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**Methodist Matters in the Felixstowe Mission Area**

*Dear Friends*

We should expect the unexpected from a God who surprised the disciples by rising Christ from the dead.....

In the days between Easter and the Ascension, the disciples didn't know when Jesus might appear, or what he might say. He kept on surprising them. The events of Pentecost were even more astonishing. Think of the reaction on Facebook if it all happened today! The expectations for the effect on the world would be huge. If we allow it and are prepared to look deeper, God will continue to surprise us by working in our lives. The effect could be as huge for us as it was that first Easter.

If we truly want to be continually surprised by God we must look more closely at the story of God's love for people and planet and especially at the life of Christ.

If you feel that the meaning of the gospel settled in you from early childhood, look again and again for new, fresh insights and surprises. Ask deeper questions of the story; ask deeper questions of your own life. Look for signs of God's eternal presence continually in the world at large.

Make the most of resources on offer, Bible Study, Lent and Advent Courses, opportunities to learn from others of a different perspective and background.

In Holy Week this year the Rev'd Jane Cassidy will be leading different times of reflection. Do have a look at the time table printed in this magazine. Do participate if you can. Good preparation in Holy Week, reliving and internalising the events of the Last Supper and the horrors of Crucifixion, pave the way for an even greater and more joyful Eastertide.

May God, who sent his Son to reconcile the world, surprise you afresh as you once more consider the cost, the glory and the joy. Be surprised this Easter!

Nigel and I wish you a very happy and Blessed Season.

*Diane*

P.S. I am grateful to the many people who will be taking up extra duties during my Sabbatical, I have asked for contact details to be printed again in this addition of the magazine, which I hope will be of help to you all.

On our return, I look forward to sharing with you the resources of the new Godly Play Classroom and continuing our work together serving our wonderful God of Surprises.

## **Services at our Churches.....**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)  
Seaton Road - 9.45 a.m. – Prof. David Welbourn  
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)  
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Mrs Heather Bentley  
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – United Service at St Mary's Kirton  
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith  
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Chris Finbow  
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith  
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Martin Ellis  
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Rob Anning (Family Communion)  
Including a visit by Catriona and Steve Bennett  
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Local Arrangement  
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev David Keeble (Communion)  
6.00 p.m. – Visit by Catriona and Steve Bennett

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Dr B Chipperfield  
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Jo Jacobs  
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mrs Janet Foster  
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Mike Cassidy  
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Derek Grimshaw  
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Bryan Nichols  
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Derek Grimshaw  
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Café Worship  
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

## Visit by Catriona and Steve Bennett....

As they prepare to move to Rwanda in the summer, Catriona, Steve and Hannah will be joining us in the Mission Area on Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday) to share their plans and meet as many folk as possible. They will be joining us during the morning service at Seaton Road and also during the evening service at Trinity. Please come along to learn more about this important work and to support Catriona and Steve in their calling.

Find out more by going to [www.churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/catriona-and-stephen-bennett](http://www.churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/catriona-and-stephen-bennett)



*Name:*

*Catriona and Steve Bennett*

*Location: Gahini Hospital,  
Eastern Rwanda*

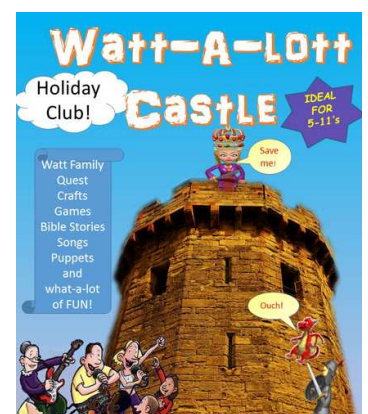
*Our call: To serve God and the  
people of Eastern Rwanda  
using our medical skills*

*Our role: To provide and  
develop sustainable surgical  
and anaesthetic service at  
Gahini Hospital*

## The Watt-A-Lott Castle Holiday Club

The Mission Area Holiday Clubs will be taking place at Seaton Road from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July and at Trinity from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August. Please pray for our holiday clubs as preparations are going on behind the scenes.

Several people have offered to help already but with an expected attendance of around 50 children each morning you will appreciate we need many pairs of hands to run successful weeks. Please consider if you could give any time to help with these events. Even if you could only commit to helping for one day please speak to Robin or Mary Pattinson, Alison Davies or Heather Carpenter. The next planning meeting will take place at Trinity on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2 p.m.



## Joyce Cross

***Part of the eulogy from Joyce Cross' funeral, led by Rev Diane Smith at Seven Hills Crematorium on 28<sup>th</sup> February.***

ELEANOR JOYCE CROSS was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1919 in Grantchester in the county of Cambridgeshire to Leonard and Florence Spiller. She was known by the family as Joyce. A year later her brother Vernon was born. They grew up and went to school in Grantchester. As a teenager Joyce went to Cambridge High school but moved with her family to Felixstowe when she was about sixteen. Her father had gained employment with the Felixstowe Times newspaper as a reporter. When things were busy, Joyce was asked to help out following up stories and this was how she eventually met her husband – she had been sent to the Crosses house in Margaret Street to take details about the funeral of old Mr Cross. On leaving the house she told her father that she didn't want anything to do with those Crosses, they were an odd lot! The family still have a copy of the newspaper report that Joyce wrote about the funeral. Obviously Joyce changed her mind about those Crosses when she met Leslie Cross, who was a merchant seaman and had just returned from Australia so that he could join the Metropolitan Police. This was 1937. After a three year courtship Joyce and Les (as he was known) were married at Grantchester Church on 12<sup>th</sup> November 1940.

As the war had broken out by then it was decided that it was too dangerous for Joyce to go to London with Les, who was staying in the section house in Peckham, so she returned to Felixstowe to live with her parents in Chepstow Road. She worked in the Dr Barnardo's Home on High Road East, looking after the young children.

In June 1942 her first son Leonard was born, followed by Michael in Sept 1943. Her husband was called up in 1942 and was a Bombardier in the Royal Artillery.

After the war in 1946 the family moved to Brockley, South London where Valerie was born. Les was still stationed at Peckham Police Station and the family moved again, this time to Bing House, Brixton Hill, which was a block of 60 Police flats. The Crosses home was on the top floor- 5 stories up. This was where Tony was born in 1948 and Lesley their daughter in 1957. Poor Joyce had to drag the pram up and down ten flights of stairs every time she went out. The flat had an open fire and Joyce had to fill the coal bucket from the coal shed down the hall. (Luckily the coalman carried the coal up the ten flights of stairs). Life was not easy. The family stayed at Bing House for about ten years and then moved to the old Police station in New Barnet where the children's bedrooms were in the old cell block.

After about 18 months the family were on the move again, this time to Ponders End where John was born. When John was about 2 years old the family bought a house on High Road West in Felixstowe in readiness

for Les's retirement. Joyce, John and daughter Lesley moved here whilst Mick and his father stayed in Ponders End until Les could move down to be with the family.

In 1979 Joyce became very poorly and it was discovered that she had a brain tumour. She was very fortunate to have been referred to Maida Vale Hospital where her tumour was removed and she made a full recovery. Around this time she could often be seen walking her goat, Daisy, on a lead with her two dogs along the grass verges. This caught the eye of a reporter and a lovely article appeared in the local paper.

In late 1979 Joyce had the opportunity to visit her son Leonard, in Australia; he had emigrated, aged 21 with his wife and Joyce had not seen him for 18 years. At the same time she arranged to meet up with her brother Vernon who was also living in Australia. It must have been a very emotional time for Joyce but as with everything she took it all in her stride.

In 1987, in the week of the great storm, Les and Joyce moved one last time to Hawkes Lane – you will be pleased to hear that there wasn't yet another new baby with this move! They enjoyed life watching their family expand and with ten grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren there was always someone popping in for a visit.

Joyce worshiped at Seaton Road Methodist Church and enjoyed being a member of the Ladies Evening Fellowship. She participated in many Church activities and was always happy to help with fund raising projects. She was also a member of the Co-op Guild and for many years hosted a lovely Christmas party for the ladies. She particularly liked to spend time making lovely sweets and tasty titbits for the evening and getting some of her grandchildren to do little 'turns' to entertain the group.

Joyce always loved creative cookery but was happy to let her husband do the day to day meals as he enjoyed cooking as well. When Les died in 1999, with the help of her family, she adjusted to her new life style well, enjoying the flowers and birds in her garden.

In later years as she became more frail she was happy to have most of her family close by and was very grateful for all the help that Lesley and Valerie gave her on a day to day basis.

When things became too much for the family alone to cope with her, daughter Lesley, who had become her main carer, was forced to get extra help for Joyce. The whole family would like to thank the lovely group of people who became Joyce's carers, visiting every day and seeing to her needs with such loving care and compassion. Without their help the family would not have been able to have kept Joyce in her own home where she really wanted to remain.

Joyce was a lovely Mum, Mum in Law, Nannie and Great Nannie. She loved and was proud of her whole family.

She will be really missed in so many ways.

## **Holy Week - "Why The Killing Of Jesus Really Matters"**

Rev Jane and Rev Mike Cassidy are leading the Holy Week studies this year on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (only). There will be no study on Good Friday.

Each day there will an afternoon and an evening Session (the evening a repeat of the afternoon session).

Monday and Tuesday afternoon at Trimley Methodist Church 2.30-4pm (April 10-11)

Monday and Tuesday evening at Seaton Road Methodist Church 7.30-9pm (April 10-11)

Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at Kirton Methodist Church 2.30-4pm (April 12-13)

Wednesday and Thursday evening at Trinity Methodist Church 7.30-9pm (April 12-13)

Maundy Thursday sessions will conclude with a simple Holy Communion.

All are welcome at any of the sessions. The timings are approximate and may not last 90 minutes! Each session will be an opportunity to reflect on, talk about and learn about why the killing of Jesus really matters, and how that killing has been understood in a variety of ways over many periods of the Church's existence.

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## **Churches Together in Felixstowe... Easter Services**

**Good Friday Open Air Service** at The Triangle 14th April 10.45am  
Setting the Scene. 11.15 a.m. Good Friday Service

**Sunrise Service Easter Sunday** 16th April 6.00 a.m. on seafront by  
Town Hall

A special **Children's own Service** at St Mary's, Walton on Good  
Friday 14th April at 9.15 a.m

## Circuit Arts and Crafts Festival 2017

The Circuit Arts and Crafts festival will be held at Museum Street Methodist Church, Ipswich on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Pre-entered items need to be in place for judging by 10am on the morning of the festival and visitors can view from approximately 12 noon. The day will end at about 3pm with a short concert and presentation of the shield to the winning church and cup for the individual with the highest points from the day. Hot and cold drinks, filled rolls etc will be on sale throughout the day.

Details are available from [www.seatonroad.org.uk](http://www.seatonroad.org.uk).

**CIRCUIT ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL**

**MUSEUM STREET METHODIST CHURCH  
IPSWICH.**

**SATURDAY May 6<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

**Arts  
& Crafts**



Lorna Bellamy, Parish Nurse for Walton Parish Nursing is taking up the challenge of **“The MoonWalk”** 13th May at Clapham Common, London.

This is where thousands of women (and a few brave men) will walk a marathon through the night, but do it wearing a decorated bra to raise money and awareness for vital breast cancer causes.

Lorna will be in a team called the **“Felixstowe Blister Sisters”!**

Both Trinity and Seaton Road hold sponsor forms if you would like to sponsor her for this worthy cause.





*Dear Friends*

As you know I shall be on Sabbatical this year from the 10<sup>th</sup> of April until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, this time scale also includes summer leave.

Elsewhere in the magazine you will find an article on Godly Play and the work I am hoping to cover on Sabbatical.

I am most grateful to the Methodist Church for the opportunities Sabbaticals allow and time to visit family and spend time with Nigel.

I am also grateful to all the willing people who will be covering various aspects of the work and have included details below;

**Port Work:** For one day a week the Rev'd David Kemble will cover, reporting to the Occupational Therapy Department at the Port and visiting shore-side departments and people as required;

**Weddings and Baptisms:** Retired Ministers, Jo Jacobs, Jane and Mike Cassidy.

**Funerals;** if a family do not request a specific Minister please contact the Rev'd David Keeble.

I am grateful to the above Ministers who will be covering visits to some homes and sharing Holy Communion Services including Holy Communion at the Day Centre in Trinity.

**Lay Worker Cover:** Dawn will be on Maternity leave from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April until the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Therefore, we should all be grateful to Robin Pattinson and Debbie Peck for covering this. Robin will be working for eight hours per week covering work contacted to Children and Family and Outreach. Robin will continue to be involved with our weekly Ecumenical project at St. Philips Wadgate Road, Kids Club at Seaton Road and when possible visiting Little Fishes, Open 4u and the Brownie packs etc.

I am also most grateful to Debbie Peck who will be picking up some pastoral visiting work. This work is of great importance and takes a good deal of time. Debbie will also be offering eight hours per week.

The Superintendent Minister Derek Grimshaw has requested that if a matter cannot be dealt with by Church Stewards, please contact him and he then will alert the most appropriate person.

**Useful contact Numbers:** Rev'd Derek Grimshaw 01473 805486.

**Port Work:** Rev'd David Kemble email kemble1@sky.com

**Ministers in Circuit:** via the Rev'd Derek Grimshaw;

**Children's Work:** Robin Pattinson: 01394 27140

**Pastoral:** Ministers as above plus Debbie Peck: 01394 279187

**Funeral Work:** If no particular Minister requested: Rev David Keeble: 01394 809077

**Safe Guarding:** Via Allocated Safe Guarding officers in consultation with Derek.

Finally we wish Dawn and Terry Bone every blessing with the expected arrival of their new baby in April.

*Rev'd Diane Smith*

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## **ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE**

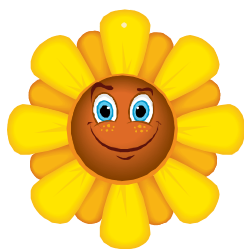
Saturday mornings in Trinity are generally a busy time as we hold our Coffee Mornings from 10.00-12.00pm. We've been finding recently that some of our regular customers are waiting to get in as soon as we open the door. Could this be the enticing aroma of Carol's freshly baked sausage rolls or the thought of Debbie's delicious rock cakes or Jean's beautiful Victoria sponge!!!!!! Our reputation for good food is spreading but we hope that the warmth of our welcome is spreading too.

These mornings are a time when we can chat to our customers, or should I say friends and show God's love in action. It's wonderful to see so many people regularly attending but also to welcome visitors. We ask for donations for the food and this money goes to helping our church. There is a large selection of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books for sale and also some cards. So if you're out shopping or just walking why not pop in and have a cuppa. We would be delighted to see you.

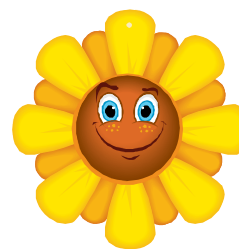
Hebrews 13 v1-2 Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!

*Anna Porter*

# Plant Sale



Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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, 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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 East Anglian Air Ambulance.

**Please give your support**

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## Godly Play

Diane led a very informative and thought-provoking training session on Godly Play during March. Many thanks to Diane for organising this and, hopefully, with the development of the Godly Play classroom and resources at Kirton (during Diane's sabbatical) more use can be made of this way of telling the stories from the Bible.

