

Rejoice!

November 2013



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

Dear Friends,

In November we mark Remembrance Day on the 11th of the month.

For us humans, memory has a very distinctive importance and place. A dog may remember the place where he normally has his dinner and perhaps go there and whimper around dinner time. But I do not think that a pet remembers in the way that humans do. We humans have the ability to recall events, people and places from many years back. Time may rob us of companions and of places, but with memory we can, in a sense, have them for ever.

Memory, however, can be a strange thing. You can sometimes remember vividly an event from years back, but have to rack your brains to think what happened yesterday. Memory is a precious but puzzling thing.

God gives us memory for a purpose. At the simplest level it is very useful to be able to remember things - to be able to remember what level you left the car on in the multi-storey car park or to remember where you put a valuable document. These are all very necessary.

But there's more to memory than that. There are lessons we can learn as we recall things from the past. In November we also celebrate bonfire night and we will recall the little "ditty" - *Remember, remember the fifth November, gunpowder, treason and plot*. Guy Fawkes plotted to blow up parliament, but was discovered and came to a sticky end. The little ditty encourages us to remember what happened to Guy Fawkes and make sure we don't do the same. Learn the lessons of the past.

Christians especially remember our Lord Jesus Christ. What a valuable thing it is that, through the gospel stories, we are able to look back upon the life of our Lord and learn the great positive lessons set before us in his example and teaching.

Another kind of remembrance is remembrance with thanksgiving. This is the kind of memory we enjoy and celebrate on somebody's birthday. We remember the birth of the child and give thanks. That is what should lie at the heart of our Christmas celebrations, coming next month, as we remember the birth of Jesus.

Remembering with thanksgiving is tremendously important in the Christian tradition. The Communion Service is an act of remembrance. Jesus said: "This do in remembrance of me". In many traditions the service is called "the Eucharist", which means "thanksgiving". In the Communion service we remember with thanks all that the life, death and resurrection of Christ mean to us.

In what way do we remember around Remembrance Day in the middle of November? We look back on two world wars and also hold in mind more recent and current conflicts. We remember those who have died and their families. We are reminded of the cost and tragedy of war. As we move towards 2014 we will no doubt be reminded again of the massive loss of life in the First World War. We pray that we will not again have to fight in such a way and at such cost. As we look at current conflicts we pray all the more earnestly that we humans may remember and learn the lessons of the past and work for peace.

But we also look back in thanksgiving - thanking God for the freedom won for us by those who gave their lives. May we never treat lightly the sacrifice they made.

Memory is a precious thing. Let us learn from and give thanks for this special gift which God has given us.

Andrew Maguire

Congratulations
To
Raymond and Margaret Dean
And
Cliff and Doris Armsby
Who celebrated their
Golden Weddings
on October 5th

Praying together in the Circuit

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Matthew 5:8

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in His holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

Who does not lift up his soul to what is false,

and does not swear deceitfully.

Psalms 24: 3-4

Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal

Spirit in me. Psalm 51: 10

The desire of our hearts is to live our lives in truth and faithfulness.

Our thoughts and actions pleasing to You.

We want to be set apart for You,

To be totally committed to Your purposes,

to have the mind Christ and the vision of Your Kingdom.

As we gaze upon You in all Your holiness, we behold Your glory

We fall before You in awe of You, in wonder of Your majesty.

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.

Brian Osbourne, having a long stay in hospital; Bob Cross. Poorly at home, Mary Cumbers having tests, Vera Parker after her hip operation Euan has made good progress following heart surgery and is now able to enjoy all activities including sport. Thank you for your prayers.

Praying for the Circuit Mondays 9.30 am at London Road.

Thursdays 11am Downham Market Church

27th August 1927-18th September 2013.

Margaret was accredited as a Local Preacher in 1972 and received a long service certificate marking 30 years service in 2002. She travelled around the then King's Lynn Circuit to lead worship including churches now closed.

Margaret had chosen the hymns for her funeral service from 'Hymns and Psalms' 'The Christian life' 'Faith and confidence'. They reflected her personal response, her relationship with Jesus her Saviour and Lord and each one had the eternal vision. Margaret had the desire to reach out to others in her witness to Jesus. Her faith led to works and actions, some seen, many unseen, giving support and encouragement. It was by faith and in love that Margaret stepped out to walk with the Lord, to follow where He led and serve in the ministry to which He called her. We remember at this time. Leonard, Rebecca and John, Rachel and Nigel and their families.

3Generate Children and Youth Assembly
16-18th November
at Whitemoor Lake Centre in Lichfield
Please pray for Anna and Katherine Blakie
and all the young people
and leaders attending

Tuesday 19th November
National Pray Day for Schools
Please pray for Children, Teachers, Governing
bodies
And all Christians engaged in local schools



30th November



10am – 3pm

**DOWNHAM MARKET METHODIST
CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR**



**COME AND SEE ME
THERE!!!**

**BRING FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS AND FAMILY
FOR A DAY OUT FOR CHRISTMAS!**

MAKE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND GIFTS IN OUR CRAFT ROOM.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT THE STALLS.

PIT YOUR WITS WITH THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ.

WII GAMES/ COMPETITIONS.

ENJOY TASTY LUNCHES / REFRESHMENTS

AND MUCH MUCH MORE.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AND FEEL THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Free Admission.

Proceeds to Church Funds.

CIRCUIT CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST - 7TH JUNE 2014

Following discussions at the Leadership Team, Circuit Meeting and Staff Meeting it is being proposed that we aim to hold a Circuit Celebration event on the afternoon or evening of Pentecost next year, 7th June 2014. This could be in the Walks near London Road in King's Lynn, with the possible option of using London Road if wet.

We felt that this could be an opportunity for:-

- A "big sing" – maybe with musicians accompanying from around the Circuit or more widely
- An imaginative, creative and colourful celebration
- Possibly involving groups more widely from the community in music/drama/dance etc.
- Ecumenical invitations and involvement
- A time with a focus on prayer leading up to the event (taking up the District emphasis on 2014 as a year of prayer)

Clearly a lot of work would be involved in planning what should be an exciting occasion, and we would need to make sure that we are not clashing with other events.

We would like to gather together a little group to begin our thinking and preparations. If you would like to be involved, or would like to suggest somebody who could be involved then please contact Andrew Maguire - 01553 828998 - andrew.maguire@methodist.org.uk

Andrew Maguire

The Norfolk Churches Trust

Reading in the local papers that Saturday the 14th September was the day that the annual sponsored cycle ride for the Norfolk Churches Trust would be held, I said I would try to ride for Pott Row Chapel.

Having had a successful operation on my knee and no longer in pain (many thanks to surgeon Mr Coleman) it was time to start training on my exercise bike. My target was to visit three churches (not too far apart!) and finish at our chapel.

Stephen announced the plan, and when the sponsor form was put out I was thrilled at how my brothers and sisters of the chapel soon filled it up.

Yes, I did it, and I was stunned by the generous way in which so many people sponsored me - the effort was really worthwhile.

Bill Hone

**Downham Market
Methodist Church**

Craft Fair

Saturday November 9th

9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Admission Free

**A VARIETY OF CRAFT
STALLS**

**CHRISTIAN BOOKSTALL
WITH CARDS, GIFTS, ETC..**

Refreshments and light lunches available

All welcome

MWiB

I can hear several people around the Circuit asking, "What on earth is that?"

It stands for Methodist Women in Britain. I knew that but had no real idea of much else. I had heard District Day mentioned but never been. So this time as it was at Cambridge I thought I'd go. So at 8.45am on Thursday morning a carload of Downham Market ladies set off.

After a fairly uneventful journey we arrived at Wesley Church in time for coffee. It's a beautiful building and was full of ladies with just one or two very brave men!

We started with worship led by the outgoing President, Jackie Smith. Every President has a charity that we are asked to support. Last year's was MIND and £17000 was raised. Jackie has a very personal interest in the charity and her daughter spoke of some of her difficulties and how MIND helps.

The new President, Angela MacQuiban, was commissioned, along with her deputy and officers. We were all reminded of the aims of MWiB;

- Bring women together to know Christ and to make Him known
- Encourage, enable and equip women to serve God in the church, the community and the world
- Connect women in Britain with women worldwide.

I don't know that I have ever heard all of those. A bag I bought years ago has the words encouraging, equipping and enabling round a logo. Perhaps these are new for MWiB and the other was Network.

The next part of the worship was a talk by Rev Jean Simmonds about the charity chosen by Angela, Turning Point Trust. This is a charity working in the slums of Nairobi. It's run by Jean's daughter and son in law and is well worth our support for the next two years.

After lunch, more worship, more information and stories about Turning Point and finally a Charles Wesley hymn to a new tune.

I shall certainly try to go to more District days. The atmosphere was prayerful, friendly and gave us all renewed energy to follow our aims.

Barbara Foster

Around the churches



Dersingham

Adam Whittle from the King's Lynn Food Bank joined us for our Harvest Festival morning service with his family and gave a very informative and moving account of how the Food Bank works and how carefully the products given are monitored and distributed. Subsequently a cheque was given to the Food Bank alongside the harvest gifts which had been donated. The coffee morning on the previous Saturday had been in aid of the Food Bank and our own funds and the window sills had been suitably decorated by church members.

The October coffee morning will raise money for Vasculitis UK, a charity which supports research into the rare health condition of our minister the Rev. Kim Nally. Our Christmas coffee morning on the 30th November will be in aid of Diabetes UK.

Rosemary Caink

Hilgay

On Sunday 29th September Rev'd Alan Bennett baptised Scarlett Freya Janais Reynolds - Arguidin during Morning Worship at Hilgay. It was good to welcome the family into the church and we would love to see them again at some of our church events. Welcome Scarlett, God bless you! Congratulations to Hilgay Carpet Bowls Club, who meet weekly in our church, for being winners of the summer league.

Pauline Driver

Downham Market

Ladies Friendship Circle

Our Harvest Festival evening was a great success and was enjoyed by all members. We sang the Harvest hymns and had harvest readings. The sale of our goodies made £60.00 for the Magpie Centre at Wallington Hall.....Our last meeting was a Poetry evening which was attended by 21 members and they all read a poem of their choice this was very enjoyable; some funny some serious and some they had written themselves.

Our November meetings are on the 6th when we shall be entertained by Mr Peter Hewitt - and the 20th which will be our Fish and Chip Supper starting at 7pm. After supper we are to be entertained by Pat's husband with his Violin.

Margaret Fox

After last month's moan about the temperature dropping so violently we had another welcome warm spell which has now ended and the temperature has dropped again. Autumn has really set in but we are having some lovely bright days, albeit enjoying the sunshine while wearing thicker jumpers. When the clocks go back on 26th October and the evenings draw in even earlier we know we are well on the way to Winter. I meant to get so much done this Summer but the really hot spells we had, were too much to work in. Each year I start my fight with the weeds in the garden but before long I know I'm losing the battle. Backing onto farmland and with a rough area at one side there's no way I can beat the brambles, nettles and ground elder, but I have to try. Ah well, hopefully there's always next year.

Before then there's plenty to keep us busy. Preparations are going ahead for our Christmas Fair on 30th November (see separate page). Do keep this date free in your diary; it's a really busy happy occasion and such a good opportunity of getting the general public into our premises. For me it's the start of Advent, unlike the supermarkets that start in September.

Our Saturday coffee mornings gain in popularity, over 70 folk last Saturday and my plants were going like the hot cakes they were serving inside with refreshments. The bric a brac stall is also very popular (our prices are very low) and now is the time to stock up on your books from our wide selection, ready for the dark evenings ahead when the TV programmes are rubbish. We were really run off our feet last Saturday and more helpers and more stock for the stalls would be very much appreciated. With fuel bills increasing again we need every penny we can raise to help with the church bills so that we can devote as much of our resources to proper channels, not just to keep the premises going.

Talking of proper channels, Churches Together is organising two fund raising carol sessions for the food bank at Tesco on Thursday 5th and Wednesday 18th December at 7.00 so just turn up with your voices and plenty of throat lozenges. What better way to spend the run up to Christmas than by enjoying a good sing and helping others. A reminder that the Christmas parcels will be distributed on 19th and 20th December. Please contact Churches Together Secretary Alex on 384474 if you can help with this task.

More music on Friday 20th December when the church choir will present a variety of Christmas music, hopefully with audience participation. Do come and join us.

On Christmas Day our fellowship will be organising the usual Christmas lunch for those who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Please see the

leaflet on the church notice board to see if you qualify and to book your place.

From the fellowship at Downham we wish everyone a happy, busy and healthy Advent.

Joan Macey

St Faith's

The latest in the popular regular St Faith's Coffee Mornings will be held on Saturday, November 3rd, from 10.30am until 11.30am. The numbers attending these sessions, where people can meet together for a chat over a cup of coffee, tea or soft drink and enjoy a piece of lovely home-made cake or scones, are increasing and there is always a buzz in the Gaywood Church Rooms as those attending catch up on news from their friends. Everyone is welcome to attend.

People in the Gaywood area who have lost loved ones during the past year are invited to attend the special All Souls service of Resurrection Hope at St Faith's Church, Gaywood, on November 3rd at 6.30pm.

This is always a moving and poignant service but aims to have a positive message. During the service, the clergy say prayers for the departed and their families and friends. Names of all those people, from the parish and surrounding areas who have died during the past 12 months, are read out by the clergy and relatives are invited to light candles in their memories

Those from the Gaywood area who gave their lives in the First World War and in more recent conflicts are remembered during the annual Remembrance Sunday service at St Faith's Church which is being held on November 10th. The main service, which is attended by members of the Royal British Legion, members of Gaywood's uniformed groups (including Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies and Beavers) and civic representatives, is held at 10am and is followed by a parade to the Gaywood Clock War Memorial where the wreath-laying ceremony is held and the two-minute silence is observed.

Months of hard work behind-the-scenes will result in this year's St Faith's Christmas Fair which is being staged in the Gaywood Church Rooms on November 16th from 2pm until 4pm.

The Fair will be officially opened by Gaywood Methodist Minister, the Rev Andrew Maguire and his wife, Helen. Father Christmas has promised to make an early visit and he will take up residence in his specially-created Grotto where children can meet him and leave their Christmas-present "wish lists".

The Gaywood Church Rooms will be transformed into a colourful Christmas market with a wide selection of stalls offering visitors all kinds of goods, including delicious home-made cakes, the ever-popular bottle stall, Christmas gifts, the White Elephant stall, as well as a number of games of chance, including the popular tombola stall and the Grand Raffle offering a wide selection of prizes.

The Christmas Fair is always very much looked forward to by people who enjoy meeting up with their friends and browsing around the stalls and sideshows and taking away some bargain early Christmas gifts. Admission is free.

This event will be the last under the direction of St Faith's Fund-raising chair Jackie Austin after several years in the post. Over the years Jackie has led a team which through the main fund-raising events, the Summer Grand Garden Fete, the Spring Fair and the Christmas Fair have raised thousands of pounds for church funds. Both St Faith's Rector, the Rev Canon Beryl Wood and Methodist Minister, the Rev Andrew Maguire, have paid tribute to the work and enthusiasm Jackie has contributed in the role. They have praised her dedication to the voluntary post, her excellent organisation and efficiency and her creative skills which have all contributed to making the fund-raising events so successful.

A successor in Jackie's role is currently being sought and anyone who might be interested in the role can contact St Faith's Church office on 01553 774916 for more details about what is involved in the post.

St Faith's SOS (Save Our Singers) continues to seek someone with an interest in church music and singing to take over as Director of St Faith's Church Choir. The Choir members play an important role in leading the singing, not only at the Sunday services, but also at the major Church Festivals including, Christmas, Easter and Harvest. St Faith's Rector, the Rev Canon Beryl Wood said the post is very rewarding for someone with an interest in church music and singing.

Anyone interested in finding out more about what is involved in the post is asked to contact St Faith's Church office on 01553 774916 (9am until 12 noon weekday mornings)..

Richard Parr

Terrington St Clement

At our MWiB meeting our theme was "Bear one another's burdens." The guest speaker was Rev. Leslie Stoker who told us about his life in the ministry

including his work in prison ministering to the staff and inmates. We found his talk very interesting and we hope he can make a return visit in the future. Our Flower Festival of Autumn Glory had arrangements by Frauke Adkins, Viv Simpson, Eileen Spurgeon, Ruth Hannay, Mary Houghton, Ruth Cooper, Margaret Pepper, Molly Hunt, Ruth Hughes, Joy Mitchel, Sue and Holly Atkin and the young people. The chapel was a blaze of autumn hues; yellows, browns and oranges. The stall holders worked hard as did the people in the kitchen. The dolly's birthday was won by Ruth Hannay. Our Sunday service was led by Rev. David Howarth, accompanied by his wife Christine. A meal of sausages, carrots peas and potatoes followed by blackberry and apple crumble and custard was enjoyed at lunchtime, grace being said by Rev. Andrew Maguire. The total amount raised towards chapel funds amounted £584. A donation will be sent to Methodist Relief and Development fund.

Linda Howling

Southery

Our Harvest celebration started at 11am on Sunday 15th September, with a Service led by Reg. and Mary Rose. The sermon focused on the importance of hard work, (past and present) in the farming industry and spiritual life, working hard in the Church and community. The Chapel was decorated with flowers, and a very interesting and varied display of donated produce.

Our Songs of Praise Service in the evening at 6.30 was led by our new Minister, the Revd. Maurice Stafford, this was his first Service at Southery. This was a very well attended and enjoyable Service, with lots of good old Harvest Hymns, Maurice was very entertaining. The evening was finished with lots of refreshments and socializing.

Monday evening on the 16th saw us enjoying our Harvest Supper, with an excellent traditional ham salad with jacket potato, followed by apple pie with cream then tea or coffee and chocolates. The tables were nicely laid out and decorated, every one enjoyed the meal. This was followed by the auction of the produce, and the raffle, which had some very good prizes. We would like to thank everyone who donated produce and prizes, Copsey bros, for the potatoes, Feltwell growers, for radishes, Night-layer leeks, for leeks, Mr G. Turner for carrots and leeks, and of course all the other people who gave things. Not forgetting the people who prepared the meal of course, Hazel, Dorothy, Sheila and Marilyn, thank you. Also thank you to Sylvia and Sarah for helping with the auction, also Stuart for setting up the tables etc. and anyone I may have forgotten.

O! Yes, a big thanks to all the people who came, we much appreciate their support, and we hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

Rev. Catherine Dixon conducted our Songs of Praise on Sunday 6th October at 6-30. If Sunday's service is anything to go by, she will make an excellent minister, because it was a very enjoyable service. After the service, refreshments and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Look out for A TASTE OF INDIA coming to Southery Methodist Chapel early in 2014, so look out for more information.

Walter Cornwell.

Gwen Dearsley added: Well done Walter, keep up the good work you will get a job with B. Hawkins, ha. Thank God for the guidance He gave everyone who helped, or came, to make it such a great success.

May God bless and guide you all till we meet again.

Pott Row

We are once again holding our TREE FESTIVAL. Christmas trees will be on display, with stalls of gifts, books, cakes and a Raffle.

Times are.....

FRIDAY and SATURDAY 6th/7th December

10.00 am Till 4.00 pm

SUNDAY 2.00pm - 4.0 pm with Refreshments.

Our CAROL SERVICE will be on Sunday 8th at 6.30 pm led by JACKIE AUSTIN.

We hope to see you there.

South Wootton

Do join us for our monthly Coffee Mornings on the first Wednesday in the month, from 10am -11am. (Not January) Various stalls and good fellowship.

Phyllis Bowman

NORTH LYNN GOLDEN JUBILEE

Saturday 30 November 2013 will mark the 50th Anniversary of North Lynn Methodist Church with a Celebration at 2 pm and 3pm Social Event. I should like to put on record how it all began

Just a week before the opening the world was reeling from the assassination of President Kennedy. In America there had been the civil rights campaign led by Martin Luther King with his famous speech "I have a dream." The Profumo affair filled the papers and one of our preachers, a real character, Harry Cassell who would preach in wellingtons and braces, waved the Daily Mirror at the saints at West Lynn. Prime Minister Harold MacMillan, the one who spoke of winds of change sweeping over Africa, gave way to Sir Alex Douglas-Home. Harold Wilson was leader of the Labour Party. First woman into space was Valentina

Tereshcova. The University of East Anglia opened. The Great Train Robbery shocked the nation. You could buy a Mini for £500, a pint of milk for 4d (old money) Little girls screamed, they wept, they fainted for four boys who had funny haircuts, funny suits, John, Paul, George and Ringo. Bob Dylan was all the rage in the pop scene.

What were things like in King`s Lynn? Very different as an old map shows. Railway lines fanned out in 5 directions. You could be sure of being held up by level crossings whichever way you went. The fire brigade, with clanging bells in those days, often had to rush out to Roydon Common to put out heath fires caused by sparks from engines, although diesel trains were just beginning to come in. Lines of redundant railway carriages queued upon the West Winch line to be set on fire and the metal saved for scrap

Traffic, including heavy lorries, rolled along the High Street before it was pedestrianised and it was often difficult to cross the road. A big Woolworths was a Mecca for young people coming out of school and Purdy`s cafe was another favourite venue. The swimming pool was open air in the Walks. There was always a crowd of the hardy ones for the Lynn News photo call and first cold early morning dip when it opened in March. A huge variety of insects floated on it and in the summer frogs spawned. Before the by-pass was opened there were long traffic jams in summer months stretching as far as Terrington. No QE hospital and the Tech was only just being built, so was Campbell`s soup factory. The only supermarket was a small ELMO in Norfolk St. Where Sainsbury`s town store now is, was the cattle market. During the campaign, as it was called when the sugar beet factory was operating, you could forecast the weather by the direction from which the aroma was being wafted.

And Kings Lynn Methodism? You can tell a lot from looking at a Circuit Plan. We had 23 Churches, 719 members, now 672, even though Downham and Hunstanton have joined us. . One of the most revealing things was that there were 672 children in Sunday Schools and 462 young people in clubs, including lots of teddy boys. There were many afternoon and evening services. It was no easy job making the plan. 33 preachers on the plan....some familiar names, Margaret Green, Harold Smith, Steven Watts, Marit Eide. We had half a dozen exhorters, which was the name given to preachers who didn`t take the exams....popularly known as exhausters.

The North End fishing community was rapidly becoming a museum piece with the opening up of the North Lynn estate, the process accelerated by London overspill. Shops were built, schools starting with one for the youngest, the St Edmunds

Infants and a Community Centre. The Council allocated two sites for places of worship, Anglican and Free Church.

In 1953, through the inspiration of Mr. Walter Armstrong the Methodists started a Sunday School in the day school where one of our local preachers, Miss Oliver, was headmistress. He enlisted the help of Miss Green who a year or so later, with other helpers, took over when Mr. Armstrong moved away. When the Junior School was built they moved into that so that older boys and girls could come.

Then out of the blue came a letter to say that our North End Chapel was to be requisitioned to make way for a new road. We were advised that we could claim equivalent reinstatement, enough money to build elsewhere. We asked a gentleman from London, a Mr. Walmsley, who had a lot of experience in these matters, to come over and get the best possible price for us, and so he did, about £11,000. We were well away. But not everybody wanted us to build a chapel here. What if people on the estate didn't support a chapel, or if there were not enough people to work hard on it? Would it not be better to use the money in the centre of the town, or at Gaywood where the chapel was far too small for the expanding population? My main church was London Road South, near the South Gates (since pulled down) and we were having protracted discussions about joining with St James, popularly known as Chapel Clock (present London Road). To facilitate this both were placed under the pastoral care of the superintendent minister and I was to transfer to North Lynn.

Then came a bombshell. After endless discussions we agreed to build at North Lynn but it was vetoed by a District committee. Fortunately I was the District Chapel Secretary and so was quite "well in" in the District and was able to help get this decision overturned in the May Synod. So now we had the exciting job of getting it all under way. Plans were drawn up by a Methodist architect, Mr. Clifford Dann of Norwich. On a pouring wet day the stone laying ceremony was performed by Mr. Walter Hunter Rowe of Upwell.

In the meantime we had begun adult work on the estate, visiting every house. We also started a Sunday evening service in the Community Centre opposite where the new Church was being built. My mother had a small portable reed organ and brought it along to accompany the singing. When the church was opened she played the organ until she was 90. My parents became very devoted to North Lynn and the friends they met there and the Church has "Hymns and Psalms" and "Good News" Bibles in memory of them both.

Eventually all was completed and North Lynn was officially opened on St Andrews Day 30th November 1963. Margaret Green was the obvious choice to unlock the door and declare the new Church open. "This is a happy day for us all", she said, "We must congratulate Mr. Dann and Mr. Collison the builder, for making this building an attractive place. It is a shining light to the community around it." We had a capacity congregation of 250 and the sermon was preached by the Chairman of the District, Rev H J Martin, who hoped the children would love the new building as they loved their own homes. "Watch over it" he told the congregation, "it belongs to the people of this estate." After the buffet tea there were greetings from the Deputy Mayor (Mr. F R Barton), the Council of Churches (Rev E S Turnbull) and St Edmunds Church (Rev H Edgell). In the evening we had a concert given by the Lynn Male Voice Choir.

We give thanks for fifty years of happy fellowship and faithful service which has touched the lives of many people old and young. North Lynn Methodist Church stands at the entrance to the estate as a beacon of light and hope.

John Garfoot

North Lynn Methodist Church

We are celebrating our

50th Anniversary

On Saturday 30th November 2013

Festival Service – 2pm

Anniversary Tea – 3pm

**All welcome to join us – please
advise Jean Harrington (01553 760430)
or Glenys Reed (01553 671364)
by Sunday 17th November**



Downham Market
Methodist Church Choir
Presents



Music for the Christmas Season

On

Friday, 20th December

At

7 p.m.

In

The

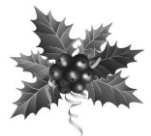
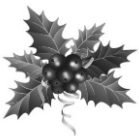
Church

Retiring Collection

In aid of

Downham Market Food Bank

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.



St Faith's Church Gaywood
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Father Christmas is
coming!



Saturday 16th November
Gaywood Church Rooms

2pm - 4pm

ADMISSION FREE

Proceeds for Church Funds

**Saturday Evening Out For All
And in a good cause too!
A Concert
November 2nd 2013
7.00pm
Downham Market Methodist
Church Hall
Joan Hooke (piano)
George Braun (Baritone)
accompanied by Sandra Woods
Hilgay Silver Youth Band
Leader Brian Doy
Admission Free.
Collection for
Bhaluka Village School Bangladesh
Book Fund

Refreshments**

Synod

On 14th September I went as a substitute rep to Synod at Ely Community College. My oh my! As I walked in there were the great and good! Betty and I quickly found a table and were joined by nine others. So to coffee.

Things got underway with introductions and welcome from the Chair, Graham Thompson, followed by welcome from the Superintendent of the Ely/Newmarket Circuit.

There were speeches from Laura Hanrattan, Action for Children. She said they have a place at King's Lynn which was news to a few of us.

Jack Lawson spoke on development in the District. Fiona Brampton and a young man spoke of their visit to Vellore, where Graham had gone as a "responsible adult". It is always good to see and hear of the work of the "Overseas Missions" as I call it, great to see such enthusiasm.

David Friswell gave news of World Church relations. There were good news stories of what other Chapels are doing- opening up their premises, having coffee mornings, some creating a space for prayer and some surprising outcomes.

But the outstanding speaker for me was Maurice Adams. He is the coordinator for M.R.D.F. and had driven for six hours from Bath. He spoke passionately about the funding of projects, some small but so worthwhile to folk on Mali, Ethiopia, Cameroon. He did say we in East Anglia are the greatest givers! He gave such an insight into the good work which we help to fund. M.R.D.F. work alongside Christian Aid, consult with each other so as not to duplicate the projects in the same places. Unless you go to Synod these things are not really known.

I saw and heard humour, enthusiasm, passion, joy. I sat there and thought "I'm a very small cog in a very large wheel."

I came away with my batteries recharged- a privilege.

Phyllis Bowman



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Action for Children

COFFEE MORNING & STALLS

Downham Market Methodist Church
Saturday 2nd November 10 – 12 noon
Christmas Cards & diaries will be on sale

Stalls include: Cakes and Groceries,
Toiletries, Bric-a-brac & Books,
Shrubs & Plants



West Norfolk Methodist Circuit Diary

November 2013 onwards

Saturday November 2nd Action for Children Coffee Morning at Downham Market 10am – 12 noon

Saturday November 2nd Concert at Downham Market 7pm

Saturday November 9th Fellowship Breakfast 8.30 am at Pott Row

Saturday November 9th Craft Fair at Downham Market 9am – 4pm

Saturday November 16th Christmas Fair at London Road 2pm – 4pm

Saturday November 30th Christmas Fair at Downham Market

Saturday November 30th North Lynn 50th Anniversary Service 2pm

Thursday December 5th Carol Singing at Tesco Downham Market 7pm

Friday/Saturday December 6th/7th Tree Festival at Pott Row 10am

Saturday December 14th Fellowship Breakfast 8.30 am at Downham Market

Wednesday December 18th Carol Singing at Tesco Downham Market 7pm

Friday December 20th Choir Christmas Concert at Downham Market 7pm

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Saturday January 11th Fellowship Breakfast 8.30 am at Southery

Saturday February 8th Fellowship Breakfast 8.30 am at Wimbotsham

Saturday March 8th Fellowship Breakfast 8.30 am at St Germans

