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Methodist Matters in the Felixstowe Mission Area

Dear Friends

This summer is certainly going to be the summer of “Joseph”
Let me explain.....

“Cops and Robbers” is the theme of the two Holiday Clubs being run this summer both at Seaton Road and Trinity. The material looks at the life of Joseph, Jacobs’s favourite son, and all the problems and headache this particular family endure. Joseph’s brothers sell him into slavery but many years later seek out his forgiveness. It is a story of high emotion and complete change of heart, a story of reconciliation forgiveness and redemption. What a fantastic message for people of all ages.

This same Joseph is of course the subject of the much loved musical hit “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.”

The Felixstowe Carnival this year has adopted the theme of shows and musicals and in the Mission Area Dawn Bone, our lay worker, has been working with all different groups of people to prepare “Our Joseph float”.

On the day leaflets and sweets will be given out to the crowd advertising Worship and other events in the Mission Area. It is not too late to get involved in any of the above or the Fun Day to be held at Kirton Methodist Church on the August 3rd 10am to 12 midday. Please do have a chat with either myself or Dawn.

On the evening of the 3rd of August there will be a Buffet at the Manse from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome but we are especially going to look at the ongoing work of Messy Church not only at Trinity but how best the Churches Together in Felixstowe can support each other in this most important ongoing piece of work.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing your views.

Love and God Bless

Diane

Services at our Churches.....

Sunday 5th July

Kirton - 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Holy Communion)

Seaton Road - 9.45 a.m. - Rev Jo Jacobs (Holy Communion)

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Holy Communion)

Trinity – 10.30 a.m. – United service at URC

6.00 p.m. – Mr Jim Cadbury – Quaker style service

Sunday 12th July

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Kathy Flynn

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev David Keeble

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Peter Crick

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Paul Finch

6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement – Mr Michael Peck

Sunday 19th July

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Colin Westren

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Café Worship! – Rev Diane Smith

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Raymond Wilson

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

6.00 p.m. – Rev Diane Smith

Sunday 26th July

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Local Arrangement

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Heather Bentley

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev David Keeble

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Peter Crick

6.00 p.m. – Mr Peter Crick

Sunday 2nd August

Kirton - 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Holy Communion)
Seaton Road - 9.45 a.m. – Holiday Club Extra!
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Holy Communion)
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Mrs Liz Cope
6.00 p.m. – Rev Mike Cassidy

Sunday 9th August

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Peter Crick
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Holy Communion)
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mrs Diana Sawyer
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Holy Communion)
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

Sunday 16th August

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev C Jowett
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Café Worship
6.00 p.m. – Rev Diane Smith

Sunday 23rd August

Kirton – 4.00 p.m. – Mission Area Songs of Praise
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith - 4 p.m. at Kirton
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev C Jowett - 4 p.m. at Kirton
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Jo Jacobs
4.00 p.m. – at Kirton

Sunday 30th August

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Alyson Ellis
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Janet Foster
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Peter Crick
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Holiday Club Extra!
6.00 p.m. – LA



The dates for the next “Knit-and-Natter” afternoons
at Seaton Road are:

Monday July 20th
and
Monday August 17th
2 – 4 p.m.

Everyone welcome!

**There will be at Buffet & BBQ at the
Manse on Saturday 22nd August
from 2 p.m.**



**Buffet in the afternoon, BBQ in the evening
All welcome – for all or part of the time.**

This will be a Churches Together in Felixstowe event.

(Please note change of date from last month's InTouch)

Friends,

I know that a number of you have found Otley Hall to be a very good place for Retreats.

Just to let you know I have 15 tickets at reduced rate for Wednesday 4th November's Retreat Day.

"Living to maintain ones faith in an increasingly secular society"

This day is being lead by Anne Spalding. If you would like to go please do let me know. The tickets are £15 instead of the usual £22.

Also would anyone like to go to Otley Hall on the 16th September?

This would be for a quiet day with some input from myself.

Do let me know if there is enough interest, we can book up shortly.

Both of the above days would be from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

God Bless

Diane.



Norwood's Summer Fete with BBQ

Saturday 25th July

2:30pm - 4:30pm

All ages welcome!

*Please come along and support
Norwood Amenity Fund!*

*BBQ, Refreshments, Raffle, Children's
Games, Stalls, Ipswich Diamonds
Majorettes and much more!!*



Norwood Residential Home, 14 Park Road, Ipswich, IP1 3ST

Cops and Robbers Holiday Club

The Mission Area Holiday Clubs will be taking place at Seaton Road from 27th to 31st July and at Trinity from 24th to 28th August. Please continue to pray for our holiday clubs both before and during the weeks.

The Rock Cake Church.

No doubt many of you will have heard of The Bread Church. Within our Mission Area we have, at Trinity, our own small claim to fame.

Debbie is definitely The Rock Cake Queen. Anybody who has tasted them can tell you that.

Every Thursday and Saturday Coffee mornings, there they will be, tempting all who come, and people do come in so that they can have a rock cake with their coffee. I am reliably told that Carol's Sausage Rolls are pretty good on a Saturday too.



But back to the Rock Cakes.

Debbie has been making them for some time now and they are proving to have a double mission. All of the money raised from them goes to the Hulford family in Bolivia for their work with the Street Children there, while our visiting customers come in especially for them. Such a simple thing, could they too be considered Radical Love, Radical Mission.

Margaret Powell

The total raised by the churches involved in the Felixstowe and District Christian Aid Committee during this year's Christian Aid Week was £5283



For those of my generation who do not really comprehend why Facebook exists.....

PRESENTLY, I AM TRYING TO MAKE FRIENDS OUTSIDE OF FACEBOOK WHILE APPLYING THE SAME PRINCIPLES.

THEREFORE EVERY DAY, I GO DOWN THE STREET AND TELL THE PASSERSBY WHAT I HAVE EATEN, HOW I FEEL, WHAT I HAVE DONE THE NIGHT BEFORE, AND WHAT I WILL DO AFTER. I GIVE THEM PICTURES OF MY FAMILY, MY DOG AND ME GARDENING AND SPENDING TIME IN MY POOL. I ALSO LISTEN TO THEIR CONVERSATIONS AND I TELL THEM I LOVE THEM.

AND IT WORKS :

I ALREADY HAVE 3 PEOPLE FOLLOWING ME : 2 POLICE OFFICERS AND A PSYCHIATRIST.

Walton Parish Nursing has been nominated as a recipient of the Co-op Green Token Scheme for the next couple of months. If you shop in any Co-op store please consider voting for us. If you have a Co-op Member's card, you will be given a token when you shop and you will be able to select one of three local charities to allocate the token to - WPN is one of these. At the end of three months, £1000 will be shared out between the three charities in proportion to the number of tokens that have been collected for each of them.

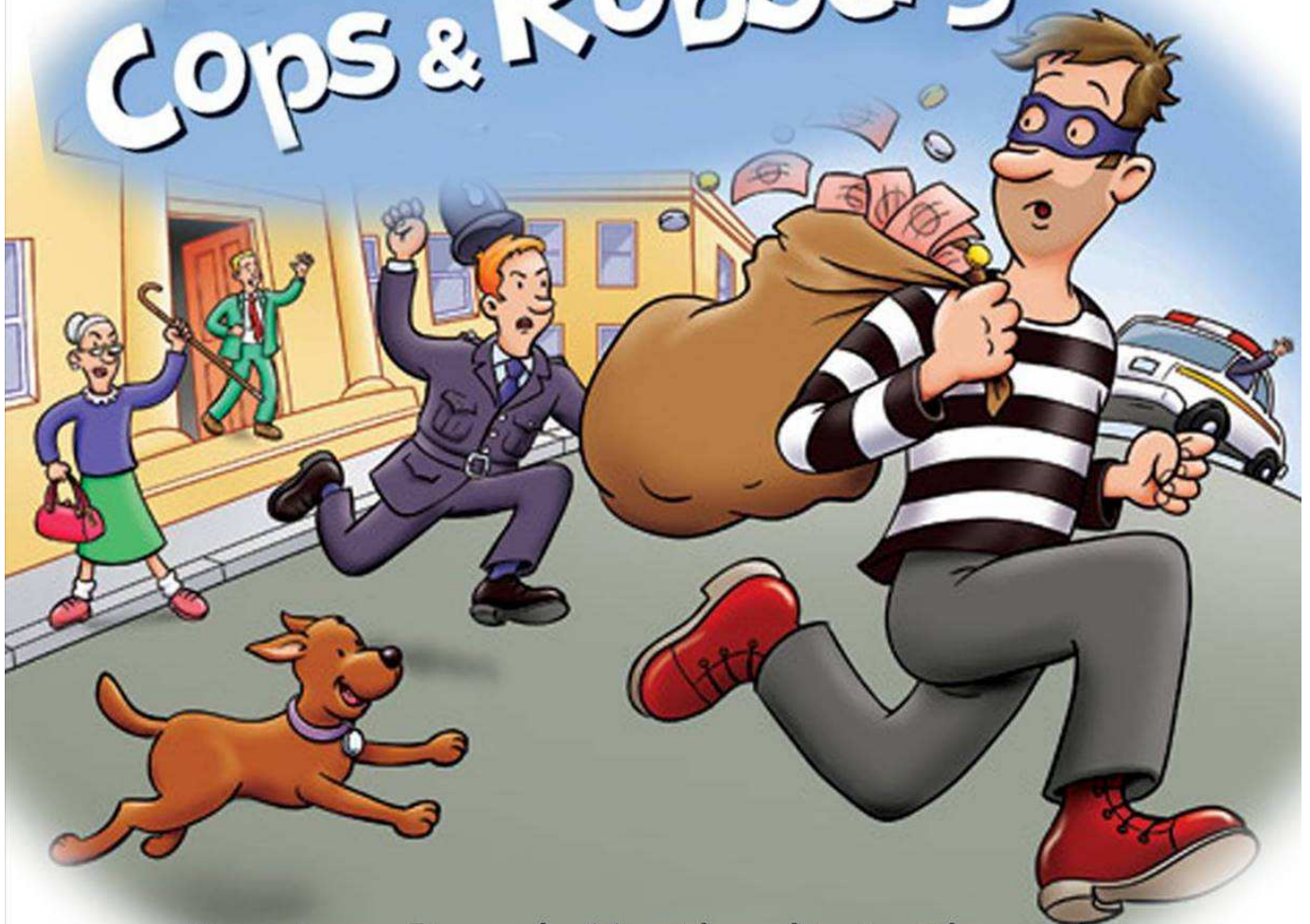
There will be a Buffet at the Manse on Monday August 3rd from 7 to 9 p.m. for all interested in the "On Going work of Messy Church"

Do come enjoy the buffet and voice your hopes and concerns regarding this important piece of outreach work.



Methodist Churches Felixstowe
Summer Holiday Clubs

Cops & Robbers



Seaton Road Methodist Church
27th - 31st July 10.00-12.30

Trinity Methodist Church
24th - 28nd August 10.00-12.30

For Primary children who have completed Reception Year

Cost: £2 per day – Spaces are limited

'Phone Wendy on 01394 276595 for a booking form
or collect from Seaton Road or Trinity Churches

or download from www.seatonroad.org.uk
or www.trinity-methodist-church-felixstowe.co.uk

Short Reflection on Joseph –

The story of Joseph, recorded in the book of Genesis, has been a favourite of many down through the years. It is a complex story of favouritism, jealousy, failed seduction and betrayal. In other words it has all the recognised ingredients of a soap opera.

A close study of the story will reveal that Joseph's trust in God matures and develops as he himself grows older and wiser. As a boy he is presented as one who has rather an inflated ego who fails to understand how the pronounced favouritism of his father impacts his brothers.

When his brothers sell him into slavery they tell their father Jacob that he has been killed. By this action they cause untold pain and hardship. However, later in life, after Joseph has endured much in prison he is set free and eventually becomes Pharaoh's right hand man.

Jacob and his other sons, and their families, are now close to starvation. The sons come to Egypt in search of the equivalent of a present day food bank.

Joseph recognises them, but they do not recognise Joseph at first. Joseph does forgive his brothers but not before some quite devious behaviour on his part.

The story ends very dramatically with Jacob being reunited with his long lost son.

All sorts of links are made in this story with other parts of Scripture. Some link the Joseph of the Old Testament with the Joseph of the New as they both have their lives changed by dreams. Some say "Joseph" is a characterisation of the relationship between God and the Hebrews with all its joys and sorrows.

The Musical Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and the DVD, starring none other than Donny Osmond, help to make this story come alive in a most engaging and enjoyable way.

The story of Joseph appeals to all ages but is certainly not just a piece of light weight entertainment; it continues to challenge us all with moral and ethical dilemmas.

The material for this year's Holiday Clubs "Cops and Robbers" will look at much of the story of Joseph and help the young people to have a deeper understanding of this important Biblical Character.

Thank you to all who will be involved.

Diane

News from Seaton Road.....

1. Community BBQ 5th September 12noon – 2pm

The East Anglia District has invited all churches to "Radical Hospitality":

"We encourage each church to engage in a local event for your community to show that your church is an active presence within that context. There should be no expectation that this will grow your Sunday morning service. Just lashings of generosity as God abundantly drenches us with His love."

With this aim in mind Seaton Road will host a Community BBQ offering sausages & bacon rolls in the car park between church & hall. Neighbouring streets will be leafleted and also the organisations that use the church premises & families that take part in our church activities. There will be tables & chairs outside, the playground will be in use and Rev. Diane will offer adult & child activities in the church. Dawn (lay worker) and Lorna (PN) will be on hand to talk to visitors. Why not come along to help us cook or meet & greet!

2. Harvest Festival 27th September

This year there will be a traditional all-age Harvest Festival led by Rev. Diane. This will give us the opportunity to sing traditional harvest hymns so loved by many but only sung once a year. Our charity will be BASIC & we ask you to bring items to the service to donate to the food bank at the BASIC life charity shop in Walton. Flowers (but not produce) can also be brought to the service to bring the church to life on this harvest day. (The previous Sunday is Café

Worship where we plan to have a harvest theme & decorate the windows ready for the Harvest Festival.)

3. BASIC DIP (donations into parcels) Box

At the recent AGM it was decided we would keep a BASIC DIP box in the church to allow the congregation to regularly donate provisions to the local food bank. It was felt our support for BASIC should be ongoing & not just for Harvest.

Items welcomed in the box are:-

Tinned goods: Soup, meat, fish, beans, pasta shapes, fruit, custard, rice pudding and vegetables

Dried goods: Instant mashed potatoes, pasta, soup and pasta in sauce packets,

Sterilised or UHT milk Teabags and instant coffee UHT
cheese triangles

Peanut butter and jam Biscuits, cakes, crackers and crisps

Baby rusks, baby food Breakfast cereals

Toiletries: Shampoo, deodorant, nappies, babywipes, baby lotion, razors, shaving foam.

Small and large sizes All goods intact in package, in date

4. Welcome

We are delighted to welcome new faces to our church family. David & Fran Keeble have joined us and are to become church stewards from September.

We welcome Janet Foster as a new member of SRMC.

Also we have been joined by Holly Hart with daughters Daisy & Mollie plus Karen Storer with Phoebe & AJ. Karen has recently taken over the running of Little Fishes which is much appreciated. We give thanks for new friendships and the gifts & talents that new people bring to the church fellowship.

Sue Hockenhull

In a recent Young Church at Trinity the young people heard about the Israelites wanting a king (1 Samuel ch.8) and were asked to think about the rules they would make if they were a king. At the end of the service Cameron and Luke shared their rules with the congregation. Diane suggested that it would be good for each of us to have a copy of these rules.

Cameron's rules

- 1 Be kind to each other
- 2 You mustn't rob
- 3 Don't start a war
- 4 Share food
- 5 Everyone to have enough money
- 6 Keep in touch
- 7 Pray to God
- 8 If people need money I will give them some
- 9 Look after our world
- 10 Children play in the fields

Luke's rules

- 1 Love each other
- 2 You must not rob
- 3 Give money to poor people
- 4 Boys and girls to say please and thank you
- 5 Share food
- 6 Learn about Jesus
- 7 Say thank you to God

Your help needed – might you be able to help with the editing of future editions of "In Touch"? If you feel you might be able to assist then please email us at magazine@seatonroad.org.uk or speak to one of your church stewards.

It was a day to remember for Eric Cook (Seaton Road) after he was invited to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

The occasion was to mark the 100th anniversary of UK Blind Veterans, an organisation that Eric belongs to and one which has helped him tremendously over the past few years including short breaks at their centre in Ovingdean, near Brighton.



And he even had a pass into the Diplomatic Tent, right near the Royal guest who was Sophie, Countess of Wessex, the wife of Prince Edward, who looked stunning in a pale blue dress. Eric was able to catch a glimpse of her as she spent over an hour talking to veterans and guests before making her way to the Royal Tent to meet and greet some of the other dignitaries.

Eric was able to take a guest and his son Russell accompanied him on the trip as they went by car to London parking up in a reserved place in The Mall. “The traffic coming in and out of the capital was awful, it was so busy, but it was a wonderful day and we both thoroughly enjoyed it,” he said. “It really was a once in a lifetime moment for us both and something I will always treasure.”

Eric and Russell set off from Felixstowe just after 11am and arrived in good time for the party which started at 3pm and was attended by an estimated 2,000 people from all over the country. They made their way to Buckingham Palace after parking the car and joined the long line of guests who snaked round by the railings of the Royal residence all dressed up in their posh frocks and smart suits for the event.

Sandwiches, cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks were the order of the day with glorious weather giving it that added special ingredient. Eric lapped up the atmosphere. “I was just happy just to sit there and soak up the occasion and I felt really privileged to have been invited along. UK Blind Veterans have done so much to help me and it was great that Russell was able to come along with me.”

The party ended at 6pm and it was time to face the capital’s traffic again and Eric arrived home just before 10pm

A long day but one that will be fondly remembered

A NEW VENTURE IN THE MISSION AREA – 'OPEN THE BOOK'



On Sat 16th May, those who had expressed an interest in being part of a newly formed Open the Book team met at Seaton Road. We were introduced to the programme by Di Barker, the Open the Book leader in the Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich Diocese, and discovered that it was a national registered charity, now backed by the Bible Society, which was started in 1999 in Bedford, and welcomed into countless schools across the United Kingdom.

Open the Book offers a programme of themed and dramatised Bible stories, each around 10 minutes long, that fit into Collective Worship/Assembly time in schools. Teams of volunteer storytellers, go in to schools to present scripted and directed stories, using props and costumes in an engaging, lively and fun way.

Jane Reed, Headteacher of Fairfield and Colneis Schools has expressed interest in welcoming a regular Open the Book team to lead assemblies, so from the start of the Autumn term, there will be an Open the Book team visiting both schools every three weeks.

Nobody is too old to take part, so if you would like to be a member of the team, whether as a storyteller, as someone who would source costumes and props, as someone who would be able to store resources, or as someone who could support the team in prayer, please contact Jo Jacobs on 01394 278904, or by email : joanna.jacobs222@btinternet.com

Check out the website, www.openthebook.net for further general information.

If you have any items for the September edition of "In Touch" please send them to magazine@seatonroad.org.uk or give them to one of your Church Stewards by Sunday 23rd August.

Table Top Sale

At Trinity Methodist Church,

Orwell Rd

Saturday August
22nd 2015 from
11am-3pm

Tables, bookable in advance only £5
from Maddi 01394 548395 or Emma
07443537518



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