10am-11.30am.....	Coffee Morning.....	Hinton MC at Woodford Halse
Nov 9.....	2.30pm.....	CAMEO.....	Marlborough Road MC
Nov 11....	10.30am-12noon.....	Coffee with Bring-and-Buy	Cropredy MC
Nov 12....	9.00am-10.30am.....	Christian Aid BIG BREKKIE	Marlborough Road MC
Nov 12....	9.30am-2.30pm.....	Fill & Wrap Christmas Shoeboxes ...	Middleton Cheney MC
Nov 12....	12.30pm.....	Soup 'n' Puds Lunch	Cropredy MC
Nov 16....	10am-11.30am.....	Coffee & Chat.....	Upper Boddington MC
Nov 16....	7.30pm-9.30pm.....	Journeying as Pioneers.....	Newbold MC
Nov 19....		Toilet Twinning Day	
Nov 23....	2.30pm.....	CAMEO.....	Marlborough Road MC
Nov 23....	7.30pm-9.30pm.....	Coaching for Effective Leadership	Newport Pagnell MC
Nov 26....	10am-11.30am.....	Christmas Coffee Morning/Sale	Upper Boddington MC
Nov 30....	7.30pm-9.30pm.....	Coaching for Effective Leadership	Newport Pagnell MC
Dec 3.....	10am-11.30am.....	Coffee Morning.....	Hinton MC at Woodford Halse
Dec 7.....	10am-11.30am.....	Coffee & Chat.....	Upper Boddington MC
Dec 9.....	10.30am-12noon.....	Coffee, Bring-&-Buy & Fairtrade	Cropredy MC
Dec 14....	12.30pm	CAMEO Christmas Lunch	Marlborough Road MC
Jan 11	2.30pm.....	CAMEO.....	Marlborough Road MC
Jan 21	10.30am-3.30pm.....	Ignite	Birstall MC
Jan 25	2.30pm.....	CAMEO.....	Katie Lee
Feb 4.....	10.30am-3.30pm.....	We are Family.....	West Bridgford MC
Feb 4.....	10.00am-4.00pm.....	reImagine forum	Daventry MC
Mar 11....	2.30pm-8.30pm.....	Acts 29: We are the next chapter.....	Towcester MC

Regular Weekly Meetings

Tues	2.30pm.....	Ladies' Fellowship	Easington MC
Thurs	6.30pm.....	Prayer Group.....	Easington MC

