

Rejoice!

July/August 2015



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

Dear Friends,

As we approach July and August we come again to the summer “holidays”. Children will be looking forward to a break from school – a time for leisure and relaxation, though it is not always so relaxing for parents! For my wife Helen and me this rhythm of life seems a little different this year. Helen has not been doing so much school teaching and so there has not been all the busyness of writing reports and there will not be all the activities leading up to the end of term. Schools these days are very busy places for pupils and teachers, with a full curriculum to be delivered and plenty of targets to reach. It is good that we encourage our children to aim high and are committed to giving them the best possible start in life. We don’t want the school years to be wasted years with opportunities missed.

It is, however, interesting to reflect that our word for “school” goes back to a Greek word “scholē” which means “leisure”. The Romans took the Greek word and a “schola” was a place of learning – the idea being that at school there were not other distractions and business, so people had time to learn and contemplate the things which were really important in life.

Our schools and other places of learning may not, these days, seem to have many of the characteristics of leisure and it may well take teachers and pupils a few days to recover from the demands of the term. (Teachers, of course I hear Helen tell me, will no sooner have finished one term than they need to start making their plans and setting their targets for the next.)

There is something important, I think, in this link between leisure and learning. We can take in all kinds of information and master all kinds of skills in a hectic learning environment, but we perhaps need a slightly less pressured space in which to learn some of life’s deepest and most important lessons and truths.

The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 46.10 of God saying to us: “Be still and know that I am God”. Coming to a knowledge of God’s nature, his love for us and his purposes for us, these are surely some of the most important lessons for all of us. So, during these summer months when, hopefully things will be a little less hectic for us, let us heed those words of the Psalmist and let us take time to be still and learn of God.

Andrew Maguire

Praying together in the Circuit

Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send as a messenger to my people? Who will go?" and I said, "Lord, I'll go! Send me."

Isaiah 6: 1 - 8 is included in the Ordination Service.

It starts with a wonderful revelation of the holiness of God.
In the presence of holiness Isaiah recognises his own sinfulness
and then the wonder of sins forgiven and guilt removed.

Then the challenge comes - The Holy One needs a messenger
and Isaiah responds.

We need that vision of the holiness of God
and recognition of the Saviour who removes our sin.
A longing for His glory inspires us and compels us to share what
we have experienced and be gospel messengers.

We celebrate ministry throughout the Circuit.
The ordination of Catherine,
giving thanks for her calling and response.
For those who have responded to the call to preach the gospel
and have faithfully proclaimed it for many years.
For new ministries which have developed and those who have been
willing to 'step out of the boat' in obedience and trust.
God has a purpose for each one of us, as He works his purpose out.
Our calling to be part of His story - the greatest in History.

Lord our desire is to draw close to You.
In Your presence to behold Your glory,
and with confidence in the gospel, seek Your will,
hear Your voice, and go forward in the way You lead us. Amen

[part of a prayer used in the Ordination Service]

Lord our God, we give You thanks and praise
You are the light and life of Your people in every age,
calling us to declare Your acts of mercy and love.

Prayers have been requested for:-

Derek + Viv , Stephanie, Janice, Amy, Trisha, Linda, Ruth Harbach, Andrew, Mavis, Julia, Rachel, Judy, Dulcie + Neill. Kelly, Kath, Stephen + Victoria, William, Tom . Ken and Norma. Brian Osborne. Rev Marie Whitcombe as she strives to find a place to live and a way forward through her pain.

Ordinand's Testimony Service

The service for our Minister Rev Catherine Dixon was held at London Road on 23rd May. Were your hearts “strangely warmed”? Did you feel Joy?

We thirteen from South Wootton were still on that mountain top on Sunday morning.

It was the feeling the disciples and people must have experienced as they were touched by The Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

When Rev Dr Malcolm Guite stood up in the high pulpit it reminded me of the Methodist Evangelists of the 19th Century; days in the open air with hundreds of people just preaching about the Lord Jesus Christ. How great it all was.

More please!

Phyllis Bowman

More from PH!

A man told his wife, “There’s a hair in my pudding!”

His wife said, “It must be yours, cause that came off the rolling pin!”

Two cannibals are eating a meal. One says, “I hate my sister.”

His mate says, “Well, just eat the noodles!”

I said to the man on the dustcart, “Do you get training for your job?”

“No mate. We pick it up as we go along!”

Around the churches



London Road

A very special Occasion

It is not often that an ordinand is able to celebrate his or her Testimony Service at their own Church, so Catherine's Testimony Service was a very special occasion. The church was full, with people sitting upstairs.

The Service was led by our District Chairman, Rev Julian Pursehouse. During Catherine's Testimony, which concentrated on steps along her path to ministry, she demonstrated her love and use of poetry in services. She included a Sonnet for George Herbert which was written by her tutor and preacher for the service, the Reverend Dr Malcolm Guite,

This aspect of Catherine's ministry is not surprising as Dr Malcolm Guite based his sermon on the poem The Rain Stick written by Seamus Heaney.

Those who attended the service gave Catherine a tremendous lift and send off to her ordination at Chester Cathedral at the end of June.

The Hymns at the service were all chosen by Catherine starting with "Send The Fire" and closing with "Love Divine."

The offertory at the Service, for Wesley House Bursary Fund was over £454 .

After the service London Road served refreshments including many cakes, which all disappeared.

A full church, inspirational singing, a heart felt testimony and a challenging sermon – Yes – It was "A very Special Occasion".

David Gifford Steward

Hunstanton

From Norfolk to Nepal, with love.

On 17th May Hunstanton Methodist Church marked the 70th anniversary of Christian Aid in Sunday worship led by Joy Webb. She gave a talk whilst knitting using an anonymous quotation as inspiration: "We are all knit with the common thread of humanity; if one stitch is broken we are all undone." She reminded us of the desperate need for reconciliation after the Second World

War that led to the setting up of Christian Reconstruction in Europe, which a decade later became Christian Aid, working around the world.

It is a long way from the Himalayas to Hunstanton and thankfully the shock waves from the recent earthquakes did not reach here. However, the warm-hearted worshippers felt so much for the people thousands of miles away who had lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods that they dug deep for a retiring collection and together donated the magnificent total of £550 to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal organised by the DEC, of which Christian Aid is a founder member. Thank you all - members, local residents and holidaymakers - for your generous response.

We have just had two lovely days at our Church. First there was Pentecost Sunday, which as you know was May 24th. This is also our Birthday Sunday so the Church was decorated with flags and balloons. We also had the Boys' Brigade from Bradford, which was lovely. We had party poppers and Stephen came out with an umbrella up and a raincoat on. Someone let off a party popper above the umbrella, demonstrating that if you did that the Spirit would only land on the umbrella! Then he lit the candles on the cake, asking the boys to blow them out...but they couldn't! (Magic candles!) We sang "Teach me to Dance.... and the boys did.

Lunch was then served and in the afternoon we had our Annual Church Meeting. We all agreed it had been a lovely day.

On the Tuesday, 26th, the Salvation Army Caravan Club came to our Church and gave us a lovely concert, supported by Stephen. They have been visiting us for 32 years and it's good meeting up once a year. After the concert tea, coffee and biscuits were served. Another lovely day.

Thank you to everyone who helped.

Jean Broadway (Ex Steward)

Downham Market

Ladies Friendship Circle -

Our Open Evening on June 3rd was a great success. We had a very happy time with entertainment from Howard (Pats husband) playing his violin accompanied by Heather on the piano. We had a light buffet and a raffle. We had 23 members and 7 visitors.

July 1st is our AGM and this is being chaired by Rev Maurice Stafford.

July 15th is a Surprise evening

July 20th is a Bring and Buy for the Deep Sea Mission

This will be the last meeting of our year

We open again on Wednesday September 9th with a "Get together" evening
Have a lovely break through the summer months

Margaret Fox

We are really into Summer now, albeit an English Summer with some hot days and others wet and cold. I always say other folks have climate, very predictable hot days, while we have weather, changing from one moment to the next which makes us more resourceful.

Our weekly Saturday coffee mornings are still well attended with new folk coming to join the faithful regulars. The refreshments with home made cakes are definitely a lure, together with the bargains to be had on the bric a brac stall, and our extensive library. My plant stall has been particularly busy with gardeners getting into the full swing of replacing spring bulbs and plants for summer planting. With perennials, shrubs, bedding plants, herbs, bean, tomato and strawberry plants, I usually have something to make a sale. My thanks to my customers who break up their perennial clumps and bring me unwanted bits which I can then pot up. It's amazing what does grow from tiny sprigs, and as for bulbs, to my mind they are the equivalent to the mustard seed parable.

Janet and John Roust have a fair trade stall once a month on Sunday mornings and John now has the new Fair Trade Catalogue if anyone wishes to borrow it to order anything special

Our Messy Church was a year old last Friday when there were nearly 50 children with adults and family members, bringing the total attendance to the nineties. The youngsters made a long banner with the words 'Praise the Lord' in different languages and they made paper windmills and planes. With a story, some songs and super food, balloons and a party bag to take home the first birthday party was a very happy occasion. We would like to record our thanks to the wonderful team of helpers, both from our own Church and others and to our Church members for their prayers and support for the hard work and leadership of Hazel and John. We praise God for calling and empowering this work which is producing such good fruit.

There has not been a meeting of Churches Together in Downham Market for a while, but I understand that a co-ordinator is still needed for the local food bank to take over from Alex who needs to hand on this task because of pressure of work. Contact Alex on 01366 384474 to get more details if you think you could help. Meanwhile the foodbank is still in need of instant coffee, sugar, UT milk, fruit juices and squash. Donations can be left in the box in our social centre or at Barclays Bank.

Our social centre continues to attract good numbers. The kitchen refurbishment is completed and refreshments are served all the morning, Monday to Friday, with a good cooked lunch at 12.00. There is a large box of assorted games for folk who want to stay for a while and we are grateful that,

with the social centre open on weekdays, our coffee mornings on Saturdays and of course services on Sundays, our Church is open every day of the week to welcome anyone in to pray, spend a quiet time or just have fellowship with other folks.

Half the year gone already and summer holidays looming; much relief for our young folk who have been taking their exams and will be glad to get them over and relax for the rest of the summer. We all enjoy our summer break from normal routine activities to recharge our batteries and perhaps spend time to stop and stare and marvel at the beautiful scenery God has created for us to enjoy. Enjoy your summer.

Joan Macey

St Faith's

As many of you reading this will already know, the Rector of St Faith's Church, Canon Beryl Wood, is retiring on ill-health grounds.

A farewell service for Canon Beryl is being held at St Faith's Church on July 26th at 9.45am. Everyone is warmly welcomed to attend this service when there will be an opportunity to give thanks to God for Canon Beryl's ministry among our Anglican and Methodist members.

During the special service, there will be prayers said for Canon Beryl's continued restoration to good health and for her new life in retirement.

It will be a sad occasion for us at St Faith's because over the five years that she has been Rector we have come to know her well and to love her.

We will give thanks for the many gifts she has brought to us, in the way she has led the clergy team at St Faith's and be reminded of the many aspects of worship and pastoral care with which she has been involved.

It will be the second time that we have said our farewells to Canon Beryl because, as many of you will recall, she first came to St Faith's more than 20 years ago when she served her curacy among us when the Rev Canon Dennis Rider was Rector.

Canon Beryl was one of the pioneers of women's ministry within the Church of England, and together with the Rev Kathleen Lees, also of St Faith's, was one of the first women to be ordained as priest in the Norwich diocese.

Canon Beryl says the period since February this year when she became unwell with a mini stroke has been a "huge challenge" for her.

She writes: "I had struggled at Christmas 2014 and, though I had a rest afterwards, when I came back within a month I was struggling again, this time with a couple of minor strokes. I had to stop and, in hindsight, I am pleased I did for what followed really knocked me for six".

Canon Beryl says she is now getting back to her old self and adjusting to the changes in her well-being.

She said: "It is never an easy decision to retire and I had put it off for two years, wanting to carry on. I persuaded myself that with careful management of my time, and creating more space for my wellbeing, I could keep going. Yet I never really acknowledged the seriousness of my illness until the added worry of another series of minor strokes."

Canon Beryl talks of her time as Rector of Gaywood as "challenging, enjoyable, surprising, rewarding and much, much more".

"I have enjoyed our Church family at St Faith's and valued their love and support. We have journeyed together through good times and tough times and, with God's help, we have come through to see another day and another challenge," she said

She added: "I want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone for sharing my five years among you and I hope and pray that you will stay together as the family of God in this place and prepare to welcome a new Rector."

Fortunately, we will still be seeing Canon Beryl in the area because she is to move from the Rectory at the end of August to live in retirement in South Wootton. She officially retires on 17th August.

On Saturday, 25th July, there is to be a farewell afternoon tea party for Canon Beryl in the Rectory Gardens (if wet the party will be held in Phase One of the Church Rooms). The event starts at 2.30pm and continues until around 5pm. Everyone is invited to come along and wish Canon Beryl a happy retirement. We hope that we will send her off into retirement with a lovely, relaxed afternoon which is to be attended by people from her previous parishes in various parts of the country.

St Faith's catering manager Gill Hiles would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to contribute to the party by making savoury items or cakes. Contact can be made with Gill via the Church Office on 01553 774916 between 9am and 12 noon weekdays.

Anyone who would like to make a financial donation to a retirement gift for Canon Beryl can do so by putting a donation into special envelopes that are available in church or from the Church Office.

And now for something completely different as they say.

St Faith's Church is to celebrate Open Churches Week at the beginning of August by having an Artist-in-Residence. Between August 2nd and 9th, church member Mary-Rose Upton, with a couple of fellow artists, will be based inside the church. Mary-Rose will be welcoming people from the community to come into the church and be creative, seeking inspiration from the fabric of the ancient church and its furnishings.

Mary-Rose explains about the concept of an Artist-in-Residence.

She says the aim is to offer artists a time and space away from their usual environments and obligations. Artists-in-Residence provide a time of reflection, research, presentation and /or production. She says they can also

allow an individual to explore his/her practice within a particular community and thereby meeting new people, using new materials, experiencing life in a new location.

In Mary-Rose's words "Art residences emphasise the importance of meaningful and multi-layered cultural exchange and immersion into a particular culture". It is the first time that an Artist-in-Residence has been based in St Faith's Church so why not call in and share in the creative spirit of Mary-Rose and discover more about her and her art. You will certainly find it an interesting and stimulating experience.

The popular Saturday coffee mornings in Gaywood Church Rooms continue with the next session on 4th July and the event the next month on 1st August. These opportunities to mix together over a cup of coffee or tea and a piece of delicious home-made cake or a scone have become increasingly popular with St Faith's Church members. The sessions start at 10.30am. Donations of home-made cakes are always welcome, as are prizes for the raffle table.

Richard Parr

Dersingham

Our Flower Festival is over for another year and we all greatly appreciated the support from so many people which enabled us to raise the sum of £2,457.08. £500 of this will be donated to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Wheel Chair Appeal. Visitors included not only those from the village and around the Circuit but also holiday-makers from far and wide, some with church connections and some with none. A few filled in leaflets asking for more information about us and these are being followed up. The children from the local school entertained us well, as usual, on the Thursday and Friday mornings and Steve has been invited to visit the school. The organ playing was enjoyed by the visitors and in one case brought back memories to a dementia sufferer and set her singing and dancing, much to the delight of her daughter-in-law! Two previous ministers, the Rev. Kim Nally and the Rev Pam Bayliss, also joined us. On Sunday the Rev. Julian Pursehouse led the morning service and stayed for the bring-and-share lunch where he was able to meet people before leaving with a gift of a rose bush and little presents for his children. He was most impressed with everything! At the evening Songs of Praise we were joined by our Anglican and Catholic friends and Steve presented the vicar, the Rev. Michael Brock and his wife with a token of good wishes as they leave for pastures new in Nottinghamshire shortly. The Anglicans always appreciate the good singing when they join us after all, Methodism was born in song! The collection of £262 at the evening service was for the Nepal Earthquake Fund.

Our monthly mid-week Communion Services continue throughout the summer, as do our social activities such as the community lunches, coffee mornings, Chicken Foot evenings, bowls, Jigsaw Club and Needles and Pins Group.

Rosemary Caink

Stow Bridge

I hope U R all OK.

Most of us older folk get left behind with modern jargon, words and signs.

On my 82nd birthday my oldest girl sent me a card with some of the so called Text Speak for old persons!

ATD: At the Doctors

BYOT: Bring your own teeth.

CRAFT: Can't remember a flipping thing.

FWIW: Forgot where I was.

GHA: Got heartburn again




IMHO: Is my hearing aid on?

LMDO: Laughing my dentures out.


WMK: Where's my keys?

WBGOMTM: Wheelie bin goes out more than me.


Writing this squit, you might say I'm over the top. (OTT)

But please bear with me a moment. One of the more familiar signs we see is a  in place of the word Love. I  my dog, I  my car, etc. etc.. There are many things we love. God's love in relation to many of our loves is so much greater and is above all the other loves.

God's love to us is Divine Love, which is the greatest love of all.

Faith, hope, , the greatest of these is love.

The Flower Festival will be over by now and I've experienced the scent of flowers that fill the church everywhere. Being a small church the scent is contained better and in anticipation the C of E and Methodist folk thank all concerned for the wonderful weekend.

All our 

Peter Hewitt

Pott Row

Many thanks to all the people who came to our Quiz. It was a very friendly atmosphere, with the room being nearly full. Well done the winners. The money raised went in our chapel funds.

Our Coffee Morning and BBQ is on Saturday August 15th 11am -2.0pm, at 62 Low Road Congham (Kindly hosted by Albert and Marjorie Peach)

Entrance £2 to include Tea/Coffee and cake. Children enter free.

BBQ , Bric a Brac, Cake, Plants,Raffle

Proceeds to Pott Row Church.

Look forward to seeing you.

We are holding another "Strawberry Tea" this year, joining with the Good Companions. There will be plenty of food and fun. The entertainment will be by the "Springwood Cello Group" (Local children) The date is Saturday July 11th at 3 pm. Hope to see you there.

Jenny Baker

Hilgay

On Sunday June 7th we had a wonderful Anniversary Service celebrating 144 years of worship in our current building. The service was conducted by Rev Arthur Windridge, who was accompanied by Maureen, his wife and Kathryn, one of his two daughters.

After giving us a bit of history on Hilgay Methodists and looking at the present Church, Arthur encouraged us for the future by mentioning work in progress at 'The Spire', Methodist Church in Poole where their other daughter Hilary and her husband Pete and their children worship.

The motto for this Church is, Loving God,
 Following Jesus,
 Serving Community.

An excellent motto for all churches to have. All of our hymns mentioned these things and I'm sure we felt inspired by the readings and Arthur's words to us. It was lovely to meet up with the Windridge family again and to share a Fellowship Lunch with people from the village and beyond.

Thanks to all who joined us on this joyous occasion, Our second attempt in this year of 'Radical Hospitality'. Please keep an eye open for events in the future.

Pauline Driver.

Terrington St Clement

M.W.i B.(Network) Mary Houghton welcomed Michelle Walker, who spoke about Action for Children. Her work involves the Vancouver Centre at Kings Lynn and meetings at the Community Centre at Hunstanton. They cover various family issues, including safeguarding and encouraging healthy eating and exercise. They are also involved with Sure Start centres. Michelle was thanked for her very interesting talk.

Frauke Adkins was the speaker at the next meeting and told us about a book she had read, "The Weight of Silence" by Heather Gudenkauf . She told us about the book club she belongs too, and encouraged us to find pleasure in a good book.

In the three weeks Network doesn't meet we hope to meet for tea and a chat, and possibly have a bring and buy stall. All welcome . The dates are Wednesdays July 22nd August 5th and August 19th.

New Beginnings theme was the Holy Spirit, we had a discussion and sang hymns accompanied by Jackie on the guitar . We were given a sheet about the Holy Spirit and encouraged to read a section each day until our next meeting. Our Easter offering was £53. 30 and was presented at the London Road service.

A poem

GIFTS

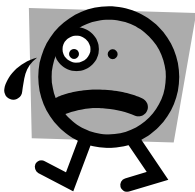
Let us give and give again all that we possess,
not from the purse but from the heart, bright smiles and kindness.
The helping hand, the loving thought, the friendly word of praise, encouraging
some lonely soul through dark and stormy days .
The very poorest may be lavish with these lovely gifts,
without a penny we may give the kindness that uplifts.
God never stints. He gives to men his riches from above,
then may we give abundantly the good gift of our LOVE.

Linda Howling

North Lynn and the Revd Rebecca Rogers – Methodist Welcome on 9th July.

Exciting developments are taking place at North Lynn. On 28th June (the same day as Catherine's ordination!) a new Anglican Priest is being welcomed in King's Lynn: the Rev Rebecca (Becca) Rogers. Becca will spend 50% of her time in the role of vicar of St John's and 50% as a member of the Minster team with a particular focus on the mission of the church in North Lynn, working alongside the Methodist congregation and in the Methodist building. It is hoped that, in time, Becca will be living in a new purpose-built vicarage alongside our North Lynn Church. Currently she will be living in the St John's vicarage. Becca's presence will open up new opportunities for our work in North Lynn and will build on the good relationships we already have with Anglican friends there. A "Methodist" welcome for Becca is being planned for the evening of Thursday 9th July at 7.30 pm. Members and friends of North Lynn will be there, but we would like to invite people from around the Circuit so that we can assure Becca of our wider support and prayers as she sets out in this new appointment. So do come and join with us at North Lynn for this special service.

Andrew Maguire



Any items for the **SEPTEMBER** edition should be with the editor by **AUGUST 12th**, earlier if possible. **If you don't get an acknowledgment of emails PLEASE 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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Circuit Pastoral Day

At London Road
On Saturday October 10th
9.30 for 10

Jackie Smith

Speaking on

Mind and Mental Health Issues

Lunch is provided. Donations towards the cost will be welcomed.

Please inform Phyllis Bowman
01553 67128 if you will be there.

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE - Wednesday May 20th at London Road

This Service was led by Revd Catherine Dixon. Eleven Churches were represented and six of them took part in the Service which was headed "The Leaves of the Tree" On the back of the paper leaf we had been given we were invited to write the name of a nation to pray for, these were then hung on a 'prayer tree' Most were understandably for Nepal as it had world wide media attention at that moment. Stories from Croatia, Sri Lanka, Kenya were used. What great Mission is happening in those countries. The whole meaning of the Easter Offering Service is about Mission; World Mission.

A really good afternoon, but oh the very wet weather!

Approximately 40 people came, including 5 men - well done them.

Thank you Margaret, Evie and Cliff for serving teas. Thank you Mary for your illustration on the Tree of Life.

A total of £1746-94 has been paid into Fund for World Mission as a result of this year's donations. This is up on last year and does not include any gift aid which will be collected by the Finance Dept at Methodist Church House. An extremely good effort. Thank you everyone.

Phyllis Bowman – Circuit President MWiB

PRAYER HANDBOOK 2015/16 – PILGRIMS ON A JOURNEY

Prayer Handbooks for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders, ministers and supernumeraries will be provided free of charge. Please let me know by **21st July** at the latest if you would like me to order a copy for you.

Churches are also able to receive a copy free of charge, stewards please let me know if you require a copy.

Copies can be ordered as in previous years for anyone else wanting a copy either through your church contact or by contacting me.

The cost of handbooks is £3.35 each. Large print copies are available at the same cost. Delivery will be mid-August approx.

LWPT DIARIES

Please let me know by 21st July if you require a diary, cost £5.50, may be lower if 10 or more copies ordered. Delivery should be early September.

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Theme: "A Touch of Wonder"

Flower Festival

2nd. - 5th. July 2015

*Stalls - Refreshments - Music - Children's Area
Admission & Programme - Free*

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 - 5;
Sunday 12 noon - 6 p.m.**

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 be shared between
Sheringham Playpark Revamp and Sheringham Woodfields School



CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY SERVICE

Many thanks to all those who came to my Testimony service in May – I hope you found it as joyful and uplifting as I did. Thank you too for all your kind words, cards and prayers as I prepare for ordination and all the support you have given me since I arrived in the Circuit. I feel truly blessed.

We have another opportunity to meet and worship together at our Circuit service on Saturday 18th July. Last year we celebrated together the coming of the spirit at Pentecost; this year we celebrate the Fruits of the Spirit. Roland Hamon and Stephen Watts will be receiving certificates for 60 years service as Local Preachers, and we hope to welcome Heather Brown as a Local Preacher by transfer from the United Reform Church. Our preacher will be the District Chair, the Rev Julian Pursehouse, and it will be my great privilege as a newly ordained Presbyterian to celebrate Holy Communion. It will be a rare opportunity for us to share together as a Circuit around the Lord's Table and to share in Communion together.

The service is at 3pm and tea and cake will follow. Parking is available at the tax office next door to London Road and in nearby public car parks.

Circuit Prayer Afternoon: Saturday 5th September

Looking ahead to the start of the Methodist year in September, we will be holding a prayer afternoon on Saturday 5th September from 2pm at Pott Row Chapel. There will be opportunities to reflect and to share concerns, and prayer stations to help focus our devotions. At 4pm there will be a service in which we will offer our prayers for the life and direction of our Circuit.

The first part of the afternoon will be very informal – please feel free to pop in for just five minutes or two hours, to dip in and out of the prayer stations as you feel comfortable or to write down your concerns.

At 4pm we will have a more traditional service in which we will root ourselves in worship and offer our prayers through words and hymns and silence. You are warmly encouraged to come to the service even if you have not been to the earlier part of the afternoon.

If you have any questions about either of these Circuit events please do get in touch.

Catherine

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CIRCUIT SERVICE
A Celebration of Ministry

London Road Methodist Church
Saturday 18th July 3pm

Led by the Rev Andrew Maguire
Preacher: the Rev Julian Pursehouse,
District Chair
Celebrant: the Rev Catherine Dixon

Special guests: Mr Roland Hamon
and Mr Stephen Watts
who will be receiving certificates in
recognition of 60 years service as
Local Preachers

All welcome

A patient told his doctor, "Them pills you give me are great.
Only trouble is they makes me walk like a crab!"
The doctor said, "Yes, that's the side effect!"

IT'S FREE
**RADICAL
HOSPITALITY**
Methodist Church



WHERE...

**Heacham Methodist
Church**



WHAT...

Inspiring & Joyful Music



for heart & soul by

REVELATION and

2 YANKS AND A BRIT



WHEN...

**Saturday 25th July
from 2.30pm**

Free food & refreshments

Be Uplifted and Fed!

.West Norfolk Methodist Circuit Diary July 2015 onwards

Thursday 2nd July – Sunday 5th Sheringham Flower Festival

Thursday 9th July Methodist Welcome for the Rev Rebecca Rogers at North Lynn at 7.30pm

Saturday 11th July Strawberry Tea at Pott Row

Saturday 11th July Fellowship Breakfast at Hilgay at 8.30 am

Saturday August 8th Fellowship Breakfast at Wimbotsham at 8.30

August 12th DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE

Saturday 18th July at 3pm – Circuit “Celebration of Ministry” service – preacher Revd Julian Pursehouse, Chair of the District. A very special event in the Circuit. More details inside. Please put the date in your diary!

Saturday 25th July Radical Hospitality at Heacham from 2.30 pm

Saturday 5th September Circuit Prayer at Pott Row from 2pm

Saturday 19th September Fellowship Breakfast at St. Germans

Saturday 10th October Pastoral Day for All at London Road 9.30 for 10

Saturday 17th October Fellowship Breakfast at Marham at 8.30

Saturday 14th November Fellowship Breakfast at Downham Market at 8.30

Saturday 12th December Fellowship Breakfast at Southery at 8.30