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Methodist Matters in the Felixstowe Mission Area

Services at our Churches.....

Sunday 4th February

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Mike Stock

Seaton Road - 9.45 a.m. – Rev Tony Brookes (Communion)

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Chris Jowett

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Maj T Andrews

6.30 p.m. – Circuit Service at Gainsborough Library

Sunday 11th February

Kirton – Mission Area Service at Trinity

Seaton Road – Mission Area Service at Trinity

Trimley – Mission Area Service at Trinity

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith / Mr Brian Ansell
(Communion)

6.00 p.m. – Healing Service

Rev Jo Jacobs & Mrs Elizabeth Storey

Sunday 18th February

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Jane Paterson

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Café Worship!

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Mike Cassidy

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Café Worship

6.00 p.m. – Rev Diane Smith

Sunday 25th February

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith

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

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Luke Rokobuli

6.00 p.m. – Mr Stephen Wyatt

From Rev'd Diane....

Dear Friends,

On the 4th February Gainsborough Library will be the venue of our next Circuit Service. Lay Workers, Elizabeth Storey and Debbie Peck, have established a really healthy working relationship with the Library Staff who have welcomed the Methodist Church with open arms. Can I please urge you to come to this Service and be encouraged by this developing relationship which was born of work that Deacon Georgina Brooks began. Together, Elizabeth and Debbie have developed the work. At this service, Library Staff will be thanked for their all-important part in this relationship. John Wesley once famously said, "The whole world is my Parish" and across the Circuit much important work is carried out by a whole host of lay folk and supernumerary ministers.

Methodism is facing an unprecedented challenge, as a short-fall in Ministers means that up to 56 appointments will remain unfilled this coming Connexional year. However, can I assure you that within the Ipswich Circuit the Leadership team are working very hard to address this shortfall. One very positive way forward has been the employment of more lay workers, and by the time you read this a new additional Pastoral Worker will have been appointed to work alongside myself. I urge you all to be very optimistic in your assessment of the Methodist Church and its future development. It is true we face very challenging times, but we are and always have been a grass roots moment. The priesthood of all believers continues to be so much a part of our DNA.

Recently, I have been revisiting the novel "Adam Bede" by George Eliot (pen name of Mary Ann Evans), in which the work of lay Methodist Preacher Dinah Morris plays such a prominent role and vital role. If you have not read this novel, it might inspire you once more to thank God for the work of the laity and our joint calling to share the love of God with all.

Rev'd Diane

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE



Trinity Methodist Church

Hamilton Road, Felixstowe

Sunday 15th April 2018

6 – 7.15 pm



All are welcome to join us at an evening of contemporary worship featuring songs by well-known worship leaders such as Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin, Tim Hughes and others.

Come and join us to worship Him in Spirit and Truth.

*"Love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life my all"*



For further information contact: Elizabeth Storey on 01394 671655

The Methodist Church



Mission Area Kids' Club

2018 began with the January Kids' Club Annual Party enjoyed by both the youngsters and leaders! 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 at Seaton Road from 6 - 7.15p.m and future dates are:-



Tuesday 6th February

Tuesday 6th March

Count your Blessings

If you would like to do something for, or think of, those less fortunate than ourselves during Lent this year, you may like to look at Christian Aid's 'Count your Blessings' scheme, a daily calendar entitled, 'Walk into the wilderness this Lent'.

Christian Aid writes, "As we follow Jesus' journey this Lent, let's confront the wilderness in our own world. Let's walk with our neighbours who have been forced to flee their homes. You'll reflect on the blessings in your life, and you'll see how your support gives people hope."

Each day it gives you a situation that many in the world find themselves in and gives us an opportunity to give thanks for our own riches. It suggests donating small amounts of money to Christian Aid but even if you were unable to do this, the leaflet could act as a useful daily prayer resource for Lent (starting on Ash Wednesday 14th February). If you would like a copy you can download it from www.christianaid.org.uk/lent (for Seaton Road folk there is a copy on the church noticeboard) and there is also a children's version available.





Ecumenical Lent Course

A study of the film "VICTORIA & ABDUL" in 5 sessions at a church near you.

www.churchestogetherfelixstowe.org.uk

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	THURSDAY	SUNDAY
Complete Showing Film 112mins	11 th February 5.30pm Salvation Army	12 th February 2.30pm Maidstone Road Baptist Church	13 th February 7.00pm St John's Church	14 th Feb 5.00pm Ash Wednesday Service 7.30pm St Mary's Walton	15 th February 3.00pm St John's Church	15 th February 7pm (interval pancakes & hot drinks) Christ Church	
Session 1	18 th Feb 5.30pm Salvation Army	19 th Feb 2.30pm Trinity Methodist	20 th Feb 7.00pm St John's Church	21 st Feb 7.30pm St Mary's Walton	22 nd Feb 3.00pm St John's Church	22 nd Feb 7.00pm Christ Church	
Session 2	25 th Feb 5.30pm Salvation Army	26 th Feb 2.30pm Trinity Methodist	27 th Feb 7.00pm St John's Church	28 th Feb 7.30pm St Mary's Walton	1 st Mar 3.00pm St John's Church	1 st Mar 7.00pm Christ Church	
Session 3		5 th Mar 2.30pm Trinity Methodist	6 th Mar 7.00pm St John's Church	7 th Mar 7.30pm St Mary's Walton	8 th Mar 3.00pm St John's Church	8 th Mar 7.00pm Christ Church	11 th Mar 5.30pm Salvation Army
Session 4		12 th Mar 2.30pm Trinity Methodist	13 th Mar 7.00pm St John's Church	14 th Mar 7.30pm St Mary's Walton	15 th Mar 3.00pm St John's Church	15 th Mar 7.00pm Christ Church	18 th Mar 5.30pm Salvation Army
Session 5		19 th Mar 2.30pm Trinity Methodist	20 th Mar 7.00pm St John's Church	21 st Mar 7.30pm St Mary's Walton	22 nd Mar 3.00pm St John's Church	22 nd Mar 7.00pm Christ Church	25 th Mar 5.30pm Salvation Army

History's Most Unlikely Friendship

Christ Church, Grange Farm Avenue IP11 2XD

The Salvation Army, Cobbold Road IP11 7EL

Trinity Methodist Church, Orwell Road IP11 7AN

St John's Anglican Church, Orwell Road IP11 7PW

St Mary's Anglican Church, High Street, Walton IP11 9DT

Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Maidstone Road IP11 9ED

Each week a session will include a study of part of the film and will be the same at each church. You can attend at any venue & any time to suit you. Come & go as you are able.

The extraordinary true story of an unlikely friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's rule. Abdul Kerim, a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Golden Jubilee. The two forge an unlikely & devoted alliance. As the friendship deepens the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes & joyfully reclaims her humanity.



If people are unable to go to any of the listed showings I have a number of DVD's of Victoria and Abdul for folk to burrow and watch in the comfort of their own homes. I will be showing the film at the Manse on Thursday 8th of Feb at 7.30pm. (There will, of course, be a limited amount of space) Diane.

Walton Parish Nursing Felixstowe

*Serving the community
of Walton*

Health Fair

Saturday 3rd March 2018

10am to 3pm

The Trades and Labour Club
182 High Road West, Felixstowe, IP11 9BB

Admission free

Health related organisations will be displaying the services they provide for the community, giving advice and information and answering questions

- Free health checks available
- Refreshments
- Donations welcome

Walton Parish Nursing 07969 901001
contactus@waltonpn.org.uk

Maidstone Road
Baptist Church
Seaton Road
Methodist Church
St Mary's
Parish Church (CofE)

www.waltonpn.org.uk

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday March 2nd 2018 – St John's, Orwell Road – 11 a.m;
followed by Hunger Lunch in support of Christian Aid

Theme: "All God's Creation is Very Good!"
written by the Christian women of Suriname who focus on creation
and our responsibility to care and look after it.

All Welcome (women and men)

Fairtrade Fortnight in Felixstowe

This will be launched at Trinity Methodist Church at a coffee morning on Monday 26th February by the Mayor of Felixstowe, Nick Barber. There will be a Fairtrade walk organised in conjunction with Felixstowe Walkers before the launch.



We are also working with Felixstowe Library and the town's Youth Forum to organise a special "Family Fun Day" at the library on Saturday 3rd March, from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The event will be held in the former café area and Fairtrade refreshments will be served throughout the day. There will be competitions and prizes, a raffle and a Fairtrade stall.

There will be activities within schools in the period leading up to and during Fairtrade Fortnight and the fortnight will be brought to a close at a coffee morning at the United Reformed Church on 10th March.

**Peace on earth, goodwill to all.
Surely we have it reversed.
For peace to come on earth,
Goodwill to all must come first. Shirley Nelson.**

Submitted by Margaret Powell (Trinity)

Godly Play

As from the 17th of January, a small group of individuals from Kirton Methodist Chapel have been involved in a weekly after-school club at Trimley St. Martin Primary School.

We are grateful to the Headteacher, Mrs Ross, who has welcomed the team with such enthusiasm.

The sessions run each Wednesday, in term time, immediately after school from 3.30pm until 5pm.

We are looking for more volunteers to go on the rota to tell the Godly Play stories; if you would like to be involved in any way please do contact me.

We are hoping that this relationship between Kirton Chapel and the school will develop further and lead to running some fun mornings for the children in the future, during school holidays.

Diane.

Samaritan Purse Shoebox appeal 2018

As I think of 2018 and what it will bring, I have been thinking about the shoe boxes and the journey they have taken and the excited children who received them.

Looking back I am very grateful to all those who supplied items for the boxes and made boxes up, thank you. The only downside of this is the donation of money to cover transport etc. If we hadn't received generous donations from a few individuals we wouldn't have had enough to cover the transport costs. I don't want to deter those who donate goods. A suggestion of Samaritan Purse is to hold coffee mornings, have a cake stall or have a special service with a retiring collection etc. to raise money for transport costs.

If you would be willing to help me to raise money so that the shoebox appeal could reach 70 this year instead of 64 please get in contact with me at fran_keeble@sky.com

Happy New Year

Fran Keeble



Elvis Returns to Trinity Methodist

Come and hear Andy Kelso 's excellent tribute act



**Trinity Methodist Church,
Felixstowe**

**Saturday 3rd March
at 7.30pm**

Adult ticket £7 - Children £3.

Great Value for a wonderful night of Entertainment.

Funds towards Kirton
Chapel building
project.

Andy Kelso is a talented singer and speaker. He has already featured on BBC Radio singing and talking about Elvis and his own Act! He has also done an Elvis Gospel Service on BBC Radio singing gospel songs and talking about Elvis's own spiritual journey which proved to be really popular ...



Computer Club Transformation

The Computer Club at Seaton Road has been running since 2002 and many people have not only enjoyed learning a little more about computers, but have also enjoyed the social aspect of the club. Our numbers have now dropped but those who come still value the time spent together and didn't want to stop completely, so we thought we would change into a more general hobbies club. We will meet on Thursday afternoons (apart from the third Thursday in the month which is the day of the Seaton Road Church Lunch) from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. Those who wish may still have help with their computers and you would be welcome to bring along your own laptops or tablets. But we would welcome everyone to bring along any hobby that interests them, e.g. knitting, crochet, drawing or painting. The table tennis table is also available for anyone who wants to be a bit more active! Please bring along any hobby you fancy and share your interests over a cup of tea. You may even enjoy teaching somebody else your skill. We aim to start the transformed club on Thursday March 8th. We will now meet downstairs but there will still be access to the internet.

Daryl Read (Seaton Road)

News from Catriona, Steve and Hannah in Rwanda....

A greeting from Rwanda:

Dear friends,

Greetings! As we read through our last link letter we can't believe how much has happened in such a short space of time. God's provision for our work here has been amazing.

The latest newsletter from Catriona, Steve and Hannah can be found here: www.seatonroad.org.uk – you will find the link on the home page.



The Trinity Players

are performing

Silhouette

by Simon Brett

Thursday 8th March

Friday 9th March

Saturday 10th March

at 7.30pm

at Trinity Methodist Church,

Felixstowe

Tickets £8.00 adults.

Profits to The Salvation Army – Homelessness.

Phone Anne and Ian Clarke **01394 285305**

In Act 1 of this ingenious thriller, actress Celia is questioned by the police about the murder of her husband. She is obviously in the clear, but Neville, the drunken journalist sleeping in her bed, had been in an argument with him shortly before the murder. The solution seems simple. But Act 2 takes place before the murder, and all our expectations are turned on their heads! Who is silhouetted? This original play will surprise and perplex!