

Rejoice!

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Praying together in the Circuit

For as the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, making it bear and sprout, and providing seed to the sower and bread to the eater. So will my word be which goes out of my mouth, it will not return to me void, without accomplishing what I desire and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. Isaiah 55: 10-11 Amp.

Harvest, the celebration of seeds which have come to life, watered by the rain, growing in the light, they come to fruition, the crops are gathered in and provide food. God creator and provider, life giver, sustainer, enabling the miracle of transformation from seed to crop.

We give thanks for the harvest.

The Spiritual harvest, the seed, the word of God, sown into our hearts. The transformation comes when the word of God comes alive in our hearts, when we repent and believe and are given the new life, which Jesus died and rose again to give us.

In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made, without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Verses from John chapter 1.

The Lord says, It was my will that he should suffer, his death was a sacrifice to bring forgiveness. And so he will see his descendants; He will live a long life, and through him my purpose will succeed.

I am telling you the truth: a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains. John 12:24

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Peter 1:23

We pray for the worldwide Church in its worship and witness, through the word of God and the enlightening and empowering of the Holy Spirit, through our praying, through our co-operating in mission under the Lordship of Jesus, who is the head of his body the Church may your Kingdom come.

So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest.

Ask him to send more workers into the fields. Matthew 9: 38
Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".
Matt 28:18-20

At the beginning of a new Methodist year we commit our Circuit to God and the plans He has for us. We pray for our ministers and the ministry of all believers. We pray for each church for His way forward. For churches which have closed, we give thanks for their witness and ministry throughout the years and pray for encouragement for their members who have been blessed by the fellowship and outreach to their communities. Lord, our God, May the fruit of the Holy Spirit be produced in our lives.

Prayers have been requested for : Derek, Stephanie, Margie,

Janice, Trisha, Linda, Andrew, Mavis and Julia, Judy, Kath,

Stephen + Victoria, William, Tom, Sarah.

Around the churches



London Road

We will be having a Coffee Morning for Missions on October 14th from 10-11.30. Also on that day it will be the Hornby Trains Running Day from 10am– 3.30pm.

Contact me on 01553 631820 for more details.

Rachel Vyse

Wimbotsham

It was just before Christmas 2022 I was invited to the C/E pudding Club. (Hope I've got the name right!) which is held in the Chapel S/S Room. This particular day we had a Christmas dinner with friends and the Pudding Club fell on the same evening. So not too much could we eat but it was a lovely evening, with good fellowship and 8 or 9 puds to sample. I remember my thoughts that evening were, I've found a little gem!

A few months later, chatting with a friend. "We didn't see you last night. It was Pudding Tasting." We didn't know it was a monthly event. Our friend soon gave us the dates of the forthcoming months. So on my second visit my wife came with me and it was Summer Sweets, with tarts, jellies, trifles etc. again with 7 or 8 dishes to taste, ooh and strawberries and cream. Now looking forward to our third visit. I'm a bit like the giant in the nursery story, fee, fie, foe, fum, I smell the food in the Chapel Room! HA!

I'm not recruiting for more members, but our churches have tried to get together, Anglican and Methodist, in the past. Like many others, I don't like 'them' and 'us'. May I also say that St Mary's have not yet started their rebuild after the fire in 2019.

I'm all over the place with my writing but we must say "Thank you" for the lovely flower boxes on the "new" bridge in Downham Market. What lovely gifts Our Lord has given us to see. These are the little gems we all appreciate.

Our little Chapel is well attended, with great Fellowship, many worshippers travelling some miles to be there as their village chapels close, many services

being L.A. and the congregation taking part willingly. And a regular organist is a bonus these days. Thank you Meg.

Peter Hewitt

Wimbotsham is also serving the community as a village Book Group meets there as does the Parish Council. And the C of E holds a meal there once a month.

Downham

A full coach departed for London on 8th June to see 'Les Miserables' at the Sondheim Theatre. Everyone enjoyed the performance and another trip is planned for 20th September to see 'Phantom of the Opera'. Again, it looks like a full coach.

'Fensong' continue to meet on our premises and have their Congregational service at 11-30 each Sunday.

On 18th August we will have hosted 'Songs from Stage and Screen' at 6-30 for 7-30 in support of a 100km trek, by Rev. Paul across the WW1 Frontline to raise funds for ABF The Soldiers' Charity.

On 16th July we had a visit from Maurice Stafford and Janet to celebrate the church anniversary. Between them they led our morning worship.

The deaf community have decided to continue worship with us, at which we are very pleased.

Dudley Pickston

FenSong had been rehearsing their self-written show, "Pied Pipers Inc", since April at the Methodist Function rooms, and there was HUGE community involvement in the show itself.

Owing to sudden illness, no less than 5 characters had to be replaced at short notice, so there were some wonderful local people (Melanie Bartlett, Rob Eves, Pam Purple, Millie-Rose, and Sam Nuttall) who stepped in at the last moment to take on some very challenging roles, so a huge thank you to them. Our normal costumier, bless her heart, spent 30 days out of 31 in July in hospital, and again, a team of local people stepped in to make the costumes for this medieval period play, and it was VERY heart-warming to see. To say that the team was unusual might be an understatement, as on the first session, we were joined by a Methodist, a Catholic, a Christian Spiritualist, a Congregationalist, a Baptist and a Quaker as well as two Christian Agnostics. The Lord does indeed move in mysterious ways.....

We were lucky enough to have been lent a van for the duration of the production from a local firm, so thanks indeed goes to Barry Wells and his team.

At the end of the run of performances, which included Downham Preparatory School, Downham Methodist Church, Stoke Ferry Village Hall, and Nordelph Village Hall, we went on a four day visit to "Cornerstone Baptist Church", King's Lynn, where we were welcomed by the Minister, June Love, and spent three happy nights in their very beautiful and modernised interior to the Church building, where we workshopped local members of the Church, did a performance, then took part in a Baptism the next day of an 82 year old member of the congregation, Joan. The Minister took an All-age service which was fantastic, and as part of the events, which discussed the story of Naaman the leper, not only did the entire congregation take part in a rousing game of "Elisha Says...." (Based on "Simon Says" after Elisha ordered Naaman to wash 7 times in the river Jordan), one of the stewards was brought forward to dress up as Naaman. He was given a fancy cloak and a crown as the King's representative and then covered in red stickers to represent the leprosy. Secretly, FenSong had been given 12 water pistols (filled) which to their great delight, they discharged at the right point in the service to show Naaman being washed clean. Needless to say, our kids LOVED it, but the steward was TOTALLY soaked.

We then spent the afternoon making sandcastles and paddling in the sea at Old Hunstanton, and came home to a fish and chip tea. As the Baptist Church does not have any shower facilities, we were helped by the Linnets football club, who offered us showers every day, and we had a tour around the stands, including the Directors' accommodation!

On the way home in the afternoon of Monday, we had one last shared meal at the Warehouse in Setchey.

Our performance at Downham Methodists was warmly received and we have been helped at all stages by everyone from the Methodist Church whenever we have needed anything but most particularly Chris Mackey who has helped me make costumes and unload props and staging. She is a real gem! FenSong takes on ALL comers: there are no fees and we run on fund-raising and goodwill. Our teachers are fully qualified and DBS checked and our group have many conditions such as Autism, Anxiety, ADHD, spinal conditions and three members have a hearing impairment which is why a song in British Sign language is ALWAYS a must. There are no auditions and each piece is written directly to bring out the best in our cast. Some mainstream children live in situations of acute poverty, and would never ordinarily, be able to afford this sort of Performing Arts training.

As well as performing, we do leisure activities together, and have an extensive plan of events to take part in next academic year, including a visit to the Roller skating rink, supporting a local Panto, a visit to a West End show, and a day out at laser quest and ten pin bowling.

Recently we took a group to watch "Baba Yaga", a play sponsored by the Norfolk Arts Council (Indeed, just as we were!) and written and directed by one of our Mums, the talented Mrs Sky Carver. Not all of the attendees could afford to pay for their tickets, but we find ways of supporting people by staggering payment or subsidising any who wish to go. Financial difficulties NEVER get in our way!

If you know of anyone, adult, or child alike who might want to join us, either as an actor or backstage, please contact me on : 07943523437 .

Best Wishes,

Cate Waters

Stanhoe

Summer is passing - or perhaps we are waiting, like everyone else, for it to arrive. However, whatever the weather, the light of our faith still burns brightly in the hearts of our little congregation.

On 20th May, we were privileged to host the Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Enid Poll. Rev. Ncube conducted the service, and several people paid touching tributes to Enid, including her niece, Lynne, and Valerie Shackcloth, who spoke about the strong ties between our two congregations, and all that Enid had done in the service of Burnham Market Methodist Church. Many friends and family members attended the service, and enjoyed a magnificent tea afterwards, largely provided by her good friend, Jane. We used the bone china tea set which Enid and her late husband, Bert, had presented to Burnham Methodist Church on the occasion of their wedding (a second marriage for them both). We sang her favourite hymns (typically, she had left a list), the sun shone, and altogether, it was an occasion of which Enid would have thoroughly approved and enjoyed. A collection was taken and the family asked us to spend it in purchasing some additional hymn books in Enid's memory - they had noticed that we didn't have enough to go round the larger than usual congregation. What a lovely memorial - Enid did love to sing hymns.

After a morning service at the end of June, we celebrated our Steward, Judith Chaloner's, big birthday (ending with a 0), with cake, flowers and a gift from the congregation.

Now we look forward to the autumn months. Our Harvest Festival Service is to be held on 24th September, when Stephen Harrington will be our preacher. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back Rev. Steve Oliver, who will

be conducting our service of Holy Communion on 8th October.

We continue our ministry of prayer, with our Prayer Chain, which brings those of us who pray, great spiritual blessings, as well as, we hope, being of benefit to those for whom we pray. We also, both prayerfully and practically, support the work of the Kisumu Children's Trust, which supports needy children and their families in Kisumu, Kenya.

Thanks to all the Preachers who find their way to us from sometimes far across the other side of the Circuit. It can be as much as a 70 to 80 mile round trip. What a commitment - we are so appreciative.

Elizabeth MacLeod

South Wootton

Thank you to everyone who shared the afternoon of Sunday 23rd July with us. What good fellowship it was and not sad as many perhaps thought it would be. We were all lifted up by Peter Worrell's reflection on the Christian life. The readings were appropriate, especially Ecclesiastes chapter 3 v 1-8 (my favourite). The singing was just great, like old times! A wonderful afternoon.

Thank you to all who helped to make the day just as it is at South Wootton, or should I say it was.

Some members might feel sad that they are going into a "wilderness" but when one light goes out another will be switched on. I thank all of the South Wootton Methodist Chapel Ladies Group for all of its welcoming happy days. Love to all who have preached here, joined us through the years. Life of worship has not ended, a new life awaits all of us.

God be with you all today and always.

With love, Phyllis Bowman

It's always sad when something comes to an end but what a lovely time we all shared together on the afternoon of August 13th at Southery. The Church was packed, friends were greeting each other, old friends had returned, members of the Parish Church gave their support and there was a lovely atmosphere. Rev. Paul and Rev. Robert shared the service and the singing was great. The refreshments were great too although the cheese scones went before I managed to get one!

We know Southery members will continue to worship God, perhaps with Hilgay, perhaps somewhere else. God moves in mysterious ways.

God will bless Southery folk wherever they are.

At FELTWELL METHODIST CHURCH, COMMUNITY HALL & GARDEN



We have Tremendous Tuesdays!

HobbyCraft 10am – quilting, card-making, felt, chalk, modelling. And enjoy some light refreshment and chat.



Table-Tennis Club

now meets Mondays at 7.00pm and Tuesdays at 1.45pm.

Any skill level or none. Just come along for an afternoon of fun. It's a load o' laughs, which is good for the heart, and the physical exercise loosens those stiff joints. **All ages** welcome.

WWW.garden - Wednesdays We Weed,

The Community Garden is always open for anyone to potter, prune, dead-head, trim, repair. All available hands welcome. Have you a skill to share? Or just come along for a coffee and chat.

Thursday mornings Feltwellbeings meets when members are entertained playing table games, team 'Countdown' or 'Play Your Cards Right'. Guest speakers from the British Trust for Ornithology and Hedgehog Rescue have enlightened us.

Brownies still meets Thursday evenings.

Our Youth Café/Club continues on Fridays with High School students enjoying many different activities, including the ever popular indoor

hockey, snooker, table-tennis, darts and no IT!! A club shop keeps their chocs and pops needs satisfied.

ART EXHIBITION/SALE & CRAFT FAIR – 14th to 21st OCTOBER

Culminating with a Craft Fair and Art Sale on 21st October.

Includes artwork by local artists. What is "ART"? It's in the eye of the beholder!

To book a table or enter a piece of art please call or message Brigette 07799216693 or Mike 07712578721 or any of our members.

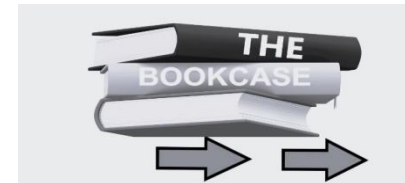
On Saturday 12th August we held a coffee morning with a raffle to raise funds for the Methodist charity 'Action for Children' (formerly National Children's Home).

Find us by scanning this QR code on your Android or iPhone.

We can be contacted on Facebook, Messenger or mobile 07712578721 or by email mikegw15@gmail.com. Mike and Brigette Wilkinson

Give us a call or message us or one of our members.

NEW.....!



We run "The Bookcase" where villagers can bring and borrow books. We have had parents and grandparents choosing books for their children.

We have been asked by Norfolk County Council to host a West Norfolk pilot "Tech Skills" event. It's on Saturday 23rd September at 10.00am (See separate item). So this event is available to all members and friends of West Norfolk Circuit.

Would you recognise a 'scam' if it appeared on your mobile phone, computer, tablet, or even your landline? Would you know how to handle the caller. Come and hear advice on dealing with these 'thieves'.

People in your area have been scammed, could you be one?

Fraud and scamming have been on the rise in the UK. According to Ofcom research, almost 45 million people have been on the receiving end of potential scam texts or calls in the last three months. More than eight in 10 (82%) said they had received a suspicious message, in the form of either a text, recorded message or live phone call to a landline or mobile. Between April 2020 and March 2021, there were 413,553 reports made to Action Fraud, the fraud and cybercrime reporting centre for England, Wales and Northern Ireland, up 33% year on year. More than £2.3bn was lost by victims as a result.

So book your seat at this event NOW, by contacting us.

Mike or Brigette.

Terrington St Clement

I attended the service for carers at London Road where we heard wonderful testimonies. We had three summer "Tea and Chats" on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 2pm. The first meeting of "Network" (M W iB) is on Wednesday 13th September 2pm. It will be led by Cathy Fielding. On August 6th the service was about "Talents and Gifts" with displays and participation, presented by the worship team, and well received. Coffee Mornings continue to be popular with lots of fellowship. Aspects of Faith is at 7pm on the last Thursday of the month. We are using the labyrinth from Conference and it's been very enlightening.

About two weeks ago Caroline Meaden asked us if we could talk about any talents and gifts we may have. People brought wonderful knitware, embroidery, beautiful paintings and photographs and to every one's surprise our hymns that morning were accompanied by Caroline playing the flute which nobody knew she could play so beautifully.

It was a wonderful morning of discovery so much talent in such a small church.

During the summer months our meetings consisted of tea and cakes and A bring and buy stall. We raised about £130 for Action for Children which I shall send on to them during next week. The meetings were very much enjoyed by all of us, people have missed seeing each other for such a long time.

Kind regards

HEACHAM METHODIST CHURCH

As a new Methodist year begins we have our plans in hand. Sunday Morning Services: 10.30 am.

3rd September Heather Brown

10th September Rev Dr R Ncube Holy Communion

17th September Terry Martin

24th September Local arrangement

1st October Elizabeth MacLeod

8th October Rev Dr R Ncube Holy Communion

15th October Marianne Baguley

22nd October Local Arrangement

29th October Barbara Foster

Midweek Communion 10.30 am 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Bible Study 10.30 am 4th Thursday of the month.

Fellowship Meeting. 3 pm. 4th Tuesday of the month.

It will resume in September under the care of John Harris.

Other important dates - Open Church (Tuesday mornings)

Noah's Ark Toddler Group Wednesdays – 1.30 – 3.00 pm – Heacham Methodist School Room c/o Marianne Baguley (07880364326).

Thanks to all who contributed to the Songs of Praise Service on 19th August, for the support shown at the defibrillator commissioning service on 22 August and for the offers of help with the Harvest Festival Tea in October.

Those who have volunteered to take on the responsibility of the defibrillator are greatly appreciated.

Future dates for the diary.

7th October 3 pm Harvest Festival Afternoon Tea.

8th October 10.30 am. Harvest Festival Service – Rev Richman Ncube.

Again – ALL are welcome to join us. Please contact Mike Careless (Senior Steward) 570363 for further information or Marianne Baguley (07880364326)

We think of all our friends whose absence we notice on Sunday mornings – prayerfully- along with members of our community, especially those feeling unwell or isolated.

We give thanks for the gift of each day. We think of morning – the coming of dawn, of hope, of plans for the future. We think of daytime – or our families and friends, of opportunities for education and work, of meeting together. We think of evening – of hours for rest, of a quiet dusk, of the peace. Thank you for your presence with us each day and night.

Joan Careless

Hilgay

On Saturday 22nd July, Hilgay Chapel was open for Green Saturday with tea, coffee and cakes available from 10 am-2pm.

A stall of items was set up and everything was available for a donation of whatever people could afford to give, including clothes, books, jewellery, fresh fruit and vegetables.

This event raised £163:00 in total. £60 of this went towards sponsoring a toilet twinning with a village in Malawi. We now have a framed picture of the latrine we have provided and this can be seen in our toilet at Hilgay.

On Thursday 27th July we held a successful coffee morning when some of the Downham Walking Group joined us for refreshment after their walk around Hilgay. We were pleased to see a few more village people joining us too. The Coffee Morning takes place every two months on the last Thursday. The months in between it is held at the village hall. 10-11:30 am.

On Sunday 13th August we joined Southey members for their final service. Although this is sad we pray that God will bless our future work as we come together for worship and fellowship at Hilgay each Sunday at 10:30am to ensure we still have a village chapel for people to attend. We welcomed many from around the Circuit and old friends who enjoyed the tea, coffee and refreshment with time to chat to one another and praise the Lord for all his gifts to us.

Guild will begin on 10th October at 2:30pm and will be led by Deacon Lynne. Unfortunately the Wesley Guild Executive has decided to disband, but we are still allowed to run our own Wesleyan Guilds. As ours at Hilgay is the only one in the Circuit we want to keep it going for as long as possible and would like everyone on the West Norfolk Circuit to know they are very welcome to join us fortnightly from October to Easter for a varied programme. I am keen to know if there are more in our District.

November 12th Remembrance Service for Hilgay Village will begin at 10:45am at the War Memorial and continue at the chapel. This will be led by Dudley Pickston and we hope Hilgay Silver Band will be in attendance to accompany the hymns.

Our annual Christmas Eve service will be held at the chapel at 3pm this year and the preacher will be Rev. Robert Roberts. Come and join us and welcome Christmas as one large Christian Family.

Pauline Driver.

Gaywood St Faith

Elaine Price-Jones, a member of St Faith's Church, Gaywood and a stalwart of the West Norfolk Methodist Church, will celebrate her 102nd birthday on 17th September.

May we offer Elaine our warmest congratulations and every blessing on her milestone birthday.

St Faith's Eco Group is celebrating achieving a silver award for its work in caring for the environment in and around our ancient church and on a national and global scale.

Eco Group leader Daphne Sampson is delighted at the group's success in achieving silver but is well aware of the huge challenge that lies ahead in obtaining the much-coveted gold award.

Mrs Sampson said: "Our achievement of the bronze award seemed relatively easy compared to our struggle with the silver award. We know that the gold award remains a huge challenge but we are keen to continue with this journey and to strive towards it." Many congratulations to Mrs Sampson and her fellow volunteers for all they have achieved and all they still hope to achieve as they work for the Gold Award.

St Faith's monthly Saturday coffee mornings continue to attract greater numbers of people who seem to thoroughly enjoy meeting together over a cup (or two) of tea or coffee and a slice of delicious home-made cake. These events are another area of outreach, enjoyed by church members and people in the wider community. Financially the coffee mornings are successful in

raising often in excess of £200 for the on-going programme of worship and mission at St Faith's Church. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday, 2nd September from 10am until 12 noon and everyone is most welcome.

As some Rejoice! readers may have seen in the local press or heard about on Radio Norfolk, I have recently held a service of thanksgiving and celebration marking my 60th anniversary of membership of St Faith's Church. I would like to express my heart-felt thanks to the Rector, the Rev Kyla Sorensen, for allowing me to hold the service and for her loving kindness in helping me arrange it.

It was a beautiful way for me to say a personal public thank you to God for all the blessings he has bestowed on me over six decades of involvement. During the service I gave a short talk about my Christian journey from the age of eight when I joined the choir in April 1963. Rev Kyla said: "St Faith's is a friendly and lively community and everyone is valued and cared for."

She added: "It was a such a pleasure to celebrate that love and care with Richard and his family and friends at the special service which featured as part of a whole weekend of thanksgiving at St Faiths."

My sincere thanks go to people who performed at the service, including Rev Kyla for her beautiful rendition of Psalm 139 and the final blessing. My thanks to soloist Charlotte Rendall, and her accompanist, Jonathan Chaddock and for Amanda Arterton's eloquent reading of John Betjeman's famous poem, Diary of a Church Mouse. My thanks also to the Rev Juanita Hawthorne and Stephen Hayter for their reading of the Lessons and for Ruth Flint for leading the prayers. Thanks to Carol and Peter Dexter for the beautiful flower arrangement in church and for Lorraine Davidson, of Denver, for the beautiful special anniversary cake.

I also wish to thank all those kind folk who made or bought cakes for the afternoon tea that followed the service. Many thanks to all those who gave donations to a retiring collection, with £320 raised for church funds.

On the subject of anniversaries, there is a major one being marked next year when St Faith's Church will be celebrating and giving thanks for 50 years of the Anglicans and Methodists Local Ecumenical Partnership. There is to be a special thanksgiving service on Sunday 16th of June followed by a celebration lunch in the Church Rooms. More details will be released in the next few months.

There is a new St Faith's Julian Prayer Group which meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays between 5 and 6pm in the Community Hub.

Rev Kyla Sorensen said ; "In contemplation we just are before God with the four S's Stillness, Silence, Simplicity, and Surrender.

She added "Spending a quiet time together is a great way of exploring the presence of God and everyone, from any tradition, is invited to join us

Anyone who would like to ask questions about the Julian Prayer Group can call the Rev Kyla on 07554 542 861 or email rector@stfaithsgaywoodlep.org.uk Also new to St Faith's is a Craft Group and all those interested in craft work are welcome to join the Group which meets on the second Thursday of the month, between 2pm and 4pm, in the Community Hub.

More information about this new Group contact Sarah Russell via the Church Office/

Our warmest congratulations and blessings go to St Faith's Team Vicar and Rural Dean of Lynn, the Rev Karlene Kerr on her appointment as an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral/.

The Rev Karlene and the other four new canons, will be officially installed on Sunday, October 15th at a Choral Evensong at the Cathedral, Everyone at St Faith's is invited to attend this service.

A concert featuring the popular Centre Stage Swing Band will be held in St Faith's Church on Monday, 25th September, at 7.30pm. More details about the concert and its programme can be obtained from the Church office. The Harvest Festival is being celebrated on Sunday 24th September and during the service we will be singing some of everyone's favourite harvest hymns including We Plough the Fields and Scatter and Come Ye Thankful People Come...The charity being supported at this service is the Natjinge Fund. More details about this charity can be found on the notice board at the back of the church.

Richard Parr

Hunstanton

Over the last few months we have welcomed a number of visitors on holiday into our Sunday morning services; some old friends who return each year and also new friends whom we hope will visit us again if on holiday here in the future.

We were pleased to welcome a group of 20 from the 3rd Bedford Boys Brigade, who stayed for two nights and asked if they could use the Sunday morning service to present awards to some of the boys. It was a delight to have so many young people in the congregation, although they had to leave just before the sermon to take part in another outdoor activity! There was hardly a clear workspace in our kitchen because of all the provisions they had brought with them- they had no intention of going hungry.

As well as the more regular style of service we have held informal Café Services, when coffee is served before as the congregation sit round tables in the church. People drink and eat biscuits if they wish throughout. These services include favourite hymns, readings and poems that have been chosen by members who are asked to say something about their choice.

We also took part in a Service in Secret, led by Val Fisher. We were asked to imagine a place where Christianity was forbidden and anyone breaking that rule was tortured or killed. In order to set the scene, we had to smuggle our Bibles in. There were some ingenious disguises used. After watching a moving video about a Nigerian boy whose father had been murdered because of his faith, we moved into a smaller darkened space to try to experience worshipping in secret and the threat when a vigilante knocked on the window. It was a thought-provoking service.

Our Thursday Warm Space initiative developed during the winter months is continuing with a group of regular attendees who come for coffee and a chat. Visitors are made welcome and can drop in anytime between 10 am-noon. Sadly, our oldest member, Betty Frammingham passed away in June. The church was packed at her funeral as people came long distances to pay their respects. She was a much loved lady and we were very fortunate to have known her.



Dersingham

This summer seems to have been a particularly watery one for me. Apart from the heavy rain which we have all experienced (which in my case, on one occasion, necessitated a plastic bucket strategically placed to catch drips in the dining room area and a subsequent visit from a roofer), my holidays have been on boats. The first one was on the Danube with my sister (it was never blue although we had good weather) and the second one was with all six of my grandchildren aged between 25 and 10, plus their parents (thank goodness!) on the Broads. We had three boats; one per family, for just three nights (quite enough!) and Granny didn't disgrace herself by falling in. My son in law did however and discovered that what we had been told would happen was

correct: the life jacket inflated as soon as it hit the water. So all was well, though pride a little dented.

No doubt we all have been able to appreciate the abundance of nature this year as the combination of periods of warm sunshine and plenty of rains have produced extra roses and taller flowers and extra growth it seems everywhere. And so it is now time to give thanks as we celebrate the harvest. At Dersingham we will be having a Harvest coffee morning on Saturday 23rd September from 10am to 11.30am and this will be in aid of the Marie Curie Cancer Appeal and church funds. The following day Sunday 24th we will celebrate our Harvest Festival by giving produce for the Hunstanton Food Bank and our service will be led by the Rev. Dr. Richman Ncube. The coffee morning on Saturday 30th September will be in aid of the Support Dogs Charity. Having had three dogs on our boats on the Broads I have to admit they are amazing creatures and can do amazing things to help their owners.

Rosemary Caink

Religion and faith

What's the difference? Religion is what you do, faith is what you are.

Most religions have lists of what you are supposed to believe, what you are supposed to wear, what you are supposed to do or not do – sometimes with appropriate penalties – physical or otherwise.

At the present time, a number of 'other' religions are noted for this. However, Christianity is not without blame. The Roman church says you must attend mass once a week, and if you are not a Catholic, then perhaps you should not be there. Even Methodists are supposed to take communion 'regularly'. Christians are 'supposed' to attend church 'regularly'. We are supposed to adhere to The Creed. It seems to me that many outside the church don't want to get 'involved' because of real or supposed religious belief and practices.

There must be many people who have a faith, but don't want to be classed as 'religious' and don't want to be told what they must believe and don't want to be drawn in to religious practices. Would God reject them, or are they 'sheep in a different fold'?

Jesus did not have much time for the Scribes and Pharisees, many of whom perhaps had 'religion' but not much 'faith'.

Do we have faith, or are we just religious? [see James 2: 14 – onwards]

Dudley

Words of Wisdom

Once you're over 80 never pass a bathroom! Prince Phillip

Careful grooming may take 20 years off a woman's age, but you can't fool a flight of stairs. Marlene Dietrich

"Memories are the loveliest things they last from day to day, they can't get lost, they don't wear out and can't be given away."

And so, in the words of Graham Kendrick...and Mal Pope,....."Rise up and Serve". (And I'm sure they will!)

Rev Jack Burton

I was saddened to read of the passing of the Rev Jack Burton in August. I first became aware of Jack through his columns in the EDP. I think he also broadcast on Radio Norfolk and appeared on regional television.

I later met Jack and in his year as High Sheriff he agreed to take a service at St Faith's, Gaywood, King's Lynn. Although Jack was a bus driver, he did not have a car, so I drove to Norwich to collect him and his wife Molly. We reached King's Lynn with time to spare, so I brought them to our home for a cuppa. My children were fascinated by the Sherriff's medallion Jack wore around his neck and he was persuaded to bless their play hut!

My mother gave me a copy of Jack's book *Transport of Delight* in 1977 and is indeed a delight to read. I guess the inspiration for the title Jack chose was from the hymn *The King of Love my Shepherd is*. Written in journal format it chronicles a year in Jack's life and includes spiritual matters, countryside observations and of course Jack's beloved Norwich City football club. Strangely enough, we had a Local Arrangement service at Hunstanton Methodist Church in July when we were encouraged to give favourite readings and poems. I selected an extract from Jack's book.

1988 was a significant year in Methodism as it marked the 250th anniversary of John Wesley's 'conversion' experience when he felt his heart 'strangely warmed'. The Wesley Historical Society – East Anglia decided to commemorate this event with a special lecture. Jack was

approached and readily agreed to give the lecture, and this took place in a packed Norwich Cathedral.

Only God will know how many lives Jack touched through his 'worker priest' ministry, but my guess would be a huge number. Rest in peace, thou good and faithful servant.

David Elvidge

THE MAYONNAISE JAR AND THE COFFEE

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large, empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course the sand filled up all the remaining space. Once again he asked if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes." The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. "Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things in life - your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favourite passions - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else - the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children, take time to get medical check-ups, go out to dinner, play another 18 holes, go to church and sing. There will always be time to clean the house and do the repairs. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand." One of the students raised her

hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.

Thanks to Derek of South Wootton

(A good story worth another read!)

Reflection on the Reception to Full Connexion

2023 is a significant year for me and my family as it marks the end of a long discerning process, of myself, family, and the church. At the same time, it is a beginning of a new phase in my ministry. As Abraham, we feel that God is calling us anew... where he himself alone knows and will show us (Gen.12). I received my call when I was 18 years of age. This coincided with my heart-warming experience in September 1990, while doing my O' level at Matjinge Mission. Although I did encounter hurdles, I finally began my ministerial journey as a precollegiate minister in December 1993 in a remote Gwayi Circuit in the then Bulawayo District. Quite a strange experience, difficult and bitter. Gwayi Circuit was a mission area, the church there was struggling, I spent six months, without a stipend. I lived out of the generosity of neighbours. I learnt that God is everywhere.

Beginning on 1995, I moved to United Theological College in Harare, where for the next three years I did my formal ministerial training. My ministry has always been cross cultural in nature. Harare was a predominantly Shona speaking community, and I was Ndebele. I struggled from language to cultural practices, and many times I messed up. But I learnt lessons with each turn. During my college days, I was placed in two English congregations which had a further lasting impact on my career. I worked with Parktown Circuit, which had a predominantly white 09:00 English Service. I also worked with Trinity Church, which had two English services, the 07:00 and 09:00. These were also predominantly white, but due to its centrality, the services attracted international visitors as well. The superintendent relegated this service to me, including the Bible studies. He felt that younger people had a better chance to enculturate: to a degree he was right.

Conference 1999 ordained me, and in December of that year I got married to Sikhha. Over a period of 21 years, I criss-crossed Zimbabwe's rural, urban circuits and Mission schools. During this period, my discipleship developed as I served, as a minister, a Superintendent, a Chaplain and as Bishop (Chair of

District). My ministry also benefited from ecumenical work both formal and informal.

It was towards the end of my term as Bishop of Harare, that I felt God's soft nudge to move on. The seeds had been sown earlier, when I studied Mission at Cliff College, and later at Leeds University. During that period, I did take up preaching appointments in the Peak and Leeds East Circuits respectively. Conference 2023 at Hilton Metropole climaxed my experience, by confirming me as a Minister in Full Connexion in the British Conference. In my discernment process, I kept on paying tribute to the support I received from this Circuit, when I joined West Norfolk Circuit at the height of COVID 19 pandemic in 2020. The hospitality, understanding and support made our transition easier and steadied our confidence. Deciding whether to spend this episode of our ministry here, was therefore not difficult.

Rev Dr Richman Ncube



JOHN MOTSON

I was very interested to read David Elvidge's article in the most recent edition of "Rejoice". Like John, I attended Culford School- I joined in 1965, some 5 years after John left. It was only in my last couple of years that John achieved

national recognition- in other words, he was on television rather than radio! As I recall, BBC's "Match of the Day" was increasing from one to two games each week and so needed another commentator. Kenneth Wolstenholme had been the main commentator ("They think it's all over- it is now!") at the time of the 1966 World Cup and again four years later, but left soon after. His successor was David Coleman, who then left for a brief sojourn in the USA. John and Barry Davies were the new kids on the block (Davies, coincidentally had attended Cranbrook, which, like Culford was a non-footballing school). John's breakthrough came when he commentated on Hereford versus Newcastle in the 1972 FA Cup, with a shock victory for the underdogs and a "wonder" goal from Ronnie Radford.

Far too much detail; anyway, at this point Culford became interested. Our chief form of information was the cricket coach, John Boughton, "JB" to all of us, a Lancastrian who combined coaching duties with running the school's Tuck Shop. He spoke of John, whose father's pleas to the Head for the school to play football fell on deaf ears, and his early love of the game. JB insisted that John was not a footballer himself but on a Sunday, after church (the School Hall for Methodists, the village church within the school grounds for the rest), John would bring out his tape recorder and record a commentary on the impromptu games. Perhaps an indication of a future career and certainly evidence of attention to detail and the meticulous planning for which he became well-known.

Years later, when I returned to the school as a teacher, John was the Guest Speaker at the Old Students' Dinner, which we attended. He spoke very well and admitted to being much more nervous speaking face-to-face than commentating on television. What also struck us was that he was shorter than he appeared when interviewing on "the box" and in conversations after the formal part was over, referred to all females as "love". He was old-fashioned in that to the end he always wrote notes by hand, rather than more modern devices, before the games.

Martin Chilvers

Culford- student, 1965-73, Staff, 1990-94

Wighton Heritage Centre

Do you fancy a day out visiting the East Anglia Methodist Heritage Centre (NR23 1PG)? Situated in the small village of Wighton, between Walsingham and Wells-next-the-Sea, this former Primitive Methodist

Chapel has been converted into a fascinating centre telling the story of the Methodist Church in East Anglia over the past two hundred years. The Heritage Centre is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 am to 3 pm throughout the summer (until end October) and is free to visit. The exhibits are themed with artefacts and interpretation focussing on the growth of the church; children and youth work; music; overseas work with a fascinating collection of ceramics, pictures and historic objects. There's a reference library of books about the history of Methodism, both nationally and in East Anglia. Visitors can browse an A to Z of chapels with photos, event leaflets, orders of service and other ephemera. There are many items from West Norfolk!!

Donations are welcome. Refreshments and a toilet are available. There is parking alongside the chapel. Groups visits to the Heritage Centre can be arranged on request (07546 732 092 or eamethodistheritage@gmail.com). We look forward to welcoming you.

Sarah Friswell

Roots and Wings

There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other is wings. Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe (1749 -1832)

In recent weeks, I have been thinking quite a bit about my roots as several things have reminded me of them. An article in the Lynn News in particular stirred memories. It was about the celebration of Richard Parr's sixty year association with St Faith's Church. Before the age of seven, when I moved to Clenchwarton, our families lived opposite each other and Richard and I frequently played together. My one ambition on my first day at school was to sit next to Richard! At that time, St Faith's was solely an Anglian Church and the Methodist Church was on the opposite side of the road. My mother was a member of the Mother's Union at St Faith's. I was baptised at St Faith's and went to its Sunday School so it is fair to say my religious roots started to grow there. The article in the Lynn News contained two more names that reminded me of my roots. Ruth Flint, now a regular worshipper at St Faith's, led the prayers at the celebration. She and I first got to know each other when we started high school. More recently, we worked together at Runcton Holme School and have remained friends ever since. The third

name took me back to Clenchwarton Methodist Sunday School. When my family moved to Clenchwarton, there was an inter regnum at the parish church and no Sunday School so I started to attend the Methodist Sunday School (at the suggestion of Harold and Barbara Smith). In our mid-teens, my friend, Lyn and I graduated to teaching a small group of younger children. The name of one of those children was in the article; Amanda Arterton had read a poem at the celebration. Looking back, I am grateful that Clenchwarton Methodist Sunday played a big role in helping the roots of my faith to grow and that through gentle encouragement, it also helped me develop wings. Many years later, I am still involved in working with children and their families mainly through the Messy Church at Downham Market Methodist. Before Covid, Messy Church always ended with a simple shared meal but now we don't have the resources to do that each time. However, we decided that in August we would concentrate our efforts on having a meal for the families and the helpers. We started with a short act of worship and some dancing led by Ralph Perkins. There were games available to keep the children amused. Various people prepared food for a buffet meal, which was set out in the social centre. Those sharing the meal ranged from 1+ to 90+. Hopefully everybody involved went away with happy memories of a good time shared and some seeds were sown in fertile ground. A big thank you to all involved in making it happen. The support of your prayers for Messy Church would also be much appreciated as we await the appointment of a Family and Children's Worker, whose role will include building on the links that have been established. Lesley Dent

Circuit Service, Sunday 22nd October

3.00 p.m. Dersingham Methodist Church

You are warmly invited to this Local Preacher - Thanksgiving Service for Marion Kemp who has retired as a local preacher.

Please join us for this special service led by Revd Dr R Ncube.

Elizabeth Batstone
Circuit LWP Secretary

Whenever you feel
Unloved, unimportant
Or insecure, remember
To whom you belong.
Ephesians 2: 19-22

Letter from the retired Sankeys in the West Midlands

Greetings to our friends in the West Norfolk Circuit from the Sankey family. We came to East Anglia 21 years ago, stationed in what was then called the Downham Market Circuit. We came with 2 children still in secondary school and two at University. We "acquired" Melissa during our time there aged 15 months, she has just celebrated her 19th birthday. Two of our children were married while we were in Downham, and the other two married when we were in Suffolk. We now have 7 grandchildren. In Methodist parlance we have just "sat down", meaning retired and have moved to be near our eldest in the West Midlands – a place called Kinver (which is near Kidderminster).

We have a dorma bungalow with an overgrown garden and plenty of work to do on the house. We have linked up with the local Methodist Church. Last summer I was permitted by the minister there to conduct the baptism of our grand-twins, born to Jo & Luke, who both worked in Downham and were married at the Downham church and are now living and working in this area. On the 6th August we celebrated the twins 3rd birthday and Melissa's 19th birthday and late in the afternoon heard that our 7th grandchild was born to David and Jo (nee Coleman) also on 6th (a couple of weeks early!) – so we have 4 family birthdays on 6th August (plus Deborah's 2 days later and James 10 days later). Next year just before all those birthdays we shall be celebrating our Golden Wedding Anniversary on 3rd August.

From our house we can look over the small town of Kinver surrounded by hills (more than in East Anglia). We can see Kinver Edge, (National Trust land) – walking distance from our house, with the interesting rock houses (apparently inspiring Tolkein with the hobbit homes). The town has several interesting shops, a model railway and canals pass through the village – we've a lot still to explore.

For those who would like updates on the family we will be sending out an update well before Christmas. Apologies to some of you who normally receive

our Christmas update may not have got it last year. If you haven't had the update and would like to, please drop us a text or email.

We wish you well for the new connexional year. We occasionally visit the area as Melissa still sees some of her birth family who live there.

Blessings Andrew and Margaret Sankey

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Pearl Lewis.

Pearl was called home on 18th May after many months of poor health. Her Christian faith held her secure throughout.

This is a prayer she wrote

Thank you Lord for walking with us every single day.

You are our guardian, friend and guide, beside us all the way.

May we feel your loving presence, knowing you are always near.

As we walk along beside you, we will have no cause to fear

Pearl was a shining light at St Germans. She trained at Cliff College, visited and supported causes in Romania. Her ministry had many facets, luncheon club, hospitality, Y Club, writing poetry, her pastoral care blessed many people.

We give thanks for her life, her faith, her ministry. Our thoughts are with Michael her husband and her family

I know Pearl would want to encourage us and cheer us on in our journey of Christian faith, fellowship and service.

Janet Mason



REFLECT QUIET MORNING (via Zoom)

Friday 15th September or Saturday 16th September 2023



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10.00am – Session 1: Creative God

11.00am – Session 2: Creative Flourishing

12 noon – Conclusion & Closing Prayer

To end by 12.15pm

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Circuit Service 9th July 2023 “Celebrating Care”

Many thanks to all those who were involved in the preparation and leading of the Circuit Service at London Road in July in which we celebrated pastoral care, both given and received, and where appreciation was expressed to those who offer care around our Circuit and to the communities in which our churches are situated. Among other things, we were reminded of the importance of being a good neighbour and a kind friend, as we try to live out our faith in our daily lives.

Special gratitude to those who shared their own inspiring ‘testimonies’ (Mary C, Elizabeth Mac, Frances, Revd Rich and Maggie) and we were all touched by their moving stories of their experiences of being called to “care” in one way or another.

It was good to come together as a Circuit to worship – and especially encouraging to see so many churches represented at the service! We look forward to the next one!

And a P.S. from me.

I should like to add my own appreciation to our super Pastoral Committee for all their support and commitment, and to those concerned for their help and ideas in planning the service. Bless you for all that you do.

Deacon Lynne

HIDDEN TALENTS

INTRO *Some gifts are there for all to see, Some not as clear as they may be!*

At Church we are made welcome,
We sometimes need a ride.
Drivers, stewards, hosts as well,
Among us all reside.

Logical thinkers, crafters,
Those who lend a hand.
Cooks, artists and tactful ones
Are all part of our band.

We also have good listeners
And those with empathy.
Organisers, bakers too,
Within our ‘family’.

Those generous with time or ‘cash’,
Some are quite good with ‘tech’.
Unassuming, helpful too.
Some DIY on deck!

Encouraging, complimenting
Are what some folks do best.
Valuing and including,
Are there among the rest.

Flower arrangers, gardeners,
Kitchen helpers too.
Growers and musicians,
Among us who ‘can do’.

Some here, like Archery and Birds,
Sports or creatures ... of all kinds.
Some share prayers or testimony,
Expanding all our minds.

Poster makers, game providers,
Sew-ers, Safeguarders; - all!
Knitters, Readers, Worship Team,
Preachers ‘standing tall.’

Singers, Secretaries plus
Meeting Reps and more.
Stewards and there's others
ared to 'take the floor'!

While I 'thrive' with children,
Music and reading, drama, verse;
This poem's here to remind us all ...
THERE MIGHT BE NOTHING WORSE ...

Than us **not** appreciating
Talents going 'unseen'.
Let's return to where I started,
When my whole page was clean!

CONCLUSION *Some gifts are there for all to see, Some NOT AS CLEAR as they might be!*

Wendy Murray

Circuit Pastoral Committee

We will be meeting again on

Monday 11th September :10.30 a.m.
(coffee from 10.00 a.m.)

at London Road Methodist Church, King's Lynn

*If you have any ideas or suggestions
which you would like us to include on the agenda (or in
the future)*

*please do let us know, c/o Deacon Lynne
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– we are always glad to hear from you.

The 1851 Census of Religious Worship

A census took place on 30th March 1851 and all places of worship were required to make returns for every service that took place on that day. A report was published after all returns had been analysed. I suspect that the results of the census caused a sensation as the huge impact of nonconformist worship became clear. As far as I know such a detailed census was not repeated.

I have dipped into the census and focused on some of the villages where sadly our chapels have had to close. Some of these now closed chapels may not have existed in 1851, but there may well have been earlier buildings which did exist at the time of the census. I have quoted the actual spellings used in the returns!

Brancaster (population 1,078)

Wesleyan Methodist, erected before 1800.

Attendance: morning: 29; afternoon: 55; evening: 28.

Signed William W Duke, Minister, Walsingham.

Greens Room Primitive Methodists, a room in John Greens house. Space about 18 foot square. [This must surely have been a mistake, given the attendances!].

Attendance: afternoon: 70; evening: 45. A note was added which recorded an average attendance over a 6 month period of 114 adults plus 45 scholars in the morning and 45 in the evening. The return was signed by Ed Hollan and Rob Dreffield.

Primitive Methodist, hired for 47 years. A Place hired As A Chapple [sic]. Attendance: afternoon: 70; evening: 100.

Remarks: 'This place was formely ocopyed as a carpenter shop which we now ocopy as a chapple for the number of four years before thene a house. [sic]. Signed N A Garlotte, Primitive Local Preacher, Gt. Bircham. And Denis Burnham, Register [sic].

It should also be noted that 90 attended morning worship and 135 in the afternoon at the parish church.

I have found that a new Primitive Methodist chapel was built in 1864.

Burnham Market

My research indicates that at the time of the census Burnham Market as such did not exist and it was some time afterwards that the villages of Burnham Westgate, Burnham Sutton and Burnham Ulph were combined to become Burnham Market. According to the population tables at the time the parishes of Burnham Sutton and Burnham Ulph 'have long been united' with a combined population of 429. I have found that a Salvation Army/Methodist chapel was built in 1928. Alterations were subsequently carried out in 1964 and 1983 and it had become solely Methodist.

Burnham Ulph had just the parish church and the attendance was 40 in the morning and 80 in the afternoon.

Burnham Sutton

Wesleyan Chapel, erected 1828.
Attendance: afternoon: 173; evening: 93.
Signed David Porritt, Trustee, Burnham.

Burnham Westgate (population 1,241)

Independent Chapel erected 1807.
Attendance: morning: 137 (93 adults and 44 scholars);
afternoon: 152 (106 adults and 46 scholars).
Signed Cuthbert Robert Blackett, Minister, Burnham Market.
Primitive Methodist Chapel, erected 1850.
Attendance: morning: 23 (scholars); afternoon: 132 (112 adults and 20 scholars); evening: 100.
Remarks: 'The Primitive Meths formerly had a hired place from the year 1836 to the present date during which time about 60 persons attended upon an average.'
Signed Robert Woodrow, Steward, Burnham Westgate.

Marham (population 905)

Wesleyan Methodist Chapel erected 1845.
Attendance: afternoon: 71; evening: 80.
Signed Robert Rands, Chapple [sic] Steward, Marham.
Primitive Methodist, erected 1837.
Attendance: morning: 62, of which 37 were scholars; afternoon:

117 of which 37 were scholars; evening: 100 adults.
Signed James Langham, Primitive Methodist Minister, 11 London Road, Lynn.
The parish church attendances were 104 in the morning and 157 in the afternoon.
I have found that a Primitive Methodist chapel was opened in 1879 and eventually closed, being then converted to become a store. There is also mention of a Methodist church being opened in 1904.

Southery (population 1,155)

Baptist Chapel, erected 1847.
Attendance: morning: 30; afternoon: 40; evening: 20.
Signed Edward Galloway Porter, Southery.
Primitive Methodist Chapel, erected 1839.
Attendance: morning: 30; afternoon: 40; evening: 30.
Signed Edward Porter Galloway, Southery (the same person who signed the Baptist Chapel return).
Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, erected about 1810.
Attendance: morning: 164 of which 80 were scholars; afternoon: 49 of which 10 were scholars; evening: 104 of which 15 were scholars.
Signed James Scott, Chapel Steward, Bridge Street, Downham Market. *White's Directory* of 1845 lists James Scott as a grocer and draper.
Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, erected 1842.
Attendance: afternoon: 90; evening: 64.
Signed Christopher Osler, Chapple [sic] Steward.
It is interesting that there were two Wesleyan chapels in Southery at the time of the census. Was the 1810 chapel too small or needing repair?

David Elvidge

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Saturday 16th September McMillan Coffee morning with home-made cakes, bric-a-brac, books and jigsaw puzzles at Wimbotsham Methodist 10.15 am - 12 noon

Saturday September 23rd West Norfolk Technical Skills Event at Feltwell 10 am

Saturday October 14th Coffee Morning at London Road 10am-11.30am

Saturday October 14th /21st Art Exhibition at Feltwell

Saturday October 14th Hornby Trains at London Road 10am-3.30pm

Saturday 21st October Coffee morning with home-made cakes, bric-a-brac, books and jigsaw puzzles at Wimbotsham Methodist 10.15 am - 12 noon

Saturday October 21st Art and Craft Fair at Community Hall Feltwell

Sunday October 22nd Thanksgiving Service at Dersingham 3pm

Saturday 18th November Coffee morning with home-made cakes, bric-a-brac, books and jigsaw puzzles at Wimbotsham Methodist 10.15 am - 12 noon

Saturday 16th December Coffee morning with home-made cakes, bric-a-brac, books and jigsaw puzzles at Wimbotsham Methodist 10.15 am - 12 noon