

Rejoice!

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Dear friends,

By the time that you that you read these words I will have been with you 5 months. I am not sure where the time has gone. It seems to have flown quickly.

I am beginning to get my bearings, drive without keeping looking at a map and now seeing more familiar faces and feeling settled. I am very thankful for the help and support and welcome I have received to help me make a good beginning. Please remember that I am still the nearly new guy and I have still a lot to learn.

Now Christmas is of course past but can I remind you of these words

*When the song of the angels is stilled
When the star is gone from the sky
When kings and wise men have gone home
And Shepherds are back in their fields
Then the work of Christmas begins
To find the lost and heal the broken
To feed the hungry and release the prisoner
To rebuild the nations and bring peace among all.*

Now Christmas is gone we need to ask what that means where we are and in the community where we live. It cannot mean opening up for an hour for a small group of people. It has to be bigger and wider and go further than keeping up our present buildings and structures. It has to mean engaging with the people whom we are alongside, some sympathetic to faith, others not. As we meet ordinary people in their joy and in their sorrow, in their triumphs and in their faltering, I believe these conversations will help us shape what we are to do next.

It may mean looking again at the pattern of our work. I do believe that we no longer scratch where people itch!! While Jesus is real and relevant to my life and I believe can be for others, the way we package and present Jesus is often outdated to many people.

My predecessor in Sheffield was fond of saying that the church was like a record shop that specialised in vinyl and in Bing

Crosby and Nat King Cole!!! This just will not do in a multi-layered and diverse society. We need to think again of what we do.

We need fresh thinking and opportunities to discuss faith. We need to revisit the Bible and engage with the old, old story but in fresh and exciting ways. We need preaching and teaching that helps us grow and develop and not just stay where we currently are.

The churches face many challenges in a difficult world. Yet the alternative vision of the Kingdom of God is still needed. I hope that I shall play my part as we seek ways of sharing this alternative good news with the communities that we live alongside.

Sincerely

Maurice

'I am Malala' by Malala Yousafzai. An interesting read by a young lady who stood up and was counted for her beliefs in Pakistan and still stands up for them in a foreign country, ours.

page 254 'We human beings don't realise how great God is. He has given us an extraordinary brain and a sensitive loving heart. He has blessed us with two lips to talk and express our feelings, two eyes which see a world of colours and beauty, two feet which walk on the road of life, two hands to work for us, a nose which smells the beauty of fragrance, and two ears to hear the words of love.'

Sylvia Perkins

The Lord's Prayer

3-year-old Reese

"Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name.
Amen."

One particular four-year-old prayed,
"And forgive us our trash baskets
as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

Praying together in the Circuit

Jesus said, " I have come in order that you might have LIFE -
LIFE in all its fullness ". John 10:10

Lord Jesus, thank you for the new life given to all who believe in You. The seven 'I am' sayings of Jesus in John's gospel all refer to this LIFE. Six mention the word LIFE, the seventh teaches that we must abide in the vine to sustain this LIFE and to be fruitful. The teaching affirms all that Jesus offers us and the implications for us when we respond . At the end of John's gospel the following words emphasise the purpose for which the gospel was written. "in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in Him you may have LIFE". 20:31

"I am the bread of LIFE," Jesus told them. "Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty". 6:35

"I am the light of the world," he said. "Whoever follows me will have the light of LIFE and will never walk in darkness." 8:12

"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. I have come in order that you might have LIFE - LIFE in all its fullness". 10: 9-10

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his LIFE for the sheep ". 10: 11 "I am the resurrection and the LIFE. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die". 11: 25

"I am the way, the truth, and the LIFE; no one goes to the Father except by me ". 14:6

"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch

cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine.
In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me ".15: 1-4

In You we live and move and have our being.

Lord we come to You. You satisfy our deepest needs.

Shine Your light on our path, help us to walk in your light.

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

This life that I live now, I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave his life for me.

Enable us to walk in your way and honour your truth.

Let your life in us bear fruit for your glory. Amen.

Prayers have been requested for:-

Derek + Viv , Stephanie, Janice, Marie + children. Anne, Amy, Trisha,
Linda, Ruth Harbach, Andrew, Mavis, Julia, Rachel, Judy, Ruth,
Dulcie + Neill. Kelly, Kath, Stephen + Victoria, William, Tom . Ken and
Norma. Brian and Marjorie Osborne.

Bob Cross ill at home and his wife Ruth, Margaret Dean in Papworth,
Sheila Nunn, Rev Marie Whitcombe after an operation on her hand.

Monday January 27 – Wednesday February 5

London Road Methodist Church in Kings Lynn is hosting the

LIFE Exhibition,

an educational experience which travels across the country.

The exhibition uses PDA technology, with text, graphics,
DVD and sound, to provide a 'hands on' interactive learning
experience all about the life of Jesus, his Jewish roots, his
teaching and miracles, and his death, burial and resurrection.

Around four hundred primary school children from local schools
in West Norfolk are already booked in to visit the exhibition
produced by national Christian organisation **Counties** and
organised locally by **CROWNS Trust**

supported by **Churches Together in King's Lynn.**

PLEASE HOLD THIS EVENT IN YOUR PRAYERS

Late News!!!

Saturday 7th June 2014 (afternoon) - Circuit Eve of Pentecost Celebration in The Walks, King's Lynn. Please reserve the date in your diary for what should be an exciting occasion. Further details to follow.

Sunday 22nd June 2014 (late afternoon and early evening at London Road) - a session for all the Circuit on "Welcome and Invitation" following some resource materials which encourage us to reflect from several different angles on how welcoming our churches are. Further details to follow.

Coffee Morning

with

Quiz

for

Action for Children

Saturday 22nd February

10 am – 12 noon

at

Downham Market Methodist Church

Answers to quiz will be given at 11.00 am

Quizzes can be obtained in advance from

Sheila Forth 01945 772501

Audrey Jones 01366 388264

ADVANCE NOTICE

DAY FOR PASTORAL CARERS

Saturday 22nd March 2014

London Road Methodist Church

9.45am - 3.00pm

Theme:

***"Prayer and prayerfulness for the
Pastoral Visitor"***

To book a place please contact:

Phyllis Bowman

Tel. No. 01553 671288

CHRISTMAS DINNER 27th November, 2013 - Southery Chapel once again had an excellent Christmas Meal. The proceedings were opened by the Minister. Then out came that excellent meal; it's amazing how God guides them to make it so enjoyable. After the meal we were entertained by Reg Rose with some well known songs. Keep up the good work Reg. There was also an excellent raffle, thanks to everyone who supported this friendship meeting in any way. Take care, God bless you all, see you in 2014.

Gwen Dearsley

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo.

I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer:

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail

Around the churches



London Road

A Christmas Coffee morning was held on Dec 15th. This was a great success and raised over £500 for church funds.

Our Carol Service on Sunday Dec 22nd was very well attended. One of the highlights was an ad hoc "children's choir" singing Holy Night. The offertory was £120 and was donated to "Crisis at Christmas" and "Shelter".

Refreshments after the service were provided as usual by the Durrant family. Communion was held at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve followed by Christmas Family Celebrations on Christmas Day.

The music was provided by Lesley at the piano and the Sargent Ensemble. We were blessed to have Revd. Catherine led all three services.

The service on the 29th was a Church Fellowship Service where carols were selected by the congregation that had not featured in Advent and Christmas Services. Once again we were able to form a Children's Choir to sing "Away in a Manger"

David Gifford

Stanhoe

On the morning of 15th December, we welcomed Pat and Brian Ogden back from Dereham, and Brian conducted our annual Carol Service in his usual thoughtful and entertaining style.. The church was pretty nearly full, and we were delighted to see many friends, including the Sleight family and Margaret and Malcolm Lyth, (members of the Enfield Circuit) , all of whom regularly worship with us when they are in Norfolk. It was great to see children in church - the grandchildren of our senior steward, Valerie Shackcloth - and to have young Sophie light the Advent candles. Tea, coffee and mince pies were served at the end of the service, and a retiring collection was taken in aid of St. Martin's Trust for the Homeless in Norwich, at which £90.50 was raised, which was made up to £100.00 from church funds.

On 20th January, at 2pm, we shall mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a joint service with Anglican church members, at which Rev. Peter Cook, the local vicar, will give the address.

Our Monday afternoon Bible Study meetings restart on 6th January.

We continue to support the Food Bank in King's Lynn with regular gifts of groceries etc.

Elizabeth MacLeod

Hilgay

Hilgay members were very pleased to see many other people joining us for the Christmas Eve service led by Rev. Maurice Stafford. We all enjoyed singing carols together and listening to readings etc. It was good to see the Circuit represented and the village, including groups that meet in the Church building. After the service tea, coffee and mince pies were enjoyed. Thanks to all who helped make this act of worship and fellowship so successful.

Our guild meetings continue till Easter on a Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. A warm welcome awaits you whenever you're able to join us. Look forward to seeing you.

Pauline Driver.

Downham Market

LADIES FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - First of all Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone.

Our first meeting is on Wednesday 12th February when we are to be entertained by Mr Ray Wales the Town Crier. This should be very interesting. The next meeting is on 26th February and we are having slides and talk about the River Police by Mr Brooks. Our meetings start at 7.30pm and all are welcome,

Margaret Fox

Christmas has been enjoyed and has passed and we are now in the real winter month of January. So far we have had some beautifully sunny days in between too much rain which has been so disastrous for some, but out of every tragedy comes some good and the generous people of Norfolk showed this with their response to appeals for help, both manually and financially. The decorations are safely packed away in the loft, or at Church in the flower room. If anyone is into candle making and can make use of a quantity of used but not used up candles please let me know. They can so easily be recycled instead of thrown away. We have happy memories of our Advent services and lots of fund raising carol singing. Our Church choir concert raised £116, grateful thanks to all who supported it, which was donated to the new Downham Food Bank. This will be used to purchase a deep freeze in which bread can be saved (donated by local stores) which Hughes Electric has been fund raising for and is now supplying at a good discount. Many thanks for their help. Further food collections will be made at Tesco on Friday 31st January and Saturday 1st February. If you feel you can be a volunteer to help the food bank in any way please telephone 01366 384474 to speak to Alex,

Our Saturday coffee mornings continue to be very popular. We did have one week off after Christmas but last Saturday was well supported in spite of the weather. We have finally got permission for the double glazing to be installed. This will have to be made specially, no standard sized windows, and the installation will require careful juggling round our lettings so as not to disturb the folk who hire our premises any more than necessary, but by next winter we should be a lot warmer and hopefully reduce our heating bills, or at best stop them rising with increases which are sure to come. Now we fundraise hard to double glaze the Church itself which has been very cold for the past few weeks.

Our Sisterhood meetings recommence on 5th March with Janet and John, Meg and Rob providing some humour and drama. We hope by then the worst of the winter weather will have passed but as it has not really started yet (I expect the snow will be on the ground by the time Rejoice is issued to prove me wrong) we might be in for a late spring, as last year, but by then we will be in Lent and looking forward to Easter and the arrival of spring..

From all the family at Downham we wish you a peaceful and healthy New Year
Joan Macey

North Lynn onwards to the next 50 years

After the successful celebrations of their 50th birthday, members of the congregation now look forward to the next fifty!

Reverend Andrew Maguire set the church on the next fifty years at the celebration service held on the day before the beginning of Advent, the season which for many heralds the start of a new Christian Year.

Amongst the eighty or so congregation were eight former Ministers and a goodly number of Local Preachers, all of whom had seen the church witness in the community in many differing ways.

Before the celebration service began two of the founding members re-enacted the opening ceremonial act when Reverend John Garfoot and Miss Margaret Green turned the door key once more and entered the building.

After a rousing singing of 'All People that on Earth do Dwell' as sung at the opening, the group of varied musicians led the modern song 'Men of Faith'. First Minister Reverend John Garfoot then enthralled everyone with his accurate recollections of people who had been instrumental in providing North Lynn not only with a new church but also with many of the interior furnishings which enhanced the building as a place of

worship, fellowship, outreach and prayer. Other recollections from more recent times were provided at intervals during the afternoon by both former Ministers and members of the congregation. We were reminded of the seaside missions, Sunday School outings, the fire on the stage and the making of the 'Hand Made Gospel'.

The Mayor of King's Lynn and West Norfolk Councillor Elizabeth Watson brought greetings from the Borough and Canon Chris Ivory of King's Lynn Minster encouraged our prayers for the Holy Spirit to continue to inspire and lead our work in the area.

No celebration would be complete without an eye-catching buffet tea and the spread did not disappoint! With two cakes (fruit and sponge) decorated and iced by Mrs Glenys Reed and an assortment of sandwiches, nibbles and finger bites; all tastes were well catered for. The next fifty years were welcomed in with a toast and much mingling and telling of stories began.

The weekend of joy continued on Advent Sunday. Former Minister Reverend (Olu)yemi(si) Jaiyesimi, led morning worship and how fitting he took as his theme two quotes from Nelson Mandela : "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead." and "As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

So we gladly entered the next half century with those words ringing in our ears.

Neville Posnett

Terrington St Clement

Christmas cards service and MWiB raised £115 for Action for Children in the Christmas period. Gift bag day raised £135 for chapel funds. A big thanks to everyone who contributed.

A new laptop has been purchased for preparing power point presentations etc. A Circuit Pentecost celebration is to be held on June 7th. More details to follow. We are hoping to have a welcoming church session with the Circuit tutors on June 22nd followed by tea and a service. Time to be confirmed. A good meeting was held on Wednesday 8th January. There was lots of discussion on Growing in God and future projects.

Linda Howling

Southery

Happy New Year to all. Over the Christmas period we enjoyed a Carol service at Hilgay, and a Christingle at St Mary's and we were joined by our friends

from St Mary's for our last service of 2013 which was led by Mrs H Brown. Our first service of 2014 was led by Mr Greg Sargent; he spoke about Epiphany and the three Kings. This year's first Songs of Praise, was a CFS again about Epiphany, a new start, new beginnings and the visit of the Magi, eight people took part in this service, the best part for me was the Millennium Prayer, most appropriate for a start to the new year. We finished as usual with hot drinks a good choice of nice cakes and lots of enjoyable fellowship.

We invite you to a TASTE OF INDIA, Join us on Wednesday 26th February at 6pm for 6.30. This will be an Indian type meal to raise funds for NEW DAWN INDIA. All profits from the evening will go direct to the charity; all the moneys raised for this charity go direct to support the health and education of the slum children of Madurai. There will be Lady's in Sari's present they have lots of knowledge of the Charity, and the Vidiyal Centre in Madurai, The speaker for the evening will be The Rev Andrew Sankey, who has recently been to India and Vidiyal, I am sure he has much news and many photos to share. Also there will be a raffle with Indian and English Prizes.

Tickets will be £8 per person. Phone me on 01366 378413 to book, There are limited places so first come first served but bookings are confirmed on payment. There are still approximately ten places available. Don't miss what should be a very enjoyable evening.

Walter Cornwell.

Snettisham

We held our Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday November 30th. It was very well attended. We had our usual tea and coffee stall, homemade cakes, including Christmas cakes and puddings, vegetables and preserves, gifts and cards as well as our ever popular Tombola. David, our organist and Roy on guitar were playing throughout, which is always a draw.

Then, when it was the village Victorian Evening, we opened the Church and served homemade soup and mulled wine, drawing in several people who had never been in the building before. David and Roy were playing as was John, another member who had brought along his keyboard. Lots of people came in to get warm. The two events made us just over a much needed £400 for our Church funds.

Then on Sunday 22nd December we joined the congregations of St Mary's Church, The Salvation Army and the Christian Fellowship Group for a United Carol Service. This was held in the Memorial Hall and David, our organist, was able to push Elsie Tuddenham, one of our oldest members, there. Elsie is wheelchair bound and can't see at all so it was a treat for her.

So, all in all, we had a great Christmas at church this year.

Gill Burch

Pott Row

The Christmas Tree Festival at Pott Row

I went to see the decorated Christmas trees; you may say well, they have them every year. Yes, and trees shed their leaves and grow new ones every year. They are a sight of beauty and so are the Christmas trees - God designs the leaves, people decorate the trees.

Opening the door, I was impressed by the scene – all around the seats in the middle of the Chapel were trees decorated and lit up. Each one seemed to be saying, ‘Just look at me!’

The work and ideas for decorating them were so good with all having a different approach - a splendid angel was on top of one tree, stars, bows and other ideas on the rest; I think I counted twenty.

One just had branches dressed with flashing lights; at the bottom of another tree was a complete set of doll type nativity figures - a lot of work went into that! The paper tree decorated with foot and hand prints and the round paper chain reminded me of how our decorations looked when I was a lad. At the foot was a sweet example of the nativity.

The tree decorated by the Beavers was different again, and there was another one with nineteen symbols and at the side of it was a guide explaining the meaning of each one.

The steps were covered with greenery and candles, the organ pipes lit with lights and there were three more nativity scenes on the stage. By the entrance was the usual scene with ‘snow’ with a lighted angel attracting me to come and look.

I was not disappointed, the praying hands are always a reminder of prayer, and there were various groups all telling the story in their own way; the china ones so traditional, the carved wood example from Ilorin (Nigeria) so good but different, a stone example of the nativity, the knitted figures so carefully made with such expressions and the sheep to keep them company, a nice set of Nativity figures in different wood and a lone donkey carrying a barrel (I felt sorry for him!), a porcelain crib which could be held in one’s hand, a blue light representing the star and an angel looking down at the baby with Joseph and Mary on either side. Stepping back a bit the scene looked very like a Christmas card.

Moving into the schoolroom at the back there were cakes to buy, pictures to look at and buy, and all sorts of bric a brac, and seats to rest our tired legs along with a nice cup of coffee or tea.

Everyone agreed the Festival was well worth coming to see.

Bill Hone

St Faith's

The latest in the popular regular coffee mornings in Gaywood Church Rooms is on Saturday 1st February starting at 10.30am. These coffee, cake and chat sessions have become increasingly popular with St Faith's Anglican and Methodist Church members. More and more people are taking advantage of the opportunity to meet together socially over a cup of tea or coffee and a snack.

On March 8th the regular Coffee morning will be followed by a simple two-course lunch costing just £5 per person.

Both St Faith's Rector, Canon Beryl Wood and Methodist Minister, the Rev Andrew Maguire, are delighted at the success of the coffee mornings and the lunches.

"There is clearly a need for such a monthly informal get-together over a cup of coffee or tea judging by the numbers of people attending. We are reaching out to the wider community as well as regular church members," said Canon Beryl.

This year St Faith's will mark 40 years of the sharing of the Gayton Road church by Anglicans and Methodists for worship and other activities and last month (January) church members had an opportunity to take a considered look at where they are in the development of the Local Ecumenical Project (LEP) at Gaywood. Gaywood was one of the pioneers in the launch of the LEP in Norfolk and Suffolk.

There was a special Away Day based at Terrington St Clement Methodist Chapel. During a busy and productive session, church members looked at some of the achievements within the church life in recent years and looked ahead to what they may achieve in years to come. It was generally agreed that the day had been most worthwhile and the main issues that emerged will now be looked at and explored in more depth in the months to come.

St Faith's Team Vicar, the Rev Dale Gingrich, currently serves as the Norwich Diocesan Ecumenical Officer and so maintains a strong involvement with the development of LEPs.

The second session of the Spring course - designed as part of the new season of ACE talks - will be held at Gaywood Church Rooms on Tuesday, 11th February at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the free session which offers participants the opportunity to "listen, to share and to be refreshed". It will be led by the Rector of St Faith's, Canon Beryl Wood.

The first session of the Spring course, on January 14, was led by Methodist Minister, the Rev Andrew Maguire.

More information about future ACE meetings can be obtained by contacting Jackie Austin on 01553 763343.

Following the wonderful success of its first ever St Faith's Church Christmas Tree Festival in December 2012, plans are now underway to stage a second event in December this year. Many people visited the first event which included two popular concerts by local talented singers and musicians and the ever-popular King's Lynn Town Band.

The organising group will be meeting on a regular basis during the coming months to plan the event. It is hoped to build on the success of the first event and for it to be bigger and better. More details will be available in future editions of Rejoice! magazine.

As you may have seen in the Lynn News, St Faith's church cat Cracker, has been re-united with his owner after being missing for a few weeks. Cracker is a Ginger Tom well-known to St Faith's members. He would regularly find his way into the church during services. Many a wedding photograph would feature Cracker posing with the bride and groom. Cracker was found on the Sunday after Christmas by St Faith's churchwarden Richard Parr as he walked along a footpath near his Gaywood home.

Cracker went missing when Ade moved from her home at the top of the church drive to another part of Gaywood but Ade is now making sure that he doesn't escape again.

St Faith's Church members have said farewell to popular curate, the Rev Libby Martin, after more than four years in the parish. Libby, who had been particularly associated with local schools, the Prayer Shawl ministry and Godly Play sessions, moved to Blakeney where she has been appointed Rector of the Glaven Valley Group of Parishes on the beautiful North Norfolk coast. She now resides in a six-bed roomed Rectory at Blakeney with sea views.

People were able to say their farewells to Libby at a special afternoon tea for her in December. The tea was followed by St Faith's traditional candlelit Carol service in church. A coach full of church members travelled to Cley Church on January 16th to support Libby at a special Licensing service by the Bishop of Lynn Jonathan Meyrick.

Church members are looking forward to welcoming their new curate, the Rev Zoe Ferguson, and her family, when they move to the parish later this month. The Rev Ferguson, who begins her duties at St Faith's at the beginning of March, will be moving to Gaywood from the Trunch Group on the North Norfolk coast.

Richard Parr

Stow Bridge

Greetings to you all from our company at St Peter's Stow Bridge for 2014.

"Phew, I'm full up!" How many times has this phrase been uttered over the last few weeks, as many of us overindulge in the Christmas feasts? I do not

intend to be rude or judgemental but we do seem to be little piggies with our extra special meals. (At least some of us do!)

In the past it's been our custom when the family meets to have quizzes and games. So a quiz was written for our great grandchildren aged 4 to 7. A question asked to a 4 year old; "Who brought gifts to Jesus?" of course, Mum was there to help or give a clue and whispered, "Three, three what?" the little one replied, "Three little pigs!" as you can imagine it caused a laugh!

I think God has given us many gifts which are not always appreciated. He gives me far more than I give him. Sometimes in Charity shops you'll see signs saying, "Bring your unwanted gifts to us." God's gifts are needed, essential and are given freely to us all and on every day of the year.

Jesus invites us all, every one, to accept them. it makes for a better life.

Peter Hewitt

Dersingham

Our Candlelight Carol Service included drama this year and members of the congregation acted out the various characters involved in the nativity, depicting their thoughts using a script compiled by Elizabeth Batstone based on writings by Nick Fawcett, Patricia Batstone and Roger Jones. It was very movingly done and the thought-provoking script added to the traditional readings and carols as the familiar Christmas story was told. The Philippines appeal benefitted by over £213 from collections over the Christmas period and donations in lieu of cards with the stars placed on the Christmas tree.

The Sunday morning after Christmas was a cafe-style service on the theme of travel, including travel in Biblical times, and the congregation were greeted with coffee and biscuits and sat around tables in the church. All those present enjoyed taking part in the informal but informative service.

The Christmas lunch was, as usual, a sell out and over 50 sat down to a traditional turkey lunch with all the trimmings. The monthly community lunches continue on the first Monday in the month and coffee mornings on the last Saturday in the month. Both are well supported by people from the village and we are told how much they appreciate the friendly atmosphere of the church.

Rosemary Caink

Methodist Women in Britain Update

Forum Meeting at Diss on Friday 21st February 2014 at 10.30am.

Women's World Day of Prayer to be held on Friday 7th March 2014 at:-

St.John's Church, King's Lynn at 11.00am; and

St. Dominic's Catholic Church, Downham Market at 2.00 pm.

Spring District Day to be held at Trinity Church, Lowestoft on 17th April 2

Easter Offering at Downham Market on 21st May 2014 at 2.30pm.
Conference Weekend to be held at Belsey Bridge on 12th and 13th July Jill Baker will be the speaker.

A.G.M. on 6th October at London Road Church at 2.30pm.

Autumn Rally to be decided at a later date.

All the pennies that we collect will be donated to Tapping House.

Many thanks,

Margaret Shelton.

The Circuit Fellowship

The Circuit Fellowship Group/Committee came into being in the King's Lynn Circuit in the eighties. Its purpose was to encourage Christian fellowship especially for the smaller churches, enabling larger gatherings and a varied programme. Originally we held monthly meetings at venues around the Circuit with an average of around forty people attending. Recently, with the extended Circuit, travelling and other commitments we realised that the Circuit Fellowship Committee needed to review its purpose and function. This year there are several Circuit and District wide events planned for the Year of Prayer which we want to support. Therefore the only arrangements we have made for this year as Circuit Fellowship Committee are as follows:-

We have accepted an invitation from St Faith's Gaywood to attend one of their meetings. This will be on Tuesday 8th April with Rev. Maurice Stafford as the speaker. We are planning to hold our Sandringham event for all ages, the date we have earmarked for this is Saturday 19th July.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to attend any or all of the exciting events being planned throughout the Circuit and the District this year.

Happy New Year from the Committee –

Rev. Marie Whitcombe, John Houghton, Janet and Peter Mason, Beryl and Stephen Watts.

A little boy was overheard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.

I'm having a real good time like I am."

It's easy to understand

UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP?

Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends.

And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.

We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has real special meaning.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary.

In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used.

It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP.

When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP.

When it doesn't rain for a while things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP,

for now my time is UP,

so.....it is time to shut UP.

Three of Peter's quickies!

I've just moved into an Advent house. It's very cold. The windows are all open!

My Dad's sister came to see us and started spinning in the living room. I thought, "My giddy aunt!"

She left plasticene in the kitchen. I didn't know what to make of it!

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

'COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS' Lent Appeal

Churches and individuals are invited to take part in this appeal during Lent which begins on March 5th.

Your church may have received information in the January mailing pack but if not the required sheet can be obtained from Sheila Forth sheila@theforths.com tel: 01945 772501 and it can be copied. Last year we as a Circuit raised a considerable sum by taking part so we are hoping for the same support this year.

An update of the work of the King's Lynn projects should be available for March Rejoice so watch this space.



Any items for the **March**

edition should be with the editor by **February**

12th, earlier if possible. If you don't get an

acknowledgment of emails please feel free to enquire if I have received them as some articles have found their way into my spam bin which I don't check very often!

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West Norfolk Methodist Circuit Diary

February 2014 onwards

Saturday February 8th Fellowship Breakfast 8.30 am at Wimbotsham
Saturday February 22nd Coffee morning at Dersingham
Friday March 7th Women's World day of Prayer St John's Church King's Lynn 11 am
Friday March 7th Women's World day of Prayer St Dominic's Church 2 pm
Saturday March 8th Fellowship Breakfast 8.30 am at St Germans
Saturday April 17th MWiB Spring District Day at Trinity Church Lowestoft
Saturday May 10th District Event
Wednesday May 21st Easter Offering service at Downham Market 2.30pm
May 22nd – 25th Flower Festival at Dersingham 124th Church Anniversary
Saturday June 7th Circuit Pentecost Celebration in The Walks King's Lynn
Sunday June 22nd Welcoming Churches session
Saturday, July 5th Farewell Picnic for GT at Cambridge
Saturday/Sunday 12th/13th July MWiB Conference at Belsey Bridge
Monday October 6th MWiB AGM at London Road 2.30 pm

Two unbeatable offers!!

Wanted! Mary Holman has decided the time has come to retire from the Editorial Committee. Thank you, Mary for all you have done. But we do need another body! Only needs to be able to read!
Anyone want to share in a bag of malted granary flour from the mill. I can't use 16kg on my own!! Ed.