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**Methodist Matters in the Felixstowe Mission Area**

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

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Paul Howes

Seaton Road - 9.45 a.m. – Rev Jo Jacobs

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mrs Diana Sawyer

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Mr T James

6.00 p.m. – Healing Service

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Harry Chicken

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mrs Jane Paterson

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)

6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Kirton – 2.45 p.m. – Rev Diane Smith – Parade Service

Seaton Road – 3.00 p.m. – Christmas Café Celebration

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Mike Cassidy (Communion)

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Local Arrangement

4.00 p.m. – Carol Service – Mr Stephen Wyatt

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Seaton Road – 7.00 p.m. – Carols by Candlelight

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Kirton – 6.00 p.m. – Rev Diane Smith – Carol Service

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Jane Cassidy

Trimley – 7.00 p.m. – Carols by Candlelight

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Mike Cassidy

11.00 p.m. – Midnight Communion

### **Christmas Day**

10.30 a.m. - United service at the URC, Orwell Road

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith – Mission Area service

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith – Covenant Service

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Jane Cassidy

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith – Covenant Service

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Jo Jacobs

6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Prof David Welbourn

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev David Keeble

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)

6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Gloria Theobald

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Paul Howes

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Prof David Welbourn

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Café Worship

6.30 p.m. – Churches Together in Felixstowe united  
service – Preacher Rev Julian Pursehouse

## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Mike Cassidy

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Yvonne Haye

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Mike Cassidy

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Jane Cassidy

6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

## Christmas letter from Rev'd Diane....

Dear Friends,

First of all, may I take this opportunity for both Nigel and I to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Thank you to all those people who will be taking on extra duties over the Christmas period, it is very much appreciated.

Christmas certainly provides us with all sorts of extra opportunities to reach out to those in our communities. May God bless all our endeavours to share his love at this very special time of year.

A painting by Leonardo Da Vinci has just been sold for a record \$450m. That makes it the most expensive painting ever. It is called Salvator Mundi and depicts Christ, with his hand raised as if about to give a priestly blessing (see below). He is the Saviour of the World, says Leonardo. It is a beautiful painting in which Jesus is holding a glass globe representing the whole world.

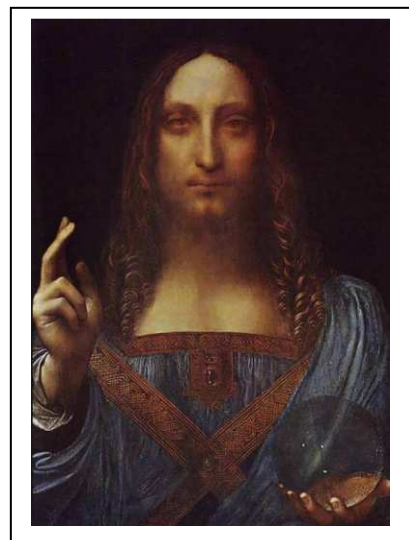
It is ironic indeed that such a painting should come with so great a price tag; when at Christmas we are called to remember and reflect upon, the completely free self-giving of God in Jesus.

We call this self-giving "Incarnation". Below, I have attempted to write a short piece of prose which takes its inspiration from Genesis Ch. 1, the prologue to St. John's Gospel and the letter to the Hebrews in which Christ is called "The Pioneer and Perfecter of Faith".

### **Incarnation**

First gift, first light,  
First morning.  
First word, first song,  
First Dawning.  
Time given before time,  
Chaos moulded into rhyme.

In the beginning, at the start,  
At the core, at the heart.  
Word of God,  
Only Son,  
Love in essence,  
Permanent one.



See the grace, tacked on grace.  
See the Son take His place.  
Surrender all,  
Bend so low,  
Provide a space for you to know.

Incarnation drawing near,  
Babe in arms, pioneer.  
Incarnation has begun.  
God the Father,  
Sends the Son.

*Love and God Bless, Diane*

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All are invited to "**Mince pies at the Manse**" on Thursday 21st December any time between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.



## Mission Area Kids' Club

Kids' Club is open to all primary school aged children who have completed their first full year at school. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month (apart from January – see below) at Seaton Road from 6 - 7.15p.m and future dates are:-



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January (please note change of usual date)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

## Walton Churches' Advent Course

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – St Mary's, Walton

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – St Mary's Walton

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Seaton Road

This starts at 7.30 p.m. with refreshments from 7.15 p.m

Everyone very welcome.

*A song was heard at Christmas  
To wake the midnight sky:  
A Saviour's birth and peace on earth  
And praise to God on high.*

*The angels sang at Christmas  
With all the hosts above  
And still we sing the newborn King  
His glory and his love.*

*Timothy Dudley-Smith*

## **Felixstowe Churches' Unity Week**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

(please note the slight change of dates from the usual national Week of Prayer for Christian Unity dates)

**Look out for the programme of events in various churches.**

**A PILGRIMAGE** around the churches of Walton and Felixstowe is being organised on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January, ending at the URC for a time of prayer. Further details to follow.

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## **Churches Together in Felixstowe**

### **ANNUAL UNITED SERVICE**

**Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

**Trinity Methodist Church 6.30pm**

**Speaker: Rev. Julian Pursehouse, the Chair of the East Anglia District of the Methodist Church.**

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You are invited to join carol singing around Kirton Village.  
Meeting at Kirton Methodist Chapel on  
Monday 18th December at 6.30pm.  
Donations will be shared with EACH.

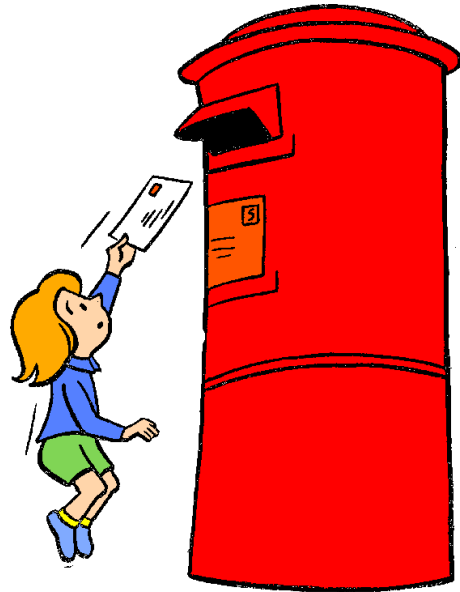
## Seaton Road Christmas Cards and Post Box

Don't forget the 'Seaton Road Christmas Card Post Box and Sorting Office'.

This year we will again be offering two options for sending Christmas cards to friends at Seaton Road.

**Option 1:** To send a single card to everyone at Seaton Road. This will be displayed in the church for everyone to read.

**Option 2:** To use the 'post box' provided at the back of the church.



**DATES:** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**FOR:** People to 'send' cards to **ONLY THOSE WHO ATTEND SEATON ROAD CHURCH.**

**PLEASE:** Include surnames of recipients on envelopes to avoid confusion.

**DONATIONS:** to JMA

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any cards arriving after 17<sup>th</sup> December will not be distributed but will be left at the back of the church for collection.

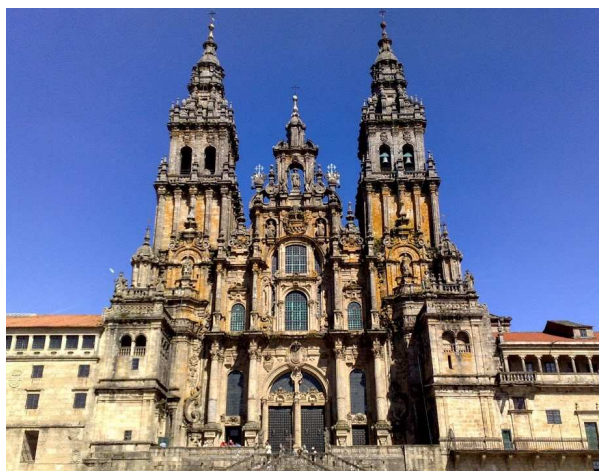
Please put your donations, for either option, in the JMA box located on top of the 'post box'.

If you have any items for the February edition of "In Touch" please send them to [magazine@seatonroad.org.uk](mailto:magazine@seatonroad.org.uk) or give them to one of your Church Stewards by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January



## Looking forward to a special holiday – from Emma (Trinity)

I am very excited – looking forward to my holiday following the **'Way of St James' to Santiago de Compostela**. I'm doing this in what is the easiest way for me; I will be 71 when I go and have no history of long treks with my belongings on my back! (*this was the route taken in the film "The Way" which was used as the ecumenical lent study course earlier this year*)



Santiago de Compostela Cathedral

Among the places we will be visiting are:

The town of Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port

The Monastery of San Salvador of Leyre and the town of Sangüesa town

A walking tour of Pamplona

Logrono town visit

Rioja winery tour and tasting

Santo Domingo de la Calzada visit

Tour of Burgos

León orientation tour

Santiago de Compostela Cathedral tour

I am fortunate not to have to carry my bag on my back as there is portering at all the hotels!

I will keep a diary and let you know all about my 12 day adventure.

*A very excited Emma Elwell*

# **SHE DID 10k AND MORE!**

## **REV'D DIANE'S RUN FOR "CHRISTIANS AGAINST VERT**



### **ON THE WAY**



**SPRINT FINISH**

**AT THE END**

**TO ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE SPONSORED DIANE, THANKS  
VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATION TO THIS MOST  
WORTHY CHARITY**