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Methodist Matters in the Felixstowe Mission Area

Dear Friends,

This edition of “In Touch” will cover two months, July and August.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the production of the magazine and encourage more people to submit articles. I know from the many and varied conversations I have that there is a wealth of life experience and personal testimony out there.

For this edition I would like to just briefly reflect upon “**The experience of wonder**”.

One of the Bible Study groups currently meeting has been working through Hilary Brand’s course “The Mystery of Everything” based around the film “The Theory of Everything”. The film is about the extraordinary life of Jane and Stephen Hawking. In week one, we looked at the theme of awe and wonder and it was very moving and inspiring to hear the group’s different contributions. It would be great if any participants would be willing to write about the course and share their insights with others.

Those involved with children’s work will frequently be blessed by the response of awe found very naturally amongst children. It would be so encouraging to hear some of these stories.

We are currently planning two children’s holiday clubs in the Mission Area, so this summer should provide us with a wealth of encounters to reflect upon and share. It would be especially good to include some of the children’s own reflections and insights.

In week one of the above mentioned Bible Study we concluded with this prayer;

Lord, God,

Whose vast ocean of truth is more than we can ever discover; whose reaches of time and space are far beyond our comprehension,

Whose tiny particles and waves of matter behave in ways still baffling to even the cleverest of us,

We admit the thing that puzzles us most is the person right next to us, and our greatest challenges do not involve intellectual leaps, but patience and courtesy and kindness.

Lord, help us to own our weaknesses, our limitations and our lack of understanding;

Help us also to own just how remarkable, unique and gifted every single one of us is.

If we have lost our sense of wonder, Lord help us to rediscover it.

If we have ceased to see your glory, Lord, then open our eyes once more.

In the name of Christ,

Amen.

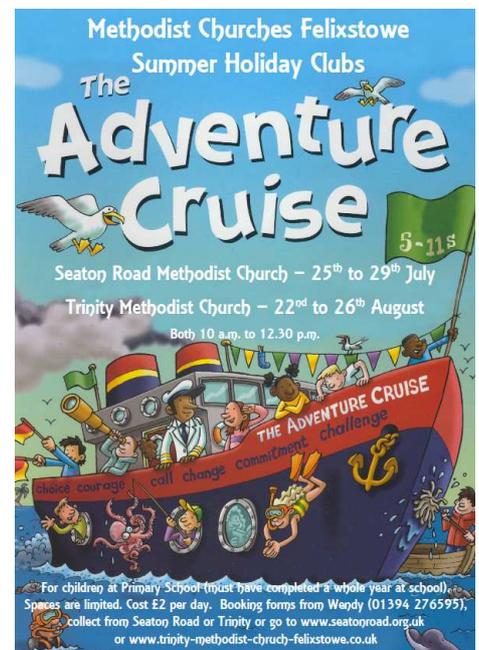
Diane

The Adventure Cruise Holiday Club

Please continue to pray for our forthcoming Holiday Clubs (Seaton Road from 25th - 29th July and Trinity from 22nd – 26th August) as preparations are going on behind the scenes.

Please could you save clean margarine tubs complete with lids, Pringle tubes + lids, cardboard cereal type packets and boxes, and paper towel / wrapping paper rolls (NO TOILET ROLLS thank you) for crafts. There will be a box in the vestibule at Seaton Road for collection or let Diane Smith, Stephen Wyatt, Robin or Mary Pattinson have them please.

Also, if you haven't already offered your help for either week, and would like to be involved, please have a word with one of the above. The next planning meeting for the Holiday Clubs is on Monday 4th July at 7 p.m. at Trinity. This will be an opportunity to look at the crafts we will be using.



If you have any items for the September edition of InTouch please send them to magazine@seatonroad.org.uk or give them to one of your Church Stewards by Sunday 28th August.

Services at our Churches for July.....

Sunday 3rd July

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Derek Grimshaw (Communion)

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

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

Trinity – 10.30 a.m. – Service at the URC
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

Sunday 10th July

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Martin Ellis

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

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Martin Ellis

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Mrs Heather Bentley
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

Sunday 17th July

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Chris Finbow

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

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Raymond Wilson

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Café Worship
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

Sunday 24th July

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Yvonne Haye

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

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Paul Howes

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

Sunday 31st July

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Holiday Club Extra

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Roger Fern
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

Services at our Churches for August.....

Sunday 7th August

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Janet Foster
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Joanna Jacobs
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

Sunday 14th August

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

Sunday 21st August

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Carole Almond
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Alyson Ellis
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev David Keeble
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Café Worship
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

Sunday 28th August

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Tony Brooks
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Prof David Welbourn
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

Message from Taylor Moulton (Trimley)

Music students wanted, any age, beginners to grade 5. Taylor is looking for some students to teach, brass instruments or piano. He will soon have finished his first year at University and has already gained Grade 8 (merit or distinction) in Piano, Euphonium, and trumpet. He is also an accomplished drummer . He has gained his A.L.C.M Diploma from the London College of Music and is also undertaking a conducting course. Taylor plays with the St Peters Band in Ipswich and also the Co-op Waterfront Music School's orchestra and jazz bands. In order to gain a further qualification, he would like to undertake teaching music on either brass instruments or piano to anyone who might be interested. His rates are very reasonable. He is CRB checked and is known for his helping out at the Holiday Clubs during the summer - and gets on very well with youngsters. Further details can be sought by email, moult2chris@talktalk.net or phone 01394 273290



Seaton Road Methodist Church

Knit & Natter



May 16th. 2pm
June 20th. 2pm
July 18th. 2pm
August 15th. 2pm

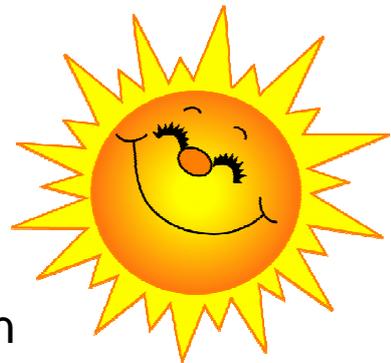
Why not join our
group of like minded
people for the
afternoon
over a cup of tea / coffee.

Can you help?

The twins' club in Felixstowe needs volunteers to support parents and carers who have twins, triplets etc. The volunteers will need to make tea and generally be on hand to support the children and their carers. The club meets on Thursday mornings between 10.00am and 12 noon. If you could spare some time please contact Abi on 07815041910 or abigailchilds@hotmail.com.

Invitation

Jenny (Smith) invites you to join her in her garden, 28 Spriteshall Lane, for a cup of tea, or coffee, and cake between 2.30 and 4.30pm on Saturday July 30th.



Come and sit in the sunshine(!) and chat with old friends. There will be a couple of stalls with books, bits and bobs etc. and proceeds will be for Trimley church funds.

Singing the Faith Day

What a wonderful day. Between 40 and 50 people from as far away as Norwich and Chelmondiston came along to Trinity to take part in the Singing the Faith Day.

Robin Walker, professional organist and choirmaster for Ipswich Choral Society, took us through new and old hymns from Singing the Faith.

Our first session started with All people that on earth do dwell . We learnt a baptismal hymn No 543, 'Wonder of Wonders', set to two lovely tunes. Spoilt for choice. We sang 'Be Thou my Vision' to the

new syncopated rhythm of the old tune Slane. Not everybody's cup of tea, but I like it!! Several other hymns were enjoyed. We then enjoyed a short comfort break and chat.

The second session included singing in harmony and Robin split us up into our different voices. Hymns included No 27 Jesu, tawa pano, and No 304 'Jesus is Risen, among others. We did our best! We also sang the rather lovely hymn No 421 – Empty broken, here I stand, Kyrie eleison. We enjoyed another longer break for tea and delicious cake.

For the third session, the musicians joined us; accordion, guitar, bass guitar, double bass, saxophone, cello and recorder. The band added another dimension to our singing and again we learnt new hymns, some with tricky rhythms. Hymns included No 93 'Though the fruit tree', 219 'We see the eyes of Mary Shine' a lovely Christmas hymn. We then had a short break to rearrange the church back for worship.

Rev Diane led a short service with reflections on The Psalms, including Psalm 23. The final hymn was 'And Can it Be' – What else!! We then sang a blessing together 772 – 'May the road rise up to meet you'. When the service had finished the band played 'As the deer pants for the water' (Psalm 42). At this point in the day I had tears in my eyes and was quite overwhelmed by just how much you can be moved by both music and words. I believe others experienced 'coming over all emotional' at other times during the day...

The above gives a flavour of the day. A huge thank you to Robin Walker who brought Singing our Faith to life, and led us superbly. He was a great hit!

I would like to thank all those who helped on the day, especially those behind the scenes. The refreshments were wonderful and musicians worked hard practicing and gave us a great sound. I would also like to thank Rev Diane for her support and encouragement.

The day provided a wonderful opportunity to try out some new hymns in 'Singing the Faith' and give some different ideas about how to include them in worship. But more than that, it was a time to enjoy fellowship together and make new friends. The roof was raised and a joyful sound was made unto the Lord.

Anne



To the Felixstowe Mission Area; Trinity, Kirton, Trimley and Seaton Road Methodist Churches.

As a group we have decided to support the Shoebox appeal. I expect most of you have heard of this appeal, but this year it seems very much closer to home. Most days we hear on the news about the refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, to name but a few, trying to get to Greece, Italy, Macedonia, Ukraine, Serbia and onwards, creating what is called “the European refugee crisis”.

This was written in Shoebox News 2016 and I hope this is self-explanatory –

“A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children’s’ lives all over the world in Jesus’ Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas child.”

If you are willing to contribute we are looking for toys; stuffed toys must have the CE Label. School Supplies, Hygiene Items; soap, toothbrush etc. Knitwear [gloves, hats, knitted puppets etc] Wrapped sweets [best-before-date March of the following year].

There will be a more comprehensive list given to each church with the appropriate poster.

You do not have to make your own shoebox up; just contribute how you feel you are able.

There will be a box at each church to collect your items.

Money contributions will be gratefully received, as I expect you know that each box will need £3 to send it.

I am the co-ordinator of the project, if you want to know more please do contact me

Fran Keeble email fran_keeble@sky.com. Telephone 01394766183

Gift Suggestions for Shoeboxes

Toys

Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

School Supplies

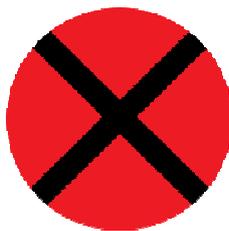
Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

Hygiene Items

Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

Other Items

Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).



Do Not Include

Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above.