

Rejoice!

October 2018



God is gathering his harvest

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

I'm writing this article at the end of August, the deadline being the beginning of September. The children have had a really good summer break full of various activities. It started off with attending the Hilgay Vintage and Country Show after I led worship at the Hilgay Chapel on the 5th of August. I wasn't sure what to expect, Lesley Dent had recommended it the year before but I hadn't been able to make it. We were there for just over an hour but we really enjoyed ourselves looking at the various vintage items on display; the vintage vehicles, the different shows and displays. The weather and atmosphere was good and so I'm really glad we were able to make it this year. We also attended the Zimbabwean festival called Zimfest in Kempton Park, London. Having taken Nathan and Petra to Zimbabwe for the first time ever in 2017, this was good way to remind them of the culture and people. The music, the food, the general vibe was great. It was very well organised and we all had a really good day. We also went to Sheffield to the Sheffield FlyDSA Arena to see a show called Cirque Du Soleil a.k.a OVOCIRQUE- a world renowned show that was most enjoyable but a bit difficult to explain. James Scarborough of the Huffington Post says, 'The only way to understand and thereby appreciate "OVO's" poetic energy of discovery is to experience it for oneself.'

We spent some time at the Alive Leisure Centre in Downham Market, which I think is really good at offering a varied number of children's activities during the school breaks at affordable prices. We also spent some time at the Swan Project/Youth Centre that's situated across the road from Downham Market Methodist Church. I was able to meet some of the staff that work with the young people and my hope is that we will be able to get together at some point in the coming year to put on an event which will enable staff, children, parents, church members and others who use the church building to know each other more and build relationships as church and community.

In my third year, I'm hoping to build on the work that I have been doing in the last two years such as working with schools in Downham Market, Hilgay, Ten Mile Bank and hopefully Southery.

I have also been in touch with the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich and will be studying for a Level 3 qualification in youth work delivered by the Institute for Children, Youth and Mission. I think that young people in today's world face a number of challenges in their development including issues such as mental health amongst many others. I hope to learn more about working with young people both in our local churches and in the wider community.

Deacon Irene

Praying together in the Circuit

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6: 21
Jesus taught his disciples how to live to honour God and encouraged them to store up heavenly treasure because our hearts will be where our treasure is.

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure,
truest, friend to me.

Long my heart hath panted, till it well-nigh fainted,
thirsting after thee.

Thine I am, O spotless Lamb,

I will suffer naught to hide thee, ask for naught beside thee.

[Author Johann Franck 1653 translated by Catherine Winkworth].

Jesus is our treasure; we give ourselves, our hearts to him because he gave himself to us and for us. God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Valuing our treasure our desire is to worship him, to honour him, to have Kingdom values, invest in Kingdom growth, to sow seeds of love, faith, prayer, serving and giving under the authority of the King.

Lord you treasure each person and have poured out your sacrificial love for the salvation and redemption of mankind. Engage our hearts with yours as we live to share the greatest treasure offered to all people.

Hear our prayers for those who are unaware of your love, your mercy, your grace. Touch their lives; hold them secure in your redeeming love. For those who have low self-esteem and struggle to find purpose in their lives. Help them to come to the realisation of how you value them, of your unconditional love, a love which will not let them go.

Colossians 2: 2 – 4 The Message

I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God, then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery. All the richest treasures of wisdom and knowledge are embedded in that mystery and nowhere else.

Prayers have been requested for:-

Derek + Viv, Stephanie, Janice, Amy, Trisha, Linda, Andrew, Mavis Julia, Rachel, Judy, Dulcie+ Neil, Kelly, Kath, Stephen + Victoria, William, Tom, Ken + Norman, Brian Osborne, Sarah.

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Any items for the **NOVEMBER** edition should be with the editor by **OCTOBER 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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Craft Fairs
Saturday 27th October
Saturday 10th November
9am - 3pm
At Downham Market
Methodist Church

For enquiries phone 01366 387495

Around the churches



Terrington St Clement

M.W.i B. "Network" resumed on 5/9/18 after the Summer break.

Speaker Pauline Gadsden told us of her time caring at a home for retired Local Preachers.

She shared some of her happy memories of the residents and how she enjoyed it, most of the time!

Our Harvest Weekend is 6th and 7th October. On Saturday there will be a coffee morning with stalls and we will be having a meal on Sunday following our Harvest service taken by Rev. Andrew Maguire.

Saturday Knit and Natter continues to be well attended and we are grateful to all who support us.

Linda Howling

Hilgay

HILGAY GUILD will begin its new session on Tuesday October 2nd at 2:30 pm when our Speaker will be Deacon Janet Stafford who also happens to be our Guild President. All are welcome to join us for these afternoons of varied interests. We meet fortnightly October to April.

On Saturday 6th October we are holding a Harvest Lunch. !2; 00 for 12:30 pm. Tickets £5:00 each, available from Pauline (01366 387317) or Lesley (01366 387337) Proceeds for Hilgay Methodist Church and All we can. (The Methodist Relief and Development Charity)

The Menu will be Sausage, Mash and Peas, followed by Apple Crumble and Custard or cream.

On Sunday 7th October Our Harvest Festival will be led by Mr Keith Penn from the Ely Circuit. Please join us if you are able to for this occasion beginning 10am.

Pauline Driver.

Downham Market

Ladies' Friendship Circle

The October meetings are October 10th A talk by Jenny from the Cats Protection League

October 24th is Fish and Chip supper.

We are always looking for new members just come along and see what we do.

Margaret Fox

It is still beautifully colourful along my morning riverbank walk, but some strong winds, albeit not too cold, herald the arrival of Autumn. The other week I was delighted to see an otter lolloping along the bank, quite a way in front of me and going so fast I couldn't get any nearer. It proves the river is quite clean and healthy and full of fish - at least before he arrived. The weather has been very kind on Saturday mornings when my plant stall is open and getting busier as folk prepare for autumnal planting of shrubs and perennials for next year. Thinking of the bleak winter months with not much colour I have bought a winter flowering evergreen clematis, though white flowers will not show up much against snow; an Australian wattle to provide yellow mimosa in January/February and some saracococco (winter box) which will give some nice scent. If the weather does not get too severe we could even have roses blooming at Christmas.

While I have been busy selling plants outside the Church, inside the bric a brac stall has had some delightful items and lots of lovely cuddly toys, including dogs, rabbits and ducks as well as the usual

teddy bears and of course we have an extensive library; books are so useful for winter evenings when there is nothing worth watching on TV so come and pay us a visit to stock up for Christmas. The home-made cakes are worth popping in for even if you don't find anything to buy. Now that the kitchen floor has been relaid and all the furniture put back and reconnected our regular clientele can get their daily freshly cooked lunches again. Numbers have increased recently and our stalwart volunteers are almost run off their feet but Thursday is not too busy, so if you would like to sample our lunches call in on a Thursday to enjoy good food and company. I must record our thanks to Mary Rose who chaired the Social Centre Committee for many years but who has now decided to step down due to pressure of other activities. What would we do without all our willing volunteers who serve for many years?

We are now preparing for our Harvest celebrations which will give a welcome boost to the food bank as many Churches and schools send their donations to the Downham bank which is helping so many families who are having a difficult time. Harvest Festival, when we give thanks for all the blessings we have received; when our Churches are so colourful with flowers, fruit and vegetables and the old harvest hymns are sung so gustily, is such a joyous time, as is the fellowship at the shared lunch after the morning service. Later this month we have a quiz and pudding evening with half the proceeds going to the Churches Together Christmas Hamper Fund and the remainder to our own Church funds. At the last meeting of Churches Together it was decided to repeat the format which was so successful last year, that is hampers for singles, couples and families (geared to the number of children) containing everything for Christmas Day from frozen turkeys, ready to thaw out at the right time with all the trimmings to crackers and sweets and toys for the children (selected for the right age). Such a lot of work to be done but so worthwhile. Last year's hampers were so gratefully and sometimes tearfully received. Nearer to Christmas there will be an appeal for volunteers to help shop, pack and deliver, so watch this space.

Meanwhile we carry on with our outreach in all ways we can. We have had some weddings during the Summer and quite a few baptisms recently and are now going to be managing without Maurice for three months. He seems to manage to be everywhere at once and I know that the lunchers in the social centre will miss him, as shall we but it won't be long before he is back with us, hopefully with batteries recharged ready for the busy Christmas festivities. When one is young a year is a very long time, but us older ones find the years fly past, something to do with how big a fraction of your life the period is. However fast the time flies let us make the most of every day and the opportunities it brings to help those less fortunate than ourselves. God bless

Joan Macey

Gaywood St Faith's

October looks set to be a busy month at St Faith's Church with a variety of different services and social events taking place. Following the "Revving it up....." motorbike sponsored memorial challenge, successfully completed in August by St Faith's Rector, the Rev Julie Boyd, her husband, Matthew and their daughter Hattie the amount of funds raised at the time of writing this article (10th September) totalled £9,000. This is an amazing total for such a brave and novel fund-raising challenge. Donations can still be paid into the Church office or handed to St Faith's Church treasurer Andy Hiles or his wife, Gill.

The intrepid trio had set off on their motorbikes from the church driveway on August 13th after a blessing by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev Graham James. There was a carnival-like atmosphere as crowds turned out to wish the Boyd family Good Luck and God Speed on their exciting and courageous journey. Prayers were said on the day and while they were away for the Boyd family who were retracing the last major route motorbike ride by their 20-year-old son, Andrew, who tragically took his own life in

September last year. There was much relief when the family returned safely home to Gaywood having combined the expedition with their own personal summer holiday break.

For those church members, who, because of disability or being house-bound, were not able to get to St Faith's harvest celebrations on 30th September, there is to be a special service of Holy Communion to celebrate harvest on Tuesday 2nd October at 2pm at St Faith's Church. The service will be followed by a cup of tea and a slice of cake. Anyone requiring a lift to this service and a lift home afterwards should contact Mike Ranger on 01553 672010 with their name, address and contact number.

Bidding is likely to be brisk at a Mystery Auction being staged at Gaywood Church Rooms on Saturday, 20th October at 7pm. The evening is being organised by Pat and Patsy Jackson, the enterprising couple who were responsible for the most enjoyable Chips and Quiz evening back in May. Both the quiz evening and the mystery auction are to raise funds for the Bungalow Project. The evening will include cheese and wine.

A small team, working under the direction of St Faith's Team Vicar, the Rev Karlene Kerr, have been planning an exhibition to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One.

The display, which will also include a selection of WW1 memorabilia and documents, will tell the personal stories of some of those brave men and women from Gaywood who gave their lives during the 1914-18 conflict. The exhibition is due to open in church on Monday 8th October and continue until Remembrance Sunday.

Closely associated with the exhibition will be a vigil in church on Saturday 10th November between 2pm and 8pm. The vigil is set to include readings of WW1 poetry, Bible readings and prose readings from the period. There will also be prayers and time for reflection.

Saturday, 6th October, sees the latest in the increasingly popular Saturday Coffee and More Morning. Everyone is welcome to come along from 10am until 12 noon for friendly conversation and coffee (or tea). There will also be a selection of trade and charity stalls and a

raffle. Admission is free and free coffee (or tea) refills are available as well as a selection of edibles.

October 28th at 6.30pm sees the annual All Souls service at St Faith's Church. This is always a moving, poignant and positive service.

During the service names of all those people in the parish who died during the past year and whose funerals were held either in church or at the Lynn Crematorium, will be read out by members of the clergy. Those attending the service will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones and to stay for a while afterwards for reflection and to talk to a member of the clergy.

With Christmas just about 11 weeks away (at the time of writing) a small team has been working and meeting quietly, behind-the-scenes, to plan the 2018 Christmas Tree Festival at St Faith's. This year will be the fourth Festival and each event has attracted many visitors to our lovely church.

As in past Festivals, there will be about 30 mainly real Christmas trees decorated by a variety of groups including local schools, charity groups and church groups.

The church takes on a "magical winter wonderland" appearance when all the trees are illuminated particularly when the light fades in late afternoon.

There are also two concerts being staged as part of the four-day Festival, a variety concert on the opening night of 7th December and a concert by a West Norfolk Community Choir the following evening.

For more information about the Festival, and to find out ways in which you or your group can take part, please contact churchwarden Susie Cranko-Page or deputy churchwarden Richard Parr. Lots of volunteer help will also be needed for such tasks as stewarding when the Festival is open, assistance with refreshments, clearing up afterwards and in various other ways.

Talking of Christmas, it is hoped to once again invite people, who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day, to come to the Gaywood Church Rooms for a free traditional three-course Turkey lunch.

The first one was staged last year and proved to be successful.

Anyone who would like to attend the lunch, or would like to volunteer to help, is asked to contact the church office on 01553 774916 and leave your contact details and someone will get back to you.

Richard Parr

Wimbotsham

What a joy it is to walk into Church on Sunday mornings and hear friendly chatter of people sharing news of their past week, the good and not so good; just like a family should be. The Lord is so good to us; He breathes life into His people. After the service we meet for coffee and more chat. This is also a good time to meet with our preacher of the day.

Our fortnightly Bible studies are in full flow. These are bringing out lots of thoughts, discussions and sometimes concerns. This has moved on to us starting a Prayer Meeting once a month. All are welcome to share with us in these meetings. It is open house.

Our thoughts and prayers are especially with those members of our Church who are not able to attend our meetings and services due to ill health. We miss them all.

October brings our first Coffee Morning event which is on Saturday 20th October at 10.30 am. There will be hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits to enjoy as well as a bric-a-brac stall.

On Saturday 8th September, the day of the sponsored Churches Trust event, we welcomed those who called in. It was so good to meet and encourage them on their way. Thanks to all.

One more little piece of news is that it is so lovely to see members of our congregation taking part in our CFS services. It is wonderful to see the Lord at work in these times of sharing our love to each other.

Mick Banks

Stow Bridge

As I write in the latter days of August I would like to share a few varied thoughts of things I have seen in this wonderful world.

Feeding all at one time on our nut feeders were seven long tailed tits: their feathers black, grey, white and pink. They do seem to gang up and keep together. A tiny bird with a tiny beak. But really I couldn't believe my eyes when this happened, to see this big family (or mates) feeding together. And this has happened for a few days now. Although we haven't seen the lesser spotted woodpecker on the feeder for a couple of weeks now.

Travelling to Wisbech and returning from Downham, it's been lovely to see the flowers on the New Cut bridge railings. You get a different colour of flowers as you journey one way and a different picture as you travel the opposite way. This must have been planned by the council gardeners for the bridge and around the town. They have been well looked after in the very hot weather. *He gave us eyes to see them.*

On holiday in Spain about twenty years ago we were given this to help us learn the language.

Ce senora dar daigo

Forte lorez ina ro.

Demante lorez demiz trucs

Fulo geeze an ens and ducs!

How is your Spanish? Ha Ha!

Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday October 3rd at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Peter Hewitt

My grandad was very mean. He dropped a coin down a rabbit hole and that is how the Grand Canyon came to be!

South Wootton

Ladies' Group has now changed from evening meetings to Tuesday afternoon, 2-3.30. fortnightly, from October 2nd. All are welcome to join us for South Wootton in bloom.

Contact Phyllis Bowman 01553 671288 if you can't find us!!

Dersingham

The work being done in the corridor to the floor and the walls has started, but it is uncertain how long it will take and that rather depends on what the builders find when they start digging! The mid-week Communion service on the 26th September will not take place so the next one will be on Wednesday 25th October at 10 a.m. It is hoped that the Coffee Morning on Saturday 29th September (in aid of the Farming Community Network) will take place as usual, as will the Community lunch on Monday 1st October, the first Monday in the month.

Our harvest services will take place on Sunday 7th October when we welcome the Rev. Catherine Dixon to our pulpit at 10.30 a.m. and the vicar, the Rev. Mark Capron, will take the evening service at 6 p.m. Following the morning service there will be our harvest lunch, a roast dinner this year. The church will be decorated for the harvest services between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. on Saturday 6th October and gifts suitable for the King's Lynn Food Bank can be brought to the church that morning.

On Friday 5th October there will be another Chicken Foot Evening arranged by Rene Hayward, so it will be a busy weekend!

The October Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 27th October between 10 a.m. and 12 noon and will be supporting the project launched by the Rev. Julie Boyd, vicar of St. Faith's, Gaywood, to adapt a bungalow to provide a suitable meeting place for West Norfolk Mind and other groups.

Rosemary Caink

Action for Children

COFFEE MORNING & STALLS

Downham Market Methodist
Church

Saturday 3rd November 10 – 12
noon

Christmas Cards and diaries will be
on sale

Hilgay Methodist Chapel

Armistice Centenary Celebration

7 pm Friday November 2nd

Free event

All welcome

Come and sing, listen to music,
poetry and prose

ROBERT WARD – MISSIONARY TO NEW ZEALAND

When I was stationed at Swaffham one of my village churches was Sporle. I soon learned that It had a very proud history; from here came the first Primitive Methodist to preach in the Southern Hemisphere, Robert Ward, born in Sporle 1816. He was converted at the age of 15 and became a local preacher. After nine years he was chosen as a missionary to Australia. In the meantime he had married Emily Brundell and they set sail in 1844 in the barque "Raymond," Their fourth child was born during the long voyage. Their destination was changed and Robert was sent as a pioneer missionary to New Zealand just three years after the first settlers had arrived. His coming was unexpected and unprepared for but on the first Sunday he preached in the open air on the text "This is a faithful saying..." He toiled on in spite of early discouragements and gathered a few followers together. His hand was strengthened when a group of Bible Christians, who had a small church but no minister, decided to join him. Their union worked well and was never regretted. After a quarter of a century there were three stations in the Colony, all in the North Island, at New Plymouth, Auckland and Wellington. By 1870 there were 396 members. This was regarded as slow progress. I only wish we could mission as effectively in modern Methodism.

The indigenous inhabitants of the islands were Maoris who had come from Polynesia some 700 years previously. Although at first he had been single-handed, after two years Robert was joined by a colleague, so now he found himself able to carry the gospel to the natives of the settlement, many of whom had embraced Christianity. He applied himself to the study of the Maori language and began to preach to the natives. On one occasion he had a huge journey of a hundred miles on foot through rough and dangerous country. With his native guide he had to cross swamps, climb mountains, creep along narrow ledges, and sleep in native villages or even on the sand wrapped in his cloak. Later in his ministry the breaking out of the Taranaki wars between 1860 and 1866 greatly disorganised the work of the infant church. These conflicts, caused by the government breaking promises made in 1840 by the treaty of Waitengi, were between Imperial troops brought over from Australia and the Maoris over land tenure and sovereignty. The Maoris were driven out of a million acres of land. The New Zealand government has recently apologised and offered partial compensation. Two of Robert's sons served as volunteers and one was wounded. It is not known what Robert's attitude was to the

wars. Often he had to minister to the dying and the bereaved. It is to be hoped that he ministered to both sides alike. Life as a pioneer missionary was certainly a struggle.

In all this Emily was a constant support; in fact she wished she were a man so that she could be a missionary too. She bore twelve children, three of whom became ministers. A fuller account of this remarkable couple may be found in "www.myprimitivemethodists.org.uk/page_id_779.aspx" and in H B Kendall's "History of the Primitive Methodist Church", from which I have freely drawn. Robert Ward wrote two books published in England, "Lectures from New Zealand addressed to Young Men" (1862) and "Life among the Maoris in New Zealand" (1872)

Robert died at Wellington in 1878. after a distinguished ministry. His son Frederick wrote in his obituary "He was a good preacher. Having fairly drilled and cultured his mind and being a lover of thoughtful books, his sermons were intellectually strong as well as spiritually rich."

A happy sequel to this story is that today there are 18,546 Methodist members in New Zealand.

John Garfoot

From the Editor

For various reasons I asked the Circuit meeting to consider publishing *Rejoice* bi-monthly. The members agreed and from 2019 the dates for the magazine will be February, April, June, August, October and December.

Some churches often don't tell the rest of us what is about to happen. Hopefully this will be less onerous and we will have more news.

The date for receiving copy will be 12th of the preceding month; i.e. January 12th, March 12th, May 12th, July 12th, September 12th and October 12th. If I have an email address for someone at every Chapel I can remind everyone.

I sometimes feel that copies are being wasted so if you have a surplus please inform me.

Barbara

P.S. Hope you like the new cover. The other one was dated as it was for King's Lynn and Downham sections. I would love a new triple depiction but my computer skills and my imagination aren't that good!
Any offers??!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Carers' Day

Saturday October 13th at
9.15am

at

London Road Methodist Chapel

Speaker: Rev. Sue Martin
Of Tapping House Hospice

For catering purposes please
inform Phyllis Bowman on

01553 671288

All are welcome

District MWiB day at Sheringham Methodist Church on Thursday 11th October 11.00 to 3.30 p.m.

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All are welcome to come on this day of learning, Fellowship with others in the District, chat and worship.

It starts at 10.30 for coffee and after a short act of worship and some news about MWiB, there will be a session led by our keynote speaker for the day Rev. Anne Richardson. Anne is a signer for deaf people and the District Deaf in the Community Officer so it will be very interesting to hear her speak about her work and experiences.

Helen Maguire

This pastoral letter was sent to all Presbyters and Deacons at the start of the new Connexional year in September and is reproduced here for your interest.

The Revd Canon Gareth J Powell
Secretary of the Conference
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Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Perhaps the poet Mary Oliver offers Methodists, setting out on another year, something of a challenge:

Three Things To Remember

*As long as you're dancing, you can break the rules.
Sometimes breaking the rules is just extending the rules.*

Sometimes there are no rules. [A Thousand Mornings 2012]

From the safe distance of one who has no dancing ability I do all the same understand that if you are at least part of the dance then you have some degree of credibility. However faltering the steps (and on occasions there are steps that unintentionally bring pain to others), it is hard to muster the same level of awareness if you merely stand and watch, sitting it out as if the movement is optional or belongs to others. Observers, of course, have an important role to

play. A little beyond the fray, seeing from a different perspective and offering insights that you just cannot have if you are concentrating on the intricate moves of the dance. Yet, there are no mere observers in the Gospel. You are called, and our calling to an immersion in the life of Christ at once makes us participants. Both the intricate detail of the path to Christian perfection and the wider world in which that striving takes place are our concern and our delight. There is no standing back at the start of a new connexional year, wherever we minister.

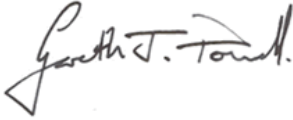
Inevitably, we find ourselves engaged in intricate conversations. As we saw at the Conference, we hold passionate views on understandings of marriage and relationships and that conversation will need careful attention. Some hold firmly to long held views, others have formed new views, and others still are engaged in questioning. Our engagement with the issues has been brought about primarily because of a change in statutory legislation, a dance you may say that was not of our making. Yet our comment, our wrestling, is anything but statutory; it is part of our expression of what we believe about God, and how God creates humankind. pension reserve fund business attracted less interest but our use of resources is equally a conversation about how we live in light of what we know of God. This applies to the Conference and the Church Council.

To participate in the ever-challenging dance of knowing more of God disturbs us from compliancy and even good Methodist order. Thankfully, there is a place for holy subversion as there is for bold, holy challenge of norms and systems. Sometimes we just have to challenge the rules; at other times we simply undertake less heroic acts of bending the rules, but only ever focused on the nature of God. This is when we are at our most faithful, forming and reforming both a personal discipline as well as patterns of connexional life.

Inevitably, the application of the poem has its limits. There is always one rule; the rule of love that gives identity to our being an evangelistic community of love. We must hold fast to the one constant rule of the love of God revealed in Christ calling us to participate. It is only when we are immersed in that that we see the rules for what they are – and make anew a pattern for holy living. It is there that the rules are challenged. It is there, coming face to face with God in the daily round of our tasks that we see the need to break the rules in order to enable new, positive, life-giving things to happen.

So, we pray for one another and urge each other on in the dance, alert to the transformation of our faltering movements. In the routine of a Methodist September and an ever-complex world we must be clear that there is always a rule and the one who calls us has planted it in our hearts. When that is understood the nature of holy living has even greater possibilities.

With gratitude for our continued partnership in the Gospel,



Gareth J Powell

Secretary of the Conference

Saviour of my soul from sin,
Thou my kind preserver be;
'Stablish what Thou didst begin;
Carry on Thy work in me.
All Thy faithful mercies shew;
Hold, and never let me go.

Never let me lose my peace,
Forfeit what Thy goodness gave;
Give it still, and still increase;
Save me, and persist to save.
Seal the grant conferred before;
Give Thy blessing evermore.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Intimate God,
Whose love is not tamed
and whose power does not crush,
you invite us to enter into the fullness of being,
give us courage to respond with our whole lives and to reach out and draw
others into the dance,
that all may come to share in the fullness of life that you offer.

Lotte Webb

West Norfolk Methodist Circuit Diary

OCTOBER 2018 onwards

Monday October 1st MWiB A.G.M. at London Road

Monday October 8th Opening of Exhibition at St Faith's

Thursday October 11th MWiB Autumn District Day

Saturday October 13th 9.15 Carers' Day at London Road

Saturday October 20th Mystery Auction at Gaywood St Faith's 7pm

Saturday October 20th 10.15 am Coffee Morning and bric-a-brac stall at Wimbotsham

Friday November 2nd Armistice Celebration at Hilgay

Saturday November 3rd 10 am Action for Children Coffee Morning at Downham

Saturday 27th October Craft Fair at Downham

Saturday 10th November Craft Fair at Downham