

Rejoice!

JUNE 2014



**The Magazine of the
West Norfolk Methodist Circuit**

Dear Friends,

I wonder, if you are lucky enough to have a garden with a lawn, whether you worry about the state of it. I certainly get a little anxious if I see too many weeds growing in our lawn. The sight of a dandelion may prompt me to venture out with a knife to cut it out, right down to the bottom of the root. The sight of daisies or clover may incite me to get out there with some of that clever selective weed killer which causes the weeds to wither and perish, but not the grass. Is this a healthy hobby - or is it a rather sad obsession? I sometimes wonder where it came from. The college where I spent four years studying when I was in the formative years of my youth had an absolutely immaculate lawn in the quadrangle. It even featured on the recent BBC Great British Garden Revival series. Perhaps this has something to do with it.

The strange thing is, though, that, earlier in the spring, when I was driving back home along our road, I kept thinking how great the grass verges looked covered in dandelions and daisies. However much I liked that sight I still did not want them in my front lawn!

I can never eradicate the weeds from the lawn altogether. For one thing I don't have the time, and for another I suspect that nature is so diverse and prolific that it is impossible ever to have things quite as neat and tidy as some of us might like. This diversity of nature is a God-given gift for which we give thanks.

In June we will be celebrating the feast of Pentecost when we focus particularly on the Holy Spirit. The Book of Genesis talks of the Spirit of God moving over the faces of the water at the beginning of creation. The result was a great burst of new life: not just one or two blades of grass and weeds, but an explosion of creative power. When the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost its creative power refreshed their lives. From being frightened and timid they began to turn the world upside down with the good news about Jesus. The message spread from Jerusalem all around the Mediterranean world and to the ends of the earth. Such is the creating and renewing power of God's Spirit.

The Christian faith is now expressed in a rich diversity of ways - some of which I feel comfortable with and some of which may disturb me from comfortable complacency. There are days when I might prefer it if all Christians saw things and expressed their faith more as I feel moved to - but then the Church would be somewhat artificial, like a lawn with nothing but neat blades of grass. There are also days, (possibly the ones when I am at my best) when I am full of wonder and amazement at the ways in which God has moved so many people to do so many

wonderful things. I praise God for the variety of His Church and the many fruits and gifts of His Spirit. For everything to be totally neat and tidy would be rather dull.

As I reflect on Pentecost can I also encourage everybody to come and join us at our “Pentecost in the Park” celebration in the Walks in King’s Lynn on the afternoon of Saturday 7th June, from 2pm onwards. Full details are contained elsewhere in Rejoice. It would be great to see a really big crowd of people there to celebrate the rich diversity of the fruit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Andrew Maguire

Any items for the **JULY** edition should be with the editor by **JUNE 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!



**MENTAL NOTE.
ITEMS FOR OCTOBER WILL NEED
TO GO TO DEREK! MORE DETAILS
LATER.**

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**Arrangements for Farewell event on Saturday 5th July at St
Faith's School,
Trumpington Road, Cambridge CB2 BAG**

There will be a service at 4pm followed by a bring your own picnic (drinks provided).

It is essential for everyone to have a ticket to this event and booking forms can be obtained from Beverly Richardson on 01787 882255 or beverly@suffex.demon.co.uk by 25 June.

The Trumpington Park and Ride bus service stops very near the school. It can be found on the A1309 very near Junction 11 of the M11. It is free to park and the return fare if bought from the machine is £2.60 or on the bus £2.90. If you have a bus pass there is no charge. You will need to leave the bus at the Nuffield Hospital Bus stop. St Faith's is on the opposite side of the road.

The Station is about 15 minutes walk from the school.

There is very limited parking in the school car parks so we would encourage you to make sure any cars that need a parking space are full please. You will be allocated one of 2 car parks — a map will be provided with the tickets.

We are hoping that you bring a picnic with you which you can enjoy hopefully on the grass in the sunshine after the service. There will be hot and cold drinks available. If you wish to bring a rug or tables and chairs please do so. We would remind you that no alcohol is allowed on School premises and that if you have any rubbish that you take it home please.
A map will be included with your ticket/s.

Praying together in the Circuit

Acts 2:38-42 On the day of Pentecost ..

Peter said to them, "Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit. For God's promise was made to you and your children, and to all who are far away—all whom the Lord our God calls to himself." Peter made his appeal to them and with many other words he urged them, saying, "Save yourselves from the punishment coming on this wicked people!" Many of them believed his message and were baptized, and about three thousand people were added to the group that day. They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers.

Peter was doing what Jesus had called the disciples to do. They waited in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them in power. Pilgrims in Jerusalem noticed the extra-ordinary things that happened. Peter seized the moment, stood up and preached to them with fervour and then appealed to them. The Holy Spirit was powerfully at work convincing the people of their need to respond and - about 3,000 did respond! The follow up for them was to receive teaching from the apostles, nurturing them as disciples so they would go back to their own area and spread the good news.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers and make this house your home;
Descend with all your gracious powers: O come Great Spirit, come!

[Andrew Reed 1787-1862]

Gracious God, loving Father, renew our fervour to proclaim the Good news of Jesus our Saviour. Pour out your Holy Spirit afresh, connecting with people, enabling response. Equip us to teach and

nurture new believers to grow into disciples. We pray for Kingdom growth. Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory.

The Father sent the Son, the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit send the Church.

Prayers have been requested for:-

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

Margaret Dean recovering at home; Sheila Nunn in the QE, Rev Marie Whitcombe. Rev Ray Trudgian and his wife. Rev. Leslie Stoker.

Praying for the Circuit. Mondays at London Road.

We are now meeting at 2.00 pm

Thursdays at Downham Market at 11 am

PENTECOST IN THE PARK

Saturday, 7th June

***We still need more singers. Contact John Miles
(01366385772) john.miles@milesfamily.org***

**And no volunteers have come forward from around the Circuit
for the sketches**

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**Come on West Norfolk. Let's make this
special occasion a success.**

Circuit Event



An afternoon helping us, as a circuit,
to reflect on being welcoming churches

at

London Road Methodist Church

on

Sunday, June 22nd

3 p.m.

Includes cup of tea (Please bring some cakes!)

Concluding worship from 6 p.m.— 6.30 p.m.

Around the churches



Downham Market

Ladies' Friendship Circle

Our Tapping House talk given by Mr Peter Parker was very informative about all the work that is done at the Hospice and the new one being built at Hillington. We gave him £30.00 from our funds and £70.00 from a collection taken during the meeting. He also sold goods for £17.00.

Our June meetings are

OPEN EVENING June 4th at 7pm - Entertainment by Ray and Diane.

Light Refreshments will be served

A wrapped parcel for £1.00 to be sold. EVERYONE WELCOME come and enjoy a friendly evening'

Admission £2.00.

June 18th Revd M Stafford is coming to talk to us.

Margaret Fox.

The weather continues very variable. Last Saturday on the plant stall we escaped the rain but the wind nearly took the gazebo away and of course if the weather is not good folk don't venture out and we end up taking lot of plants home to be watered for another week; not a problem at the moment though Our coffee mornings are still well supported each Saturday with new faces as well as regulars. We have an ample supply of books to choose from but are getting a little short of bric a brac so any unwanted presents or items you have grown tired of would be very welcome.

The Walk of Witness took place on a very cold morning this year with a really biting wind so we definitely appreciated the hot drinks and hot cross buns served up before the morning service which was led by Janet Stafford; a very moving day. We are now preparing for Pentecost in the Park on 7 June with our choir rehearsing the music (do come and join us) and Janet rounding up actors for the sketch. Let's hope the weather is a bit warmer for this event especially as it is hoped that families will attend and picnic in the park after the service. The whole event will have so much more impact seen by everyone outdoors than if we have to go into the Church, so pray for sunshine. We had a very happy service last week when young Noah Baxter was baptised. The Church was packed; the singing really raised the roof, especially the Noah sea shanty which Maurice taught the congregation. There should have been two babies for baptism but unfortunately the mother of the other baby had an accident and this baptism had to be postponed until August. If they had both taken place the already full Church might not have coped and the weather not good enough for an overflow into the car park.

By the time this issue of Rejoice is out our Sisterhood group will have closed till September. We had a wonderful meeting in April when Victoria Fonzo, Captain of our Guides, came to tell us about their trip to Switzerland last year to one of the four main Guide centres. For some of the girls it was the first time they had been out of Norfolk and from the photos and the description of their activities they made the most of the trip, exchanging small tokens they had made with Guides from many countries. Victoria gave us a splendid talk, covering the spread of Guiding and showing us the refugee blanket her grandparents received when they came as refugees to this country, which is now covered with badges including some of her grandmother's and her mother's; a real family heirloom. She was so enthusiastic about Guiding and, as with our Boys Brigade leaders, we are indeed blessed to have such willing volunteers to help keep our young folk on the right paths through life.

Joan Macey

Terrington St Clement

On Maunday Thursday evening members of the Church joined us at the Chapel for a meal to remember the last supper.

On Good Friday we had a morning service led by Rev. Andrew Maguire. The readings illustrated the day from the women's perspective.

Thursday the 24th we had New Beginnings led by Rev. Jackie Goddard. The subject discussed was Story Telling and sharing Bible stories with others. The speaker at Network was Mr John Houghton who spoke about having a vision and bringing it to fruition by faith. The Water Aid jar contained £43 in small change, thanks to all who contributed.

Linda Howling

London Road

On Sunday May 4th, due to the GEAR which closes the streets of Kings Lynn at 9.45, members enjoyed a "free breakfast" at 8am and then Revd Catherine Dixon led the morning service which started at 8.45.

A total of £70 was donated at the breakfast for Nordoff Robbins Musical Therapy Centres

David Gifford

Hunstanton

Grand East Anglia Run

Many thanks to everyone who sponsored me in the 10km run. £400 was raised for Vasculitis UK, of which £295 was gift-aided.

David Elvidge

Pott Row

Action for Children

On Sunday 27th April all our collecting boxes in aid of Action for Children had been handed in, opened and the money counted.

Catherine led a special service of prayer and thanksgiving for the work of Action for Children, and welcomed a representative, Madeleine Clarke, to tell us about that work and how it is funded.

Madeleine then went on to say how important was the dedication of all the Collecting Box Secretaries each year - and congratulated our own

Beryl Watts who has just completed 40 years in the post! To mark the occasion she then presented Beryl with a certificate thanking her for her support over so many years.

Easter Day - and 'three' comes to mind.

First came our communion service -

Catherine, wearing her stole embroidered with lambs, was a true shepherd leading the service, as we together proclaimed, "Christ is risen, Alleluia!" and felt His presence with us.

We sang a joyful hymn, we listened to the reading of the Easter story and Catherine's reflections, and we shared the peace with smiles and handshakes (of varying temperatures!) before receiving the bread and wine.

Second came breakfast -

We made our way into the school room for breakfast where there were long tables covered with white cloths set with butter, marmalade and jam; and on each plate was a traditional Easter egg. We were then treated to a delicious traditional English breakfast, thanks to the hard work of the kitchen team and the 'toastmaster'.

Thirdly it was time for a service of worship -

Catherine then left to take her next service at London Road, and the rest of us moved into our Chapel where there were tea lights put together very effectively in the shape of a cross.

The service was led by Peter Worrell who had arranged for several members of the congregation to contribute readings and prayers. He also played his violin before sharing some impressive and challenging thoughts about the impact on us of the meaning of the Resurrection. We finished with singing that great favourite 'Thine be the glory', and everyone was given a beautiful small coloured cross (made with ribbon on plastic canvas) that Beryl Watts must have spent many hours creating.

So ended the three parts of our Easter celebration - and many thanks must go to all those who worked very hard to make them so special.

Bill Hone

Dersingham

There was a good turn-out from Dersingham on Saturday 26th April at Hunstanton when the Circuit said a sad farewell to the Rev. Kim Nally and his wife Cheryl. It was standing room only, a tribute in itself to the caring and instructing Ministry of Kim, which we are all going to miss so much. He knew his people so well and his roguish sense of humour punctured stressful moments in meetings and other gatherings and kept everyone on board! We wish him well as he embarks on his sabbatical and enforced early retirement.

The flowers decorating our church each Sunday are given by different members as a special way to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special event such as a birthday or anniversary. The flowers are then taken by Marion Kemp to people who are known to be going through a difficult time health wise or for any other reason, whether they are connected to the church or not. Over the past year 97 people have received flowers from the church. This is all part of our outreach and we are grateful to Marion for carrying this out on our behalf.

By the time you read this our Flower Festival in aid of our own funds and the forthcoming 24/7 facilities at the new Tapping House Hospice in Hillington will be over and we thank Elizabeth Batstone for her quiet, tactful and efficient organisation of this annual event.

Rosemary Caink

Stoke Ferry

The closure of our church will take place at the end of June. We are having our final service on Sunday June 29th at 3pm. The Rev. Maurice Stafford will be leading the service and there will be a tea and a time of fellowship afterwards. We hope to welcome friends from the Circuit and other "old" friends.

Marjorie Stevens

St Faith's

June is always one of the months that is particularly looked forward to by the family of St Faith's Church because it is when the annual Grand Garden Fete is staged.

This year the Big Day is on June 21st and, following last year's event in the Rectory Garden, the organisers hope the weather will allow for the fete to be held in the garden again.

As well as one of St Faith's major fund-raising events of the year, the summer fete is seen as a valuable social event bringing together as it does every year families and friends who enjoy the opportunity to meet together as they browse the colourful stalls and sideshows.

A small hard-working team is responsible for staging the event and prayers are being said for a warm, sunny day because people just love to be in the Rectory garden where they can sit and relax and enjoy refreshments after they have toured the stalls.

As usual, there will be a variety of stalls selling a wide-range of goods from delicious home-made cakes and second hand books to the popular White Elephant and tombola stalls. There is plenty of time during the two-hour fete to pick up a bargain and even try your luck in the Grand Raffle. The Fete opens at 2pm on June 21 and admission is free.

Everyone is welcome.

Looking ahead to July, a special anniversary will be marked on July 20th with a programme of events marking the 40th anniversary of the sharing of St Faith's Church by Anglicans and Methodists. The former Rector of Gaywood, the Venerable Gerald Phizackerley and former Methodist Minister, the Rev Tony Windsor, will be preaching respectively at morning and evening services. The day will include a lunch, showing of old film reel about St Faith's events, afternoon tea and a special Songs of Praise service at 4.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend this special day of events.

On August 4th it will 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War and, like parishes all over the country, St Faith's will be staging events to mark this landmark anniversary.

A small group have been meeting together for some time working on events to reflect such an important anniversary in our country's history. A great amount of research has been undertaken to produce biographical details of soldiers from Gaywood who served at the Front and who never returned. Their names are recorded on the Gaywood Clock memorial tower and the honour boards inside St Faith's Church. Some of their stories will form part of an exhibition to be staged in the church running from August until the annual Remembrance Day commemorative service in November.

On August 4th it is planned that a day-long vigil will be held in church and people will read World War One poems and newspaper accounts of what was happening at the Front. The vigil will be open to anyone and they can come and go as they please. The church bells will be rung at 11am.

The latest in the popular Saturday morning coffee and chat sessions will be on June 7th starting at 10.30am in Gaywood Church Rooms. Everyone is welcome to come along to these sessions and meet friends and enjoy coffee, tea and a lovely piece of home-made cake or a fruit or cheese scone,

June 10th sees the last of the popular winter series of talks under the ACE (Autumn Course Extension) umbrella. The last talk will be on the work of the charity called Operation Christmas Child (more commonly known as The Shoebox Appeal). An area co-ordinator for the charity, which sends shoe boxes of Christmas gifts to children in need overseas, will be talking about the charity, its foundation and how it is run today.

The talk will mark the final ACE evening to be arranged by Jackie Austin who, with her husband, Nick, is soon to leave Gaywood and move to their new home in Cromer. Grateful thanks are expressed to Jackie for the ACE series over the past few years and for all the other responsibilities within St Faith's Church that Jackie has undertaken so well and so efficiently over many years. Everyone at St Faith's Church wishes Jackie and Nick God's blessing and every happiness and success as they embark on their new life on the North Norfolk coast.

Southery

Once again in April, Southery Methodist Chapel celebrated their friendship meal with a delicious shepherds' pie followed by lemon meringue pie. Rev. Maurice Stafford said grace and every one enjoyed the meal. After the meal we were entertained by Michael Harrison with his accordion and we joined in with all the well known songs. An excellent raffle was then drawn. Grateful thanks for God's guidance to all who helped or came to make it such a great success. God Bless you all.

Gwen Dearsley

**EMNETH FLOWER
FESTIVAL JULY 26TH / 27TH
/ 28TH**

**A TIME TO
REMEMBER**

**LUNCHES
FROM 12 NOON ON
SATURDAY AND
MONDAY**

**FOR MORE DETAILS PHONE
DAVID THOMPSON
01945 584669**



GIG ' Are we growing in God '.

' Y ' Club Wednesdays 5.45 - 7.00 pm
term time at St. Germans Chapel.

Our comments about Y Club

I like learning more about my God, we have fun and the leaders are cool. Daniella

I like eating, Y Club is good. Peter

I like playing, it's fun and playful. Chloe.

I like playing group games. Y club is good but would be better if there were more group games. Sam

I like / love the people at Y Club. Y Club is a quiet place. Jack

I like the games, Y club is spectacular, great, fun and super. Sharna.

I like eating and playing. Y Club is good. Jamie.

I like playing with my friends. Y Club is fun. Lucy.

I like playing games. Y Club is spectacular. Josie.

I like playing. Y Club is good. Matthew

I like preparing chill-out. Y Club is good fun with lots of love for each other and Jesus. Jean [Leader]

I like art and crafts. Y Club is sooo good because there are now so many children. Maddy [Leader]

I like singing and crafts. Y Club is amazing. Lorna [Leader]

I like the singing and prayers. Y Club is fabulous Michael [Leader]

I like being part of a team who bring Jesus to the children. Y Club is a great place to be.

I like listening to the children, especially when they say things which express their faith and love for Jesus. Y Club is a tremendous opportunity and a wonderful privilege, we give thanks for all the blessings we have received. Janet [Leader]

Sorry Martin, Emily, Alisha and Natasha not to have your comments.

Pentecost in the Park

...the church has left the building...

**Open Air Circuit Celebration for
Pentecost**

Saturday 7th June 2014

At the bandstand in the Walks, King's Lynn

**Gathering from 2pm for all-age craft activities
(children especially encouraged)**

**Procession around the walks at 2.30 – please
bring a banner if your church has one
Service at 3pm**

Followed by a picnic (please bring your own!)

**A fun and friendly Church-family afternoon out:
An opportunity for worship and witness together.
In case of poor weather we will meet in London Road Methodist
Church**

Pentecost in the Park

some practical details

- This is a Circuit event and we do hope that members from all Circuit churches will feel able to come
- We aim for this to be an all-age event. There will be activities and worship appropriate for children and adults
- For those who are less able to move we have arranged for a car to transport you from the entrance to the Walks by London Road Methodist Church to the bandstand, available from 2pm
- Participation in craft activities and the procession is optional, but please do come along early to join in fellowship as we meet together as a Circuit. Please bring a banner if you have one.
- Sat-nav users: London Road Methodist Church postcode is PE30 5PY
- Some parking will be available at the tax office next to London Road Methodist Church. There are public car parks within a 5-10 minute walk of the Walks. Passengers and picnics can be dropped at London Road. Please leave adequate time for parking. We hope members from the same church or area will car share where possible
- The area around the bandstand is grass. If you would like more comfort, please bring a blanket or folding chair to sit on. Don't forget your flask and picnic, and (hopefully) a hat and sun cream!
- **For more information – or if you are able to help with stewarding on the day, which would be most appreciated – please contact Rev Catherine Dixon on 01553 676918 or revcdixon@gmail.com**

**WE HOPE AND PRAY 7TH JUNE WILL BE SUNNY.
IF THE WEATHER IS POOR WE WILL HAVE OUR CELEBRATION IN LONDON
ROAD METHODIST CHURCH**



*St. Andrew's
Methodist Church
Sheringham, NR26 8SA*

Flower Festival

3rd - 6th July 2014

"Journeys & Adventures"

Thursday & Friday 10 - 5; Saturday 10 - 6

Sunday 12 noon - 6 p.m.

(The Cafeteria will close at 5p.m daily)

*Stalls - Refreshments - Music
Admission & Programme - Free*

Festival Worship

Friday Communion 9.15 a.m.

Sunday - Morning Worship 10.30 a.m.

Festival Praise 6.30 p.m.

Proceeds for Church Funds and a donation to
Sheringham Woodfields School

www.sheringhammethodist.org.uk



STEP OUT FOR CHILDREN 2014

Saturday, June 28th 2014

10 a.m. start

Town and Around



Starting and finishing at

Downham Market Methodist Church

Last year we raised £760! Will you help us to make it £1000 this year? You don't have to be an avid walker, you just need to be able to walk at a normal pace! If you would like to help us to raise the largest amount ever from this walk, please seriously consider joining 'Step Out For Children'.

This year's sponsored walk will take the form of a 3 mile ramble around Downham starting from the Methodist Church. It's a pleasant walk taken at the pace of the slowest and gives you a chance to make new friends, renew acquaintances and get fit. You might also discover parts of Downham that you never knew! Refreshments will be available after the walk. You could also bring a picnic, assuming we have a hot summer!

Please consider joining us and getting sponsors. If you are unable to do that, please would you sponsor someone who is walking? Every little helps!

To register, obtain sponsor forms or more information please, contact me on 01366 385772. Thanks in anticipation. John Miles

Benefit changes cause suffering for many people in West Norfolk. Unemployment benefit, disabled benefits, Housing benefits among others. Churches together in King's Lynn has produced a leaflet to help. Andrew will have details of a contact.

Methodism's 200th in
Terrington St. Clement.

You are very welcome at
our Bicentenary Celebrations on
Saturday 14th June 10-4p.m

at Terrington Methodist Church,
Wesley Rd.

There will be coffee, lunches and tea,
photographic displays, wedding photos and
church memorabilia.

Sunday 15th June
10.30 a.m Bicentenary Service
Led by Rev. David Blacklock.

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME AT THESE EVENTS

If you or a member of your family were married at the Terrington Methodist Church we would love to hear from you as we will have Wedding photographs on display during the month of June.

On Saturday 28th June there will be a concert and tea when the photographs and memories of the past will still be on display .

TERRINGTON – A SCRAPBOOK OF MEMORIES

Although records are very sparse, June 2014 marks the bicentenary of a Wesleyan Chapel at Terrington. The big one seating over 500, which most of us will remember until replaced by the present new building, was opened in 1844. I should like to share with you some of my memories of Terrington Methodism which go back a very long way.

I was brought up in a neighbouring village, Sutton Bridge, where my father was a baker. One of his rounds was Wingland, `over the marsh`, and I often went with him in a horse and cart. One of his calls was at the Baileys, prominent Terrington Methodists, and that usually meant a long wait as he loved to talk Chapel with Mr Bailey. On one memorable occasion he was running late and it was pitch dark. When he finally emerged Polly, our horse, was nowhere to be seen. My Dad had to walk all the way back to Sutton Bridge, over two miles, and was very relieved to find she had made her way back safe and sound. We also had musical friends at Terrington, particularly the station master Mr Scales, and I recall going as a teenager to accompany my mother who was invited to sing a solo in the schoolroom opposite, which may have been the site of the first chapel

When I was Minister at Wisbech I was again a near neighbour and some of my members were related to Terrington Methodists, particularly the Barnes. On one occasion the Terrington minister, Rev Leslie Henry, came to speak at a rally in one of my chapels and he told us the story of his remarkable Men's Fellowship which brought together each month over a hundred men from a wide area. They called themselves The Samaritans and each meeting began with a reading of the familiar parable. Some ten years later I was invited to speak at this meeting and there were still 35 men present.

I came to the King's Lynn Circuit in 1957. At that time there were four Ministers, each with a main church, St James, London Road South, Gaywood and Terrington Wesley. These were the only ones with morning services and the Ministers went in turn to them all. We were expected to wear a preaching gown but not in the villages for some strange reason. It was always a delight to go to Terrington to hear Hugh Croot on that fine organ. It was a thriving church; the congregation would be about 45. I never saw any children. The Sunday School was kept quite separate but they did appear for a family service with their own minister. This was Rev James L Cooper, later succeeded by Rev David M Caink.

An unforgettable character was Walter Robinson. He was severely disabled by polio and was a familiar figure riding around on his tricycle; he was a great visitor. I had met him when I was at Wisbech. He came to speak for a Harvest Festival at Tilney Fen End and insisted on struggling up into the pulpit. His subject was Providence. Leaning heavily on the Bible, in more ways than one, I shall always remember him saying "These things are not to be questioned," which said much for the way he accepted his infirmity. Preachers loved to go to Terrington to see his radiant smile and encouraging nods of appreciation throughout the sermon.

Several members of the congregation were farmers, quite strong personalities but very generous. When I returned to Lynn as a supernumerary sadly they were no longer with us. The congregation was much depleted and maintaining the huge building was a crippling burden, however much they were attached to it. It was a great act of faith to accept the challenge of their minister, Rev Dr Mike Bossingham, to go for a new church and now a vibrant Terrington Methodist Church is a bright star in the West Norfolk Circuit.

John Garfoot

Thanks

We want to thank everyone in the West Norfolk Circuit for the cards, gifts and cheque I have received of late to mark my leaving and early retirement. It was very kind and thoughtful and generous. I now possess an original David Caink painting, a lovely prayer shawl and many other gifts to boot. We shall be putting the cheque in the new furniture budget. We want to thank our Superintendent, the Rev Andrew Maguire and everyone who organised and attended our leaving service at Hunstanton. We thought it was just right. Thank you. We are glad to be staying in the Circuit and continuing friendships and in time taking services on the plan. We also look forward to the ministry of the Rev Steve Oliver from September.

God bless, Kim and Cheryl Nally.

A recliner, of course!!

West Norfolk Methodist Circuit Diary June 2014 onwards

Saturday June 7th Circuit Pentecost Celebration in The Walks King's Lynn 2 pm – 5 pm

Saturday June 14th Fellowship Breakfast at St Germans 8.30 am

Saturday June 14th Terrington St Clement Bicentenary Celebrations 10am – 4pm

Sunday June 22nd Welcoming Churches session at London Road 3pm - 6.30 pm

Saturday June 28th Halcyon Singers and Afternoon Tea at 2pm at Terrington St Clement.

Saturday, July 5th Farewell Picnic for GT at Cambridge

Saturday July 12th Fellowship Breakfast at Marham 8.30 am

Saturday/Sunday 12th/13th July MWiB Conference at Belsey Bridge

Saturday August 9th Fellowship Breakfast. Watch this space! 8.30 am

Saturday August 30th Welcome Service for new Chair of District, Rev Julian Pursehouse at Chapelfields Road Norwich at 3 pm

Saturday September 6th Welcome Service for Rev Stephen Oliver at Snettisham at 3 pm

Saturday September 20th Fellowship Breakfast at Downham Market 8.30am

Monday October 6th MWiB AGM at London Road 2.30 pm

Saturday October 11th Fellowship Breakfast at Southery 8.30 am