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Methodist Matters in the Felixstowe Mission Area

Dear Friends

As we continue in the season of Easter we have much to be thankful for. On Easter Sunday at Seaton Road, as we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus, we also celebrated with the Belton family as this was also the day of baby Logan Jai Belton's Baptism.

Easter Sunday at Trinity was also an occasion for further celebration as three new people came into membership. Warmest congratulations to Anna, Enid and Catherine.

In the lead up to Easter we had a school visit to Trinity, a Spring Fair at Seaton Road and Messy Easter hosted by Trinity. Many thanks to all those who supported these outreach events.

Those of you who attended this year's Lent course at Kirton, or the Bible Study group that is run at Jane and Jonathan's home (from Seaton Road), would have recently been studying the different types of Psalm we find in the Bible. At Kirton we were blessed to be joined by members of the Church of England, who we worshiped with on Palm Sunday at both Kirton Methodist and then at St. Ethelbert's, Falkenham. It will be good to continue our theme of "The Psalms" for the Singing the Faith Day.

My thanks also go to Mike Peck from Trinity who jointly ran the "Compass Course" with myself. Compass is a course that looks at Christianity from a Methodist perspective. Each week we had so much material it was not possible to cover it all; so at the request of many of the participants we will be running this course later in the year and spending more time on each section.

I must also thank the Rev. Jo Jacobs for our Holy Week reflections and thank Brian Ansell for the sculpture he kindly made. We are blessed to have such gifted people in our congregations who help to deepen our worship at all levels.

An exciting time is before us as we host the Circuit Service on the 3rd of April at Trinity and I thank both the Revs Jane and Mike Cassidy for their preparations. Anne Clarke has been running a number of singing practice evenings for the Mission Area which also contribute greatly to our Worship and our preparations for the Circuit Service; thank you, Anne.

In this addition of "In touch" you will see a poster advertising our "Singing the Faith Day" on the 18th of June; please do come if you can, we will be learning some new hymns all related to the Psalms.

Many of you will be aware that in this first quarter of the year we have had a large number of funerals so it is good, and right, that we

remember before God all those recently bereaved; those known to us personally and those further afield who have lost loved ones, some in very violent situations.

Love and God Bless

Always

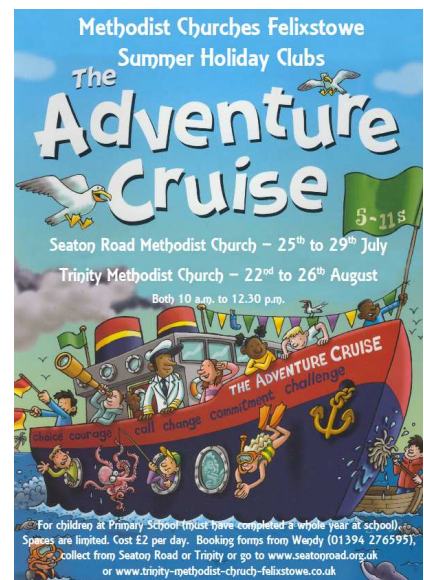
Diane

The Adventure Cruise Holiday Club

The Mission Area Holiday Clubs will be taking place at Seaton Road from 25th to 29th July and at Trinity from 22nd to 26th August. Please pray for our holiday clubs as preparations are going on behind the scenes.

Please consider if you could give any time to help with these events. We need many pairs of hands to run successful weeks. Even if you could only commit to helping for one day please speak to Robin or Mary Pattinson, Diane Smith or Steve Wyatt.

For anyone interested in being involved there will be a meeting on Monday 11th April, 2 p.m. at Seaton Road. Please come along!



If you have any items for the May edition of "InTouch" please send them to magazine@seatonroad.org.uk or give them to one of your Church Stewards by Sunday 17th April.

Would you, or someone you know, prefer to receive InTouch via email? If so just drop us a note at magazine@seatonroad.org.uk

Services at our Churches.....

Sunday 3rd April

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith
Seaton Road - 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Julie Warren
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Gill Baalham
6.30 p.m. – Circuit Service

Sunday 10th April

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Bryan Nichols
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Roger Fern
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith
6.00 p.m. – Mr Michael Peck

Sunday 17th April

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Café Worship!
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Café Worship
6.00 p.m. – Rev Diane Smith

Sunday 24th April

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Martin Ellis
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Jo Jacobs (Communion)
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Raymond Wilson
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Stephen Yelland (Communion)
6.00 p.m. – Revs Jane and Mike Cassidy



The baptism of Logan Jai Belton which took place on Easter Sunday morning.

Trinity Players

Trinity Players will be performing 'The Telescope', a play by R C Sherriff at Trinity Methodist Church from Thursday 21 April to Saturday 23 April at 7.30 pm. This thought provoking play is set in London's East End in the 1950's. The idealistic new vicar is hoping to improve the lot of the underprivileged boys in the parish of Canbury. But the Church, the Police and the local people all see morality from different perspectives and viewpoints. For tickets (£8 each) contact Anne and Ian Clarke 01394 285305. Profits to Tall Ships Youth Trust.



Saturday 9th April
at 7.00 p.m.

Coffee, Cake
and
Costa Rica

Seaton Road
Methodist Church

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a cake and see
Daryl's pictures of Costa Rica

Donations for the new Hall flooring

SHOW US THE WAY LORD

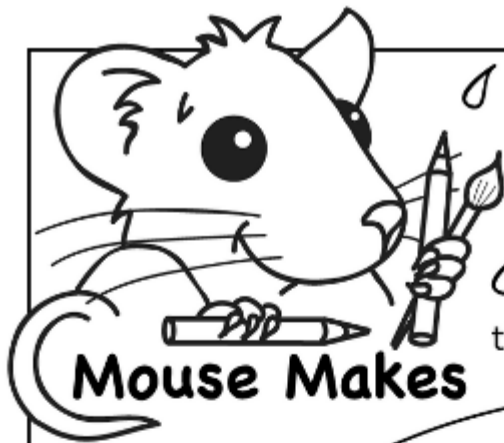
SHOW US THE WAY LORD
TO CONDUCT OURSELVES PROPERLY
AND TO BE MORE APPRECIATIVE
OF THE COMFORTS SURROUNDING US
THAT WE SHOULD NOT
TAKE YOUR GIFTS FOR GRANTED
BUT REALISE THAT RICHNESS
COMES FROM WITHIN

TEACH US TO BE TOLERANT
OF THOSE WHOSE TRADITIONS
DIFFER FROM OUR OWN
THAT WE WORK TO ACHIEVE
WAYS OF EXISTING PEACEABLY
SIDE BY SIDE
IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT
LIFE IS A JOURNEY
WE ARE ALL TRAVELLING
AND NO-ONE MUST CLAIM THE RIGHT
TO FORCIBLY END THAT JOURNEY

Maureen Brown. Trimley Prayer Group



The Methodist Orb sculptured by Brian Ansell during the Holy Week Meditations at the four Mission Area Churches.



Mouse Makes

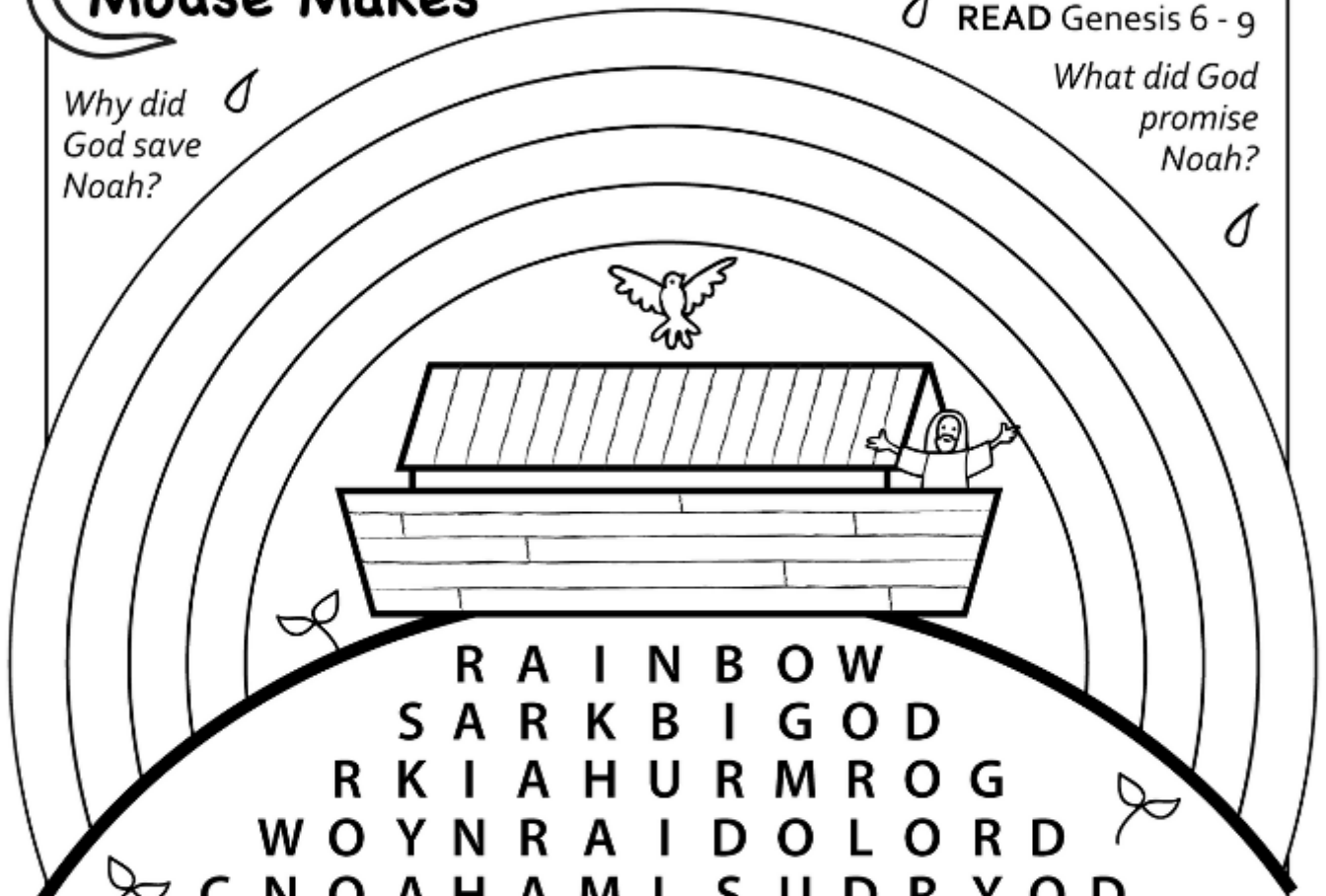
It rained and it rained, for forty days it rained until a great flood covered the earth. Only Noah and his family and two of every living creature were still alive, safe in the great ark that God had instructed Noah to build.

When the flood went down Noah came out of the ark, praised God and built an altar to the Lord.

READ Genesis 6 - 9

Why did God save Noah?

What did God promise Noah?



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 FORTY DAYS • WATER • FLOOD • WORLD • MOUNTAINS • ARARAT • DRY • GROUND
 RAVEN • DOVE • OLIVE LEAF • ALTAR • SACRIFICE • LORD • COVENANT • RAINBOW





Plant Sale



**Saturday 30th April
10 a.m. - 12 noon
at Seaton Road
Plants supplied by
Katie's Garden Centre**



Our annual plant sale at Seaton Road is on Saturday, 30th April. Katie's Garden Centre will be supplying us with a variety of plants, including perennials, bedding plants and maybe some tomato and cucumber plants. Those of you who came last year will remember what good quality and good value they were, so please come again this year and tell your friends and neighbours about it. There will also be a book stall and a cake stall and we shall be serving refreshments.

As usual, help is urgently needed on the day so please speak to Daryl or Malcolm if you are free on 30th April. Help is also needed on the previous day at around 5 p.m. to carry in plants and get the hall ready. If you can make a cake for the cake stall please let Daryl or Shirl know. We shall be doing a leaflet drop in the area during the week beforehand. So, lots of help is needed. Please think about how YOU can help.

This event is to raise money for the Church
and for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Please give your support

Message from Josh Hunt from Boost....

I wanted to invite the Meltdown group, and key members of your congregation, to an evening we are holding at the Academy on Thursday 21st April, 7pm-9pm.



It is titled '*An Evening with Boost*' and is an honest review of our chaplaincy partnership over the last 18 months between Boost and Felixstowe Academy. It will feature stories, theology, finance, and a time for Q&A. You will be aware of the excitement and media coverage we have received as a result of this unique partnership, yet we want to engage on a much deeper level with some of our key supporters and ministers within the town.

It will also be a time where we would love to share with you where we think God may be leading us on this chaplaincy journey as we look forward to the next few years and at all the opportunities and challenges.

If you'd like to be there, please would you register for free tickets using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-boost-registration-20985359776>

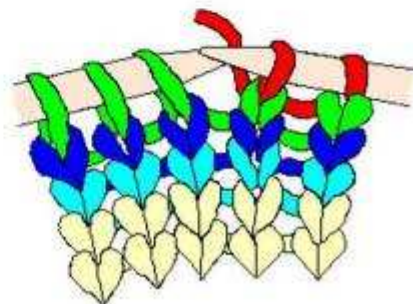
Many thanks, *Josh*

Seaton Road Methodist Church **Knit & Natter**

April 18th. 2—4

Please feel free to join us
and have a
cup of tea or coffee.

All welcome.



Felixstowe Town Pastors

It is now six years (on April 10th) since the Town Pastors went out onto the streets of Felixstowe for the first time.

Since then, most Saturday evenings have seen a team of Pastors serving the community in the town from 10pm until 4am. The team comprises of 4 Pastors (2 male and 2 female) on the streets, 3 base pray-ers (based at Trinity Methodist Church)

keeping in touch with the Pastors, providing them with drinks and toast during their breaks and praying for the various situations as they arise, and between 4 and 8 home pray-ers who will also be holding the Pastors and situations up in prayer in their own homes.

As well as the people out having a good time, the police, paramedics, bar staff and CCTV operators all appreciate the work of the Town Pastors and will call them up if they have a problem needing Town Pastor help.

For various reasons, some of those who have been on the Town Pastor team over the six years are now unable to volunteer and this does mean that there are some weeks when it is impossible to get any team or at least not a full team and the streets are therefore not covered at all or not as well. Please remember this work in your prayers. The Town Pastor team is in need of more volunteers and if you feel you would like to serve God in the community in this way, or it is something you would be interested in finding out more about (whether it be as a pastor, base pray-er or home pray-er), please have a word with Diane Smith or Robin or Mary Pattinson.

Mary Pattinson



www.felixstowetownpastors.org.uk

Singing the Faith Day

When: Saturday, 18th June 2016 2 p.m.—7 p.m.

Where: Trinity Methodist Church Felixstowe IP11 7AN

You are warmly invited to a day exploring the fantastic new music in 'Singing the Faith'.

Session led by professional organist and choral director Robin Walker.

A day full of music offering something for people at every musical level.

So, whether you want to enjoy a good sing, encouragement to try the new music in 'Singing the Faith' or practical tips on how to keep your worship music fresh and interesting, there will be something for you.

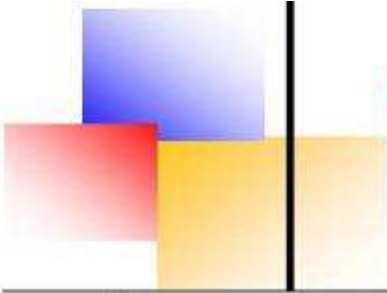
Why not come for the day, take in Fish and Chips along the seafront, and then join us? Comfort breaks and light refreshments provided.

The day concludes with Worship and we close and depart at 7pm. Singing the Faith music books will be available on the day, but please bring your own copy, if you have one. Should you require further information please phone Anne Clarke on 01394 285305

There is no set fee but a suggested donation of £5 to cover costs.



We hope you can come and join what promises to be a wonderful day of music and fellowship.



Seaton Road Methodist Church



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10 a.m.—12 noon*

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*Perennials Bedding Plants Shrubs
Refreshments Cakes Book Stall*

Proceeds for Seaton Road Methodist Church
and
Macmillan Cancer Support

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