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**Methodist Matters in the Felixstowe Mission Area**

*Dear Friends*

I should like this month to draw your attention to two Circuit occasions to which you are warmly invited. The first is our "Singing the Faith Day" which will take place at Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of June from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

My thanks to Anne Clarke who has put such a lot of effort into co-ordinating this day. Musicians shall be joining us from around the Circuit as we are led by professional organist and choirmaster, Robin Walker. The invitation has been extended to the Ipswich District, and beyond, so we really are hoping to raise the roof with our singing and learn some wonderful new hymns. There will be plenty of comfort breaks and opportunity to share in worship and fellowship together. Please do come if you can and add your voice to our very own Felixstowe Mission Area "Songs of Praise".

The second invitation is to our Manse for a buffet / BBQ on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of June from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Donations from the buffet will be sent to the charity "Talitha Koum".

Today, in Ipswich and the surrounding villages, many people are struggling with a serious dependency on drink or drugs. For some, this has led to health problems, a loss of freedom and an inability to work and contribute to society. It is because there is such an urgent need of sensitive holistic and effective help that the Talitha Koum Christian Therapeutic Community is being set up; to offer vulnerable women a route out, away from addiction. If you would like to support this much needed project, do come along to our buffet on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

Talitha Koum means "Little girl, get up" the words spoken to Jairus' daughter by Christ just prior to her healing. (Please see Mark 5; 21-43)

In this addition of the magazine you will find posters for the above two events.

Love and God Bless

*Diane*

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

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)  
Seaton Road - 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Jane Paterson  
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)  
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Dr Paul Beetham  
6.00 p.m. – Circuit Service at Bramford Road, Ipswich

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

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

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev David Keeble  
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Café Worship!  
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Brian Clow  
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Café Worship  
6.00 p.m. – Rev Diane Smith

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

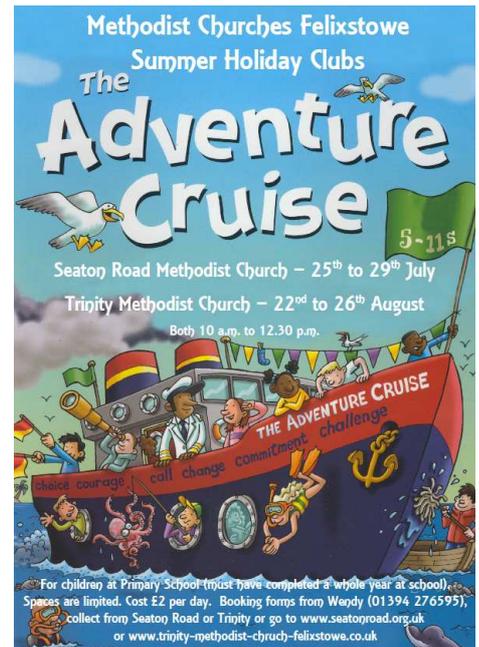
Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Mike Cassidy  
Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith  
Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Jane Cassidy  
Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith (Communion)  
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

## The Adventure Cruise Holiday Club

Please continue to pray for our forthcoming Holiday Clubs (Seaton Road from 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July and Trinity from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



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### ***Recommendation.....***

Can I recommend Stennetts Community Cafe to you all. It's a social enterprise based at the Victoria Hall Pavilion on Stennetts Sports Field in Trimley St Mary. I only found out about it a couple of months ago and was very impressed by what Steve & Lisa, who run the enterprise, are doing here.

On Tuesdays they have young people who are unemployed or have learning disabilities and teach them daily living skills including how to prepare food. Then on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am till 3pm they open the cafe to serve light lunches and snacks, including delicious homemade cakes and oven-baked jacket potatoes.

Later this year, they are also planning to prepare fresh hot meals to serve direct to local elderly residents.

I think this is an excellent idea and recommend it to you. Their Facebook page is as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/RoseberryCottageTrimley>

*Graham Thompson*

## 30 Years Young

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Trinity Church celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Friday Day Centre. Equally it celebrated 30 years of dedicated service by one woman, Val Jinks, who began the Centre 30 years ago and has continued to be its head (and still is) all this time.

I am one of the privileged few who has seen the work put in by both the kitchen staff and the staff who take care of the members in the day room. Disability stopped me working at my one kitchen skill – washing up, so I was invited to become a member and be on the receiving end. Every week, we are given an excellent meal having been collected from our homes and greeted with tea, biscuits and the day's newspapers, and I see so many small kindnesses given – a listening ear to someone who has had an upset, a hug when needed, a shared laughter, an admiring look at somebody's grandchildren, a prepared quiz, a game of scrabble, help with a crossword. And don't think for one moment it is a sad and dull place. Banter and laughter and chatting abounds, songs are sung, the piano is played.

It is all held together by Val, who was there at the very beginning – indeed she was the beginning 30 years ago and is there still, the one holding it all together as she has done from the beginning - that's a lot of Fridays!

Thank you Val and the rest of the staff. God bless you all from us all.

*Margaret Powell*

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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.

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### ***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](mailto:moult2chris@talktalk.net) or phone 01394 273290



# Kirton Methodist Chapel **Kirton Open Gardens**

## **26<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

From 12 noon to 5 pm



Including

Train Rides, Outdoor Bowling.

Teas at the Chapel

£5 per person

Parking on Village Green IP10 0NT

Further information from Ralph Mowles 01394 448590

## ***Seaton Road's Church Annual General Meeting***

Seaton Road will be holding the church AGM after the service on June 12th.

The meeting will not be too long, so it is hoped as many people as possible will be able to stay. There will be an opportunity to hear what is going on in the church as well as a very brief formal agenda.

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## ***Walton Parish Nursing – Prayer Event***

An afternoon prayer event in support of Walton Parish Nursing, involving St. Mary's, Maidstone Road Baptist Church as well as Seaton Road, was held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at St. Mary's Parish Church, Walton. There were various prayer options to choose from. One of these was a prayer walk around Walton which included prayer stops at Collimer Court, Walton Surgery, Causton School, Hope Trust and Cage Lane as well as outside the three churches. All these groups or places are particularly close to the WPN work and continued support and community acceptance for the project, and for the work of our 3 Parish Nurses, was prayed for. The afternoon concluded with a short act of worship followed by tea and cakes.

## ***Christian Aid***

Following the annual Christian Aid Week a big 'thank you' to Heather and Malcolm Bentley, Sue Hockenhull, Diane Smith and Mary Pattinson who joined me in collecting for the House to House Collection. We raised a total of £324.20. I would also like to thank the individuals from Seaton Road who generously made donations which we have included in the above total.



Robin Pattinson – Seaton Road's Christian Aid Representative.

**Sudoku puzzle (answers on page 12)**

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Each of the sections (9 boxes) each complete row and each complete column must contain the number 1 to 9.

If you have any items for the July/August edition of InTouch please send them to [magazine@seatonroad.org.uk](mailto:magazine@seatonroad.org.uk) or give them to one of your Church Stewards by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

## ***Rehearsing 'The Telescope'***

The strange thing about rehearsing, especially as you go through your lines just before the opening night, is how you get snippets of half-heard and seemingly weird conversations at the same time as observing others going through their lines. I am reminded of an extract from Charles Dickens – *The Old Curiosity Shop*. Two people are in conversation...

"A grey-headed dwarf, well wrinkled, is beyond all suspicion. But a giant weak in the legs and not standing upright! -- keep him in the caravan, but never show him, never show him, for any persuasion that can be offered.'

While Mr Vuffin and his two friends smoked their pipes and beguiled the time with such conversation as this, the silent gentleman sat in a warm corner, swallowing, or seeming to swallow, six pennyworth of halfpence for practice, balancing a feather upon his nose, and rehearsing other feats of dexterity of that kind, without paying any regard whatever to the company, who in their turn left him utterly unnoticed."

Yep, this is how it looks and sounds behind the curtains on opening night. Me pacing up and down. The director Julia looking worried. Two or three gathered in a corner and laughing about something you can barely hear (has something gone wrong?) A precariously-balanced tray of tea cups and biscuits looks like it will fall down at any moment. Especially when the lights go down and it's completely pitch dark back there. Julia has a torch luckily. We still manage to trip over stuff trying to get on stage.

Now you will have noticed that our play was lots to do with clergymen. You need to get into character. Again I am reminded of a quote from George Eliot's *The Mill on the Floss*...

"Now, a clergyman is a gentleman by profession and education; and besides that, he has the knowledge that will ground a boy, and prepare him for entering on any career with credit. There may be some clergymen who are mere bookmen; but you may depend upon it, Stelling is not one of them -- a man that's wide awake, let me tell you. Drop him a hint, and that's enough. You talk of figures, now; you have only to say to Stelling, 'I want my son to be a thorough arithmetician,' and you may leave the rest to him."

Mr. Riley paused a moment, while Mr. Tulliver, some-what reassured as to clerical tutorship, was inwardly rehearsing to an imaginary Mr. Stelling the statement, "I want my son to know 'rethmetic."

'You see, my dear Tulliver,' Mr. Riley continued, 'when you get a thoroughly educated man, like Stelling, he's at no loss to take up any branch of instruction. When a workman knows the use of his tools, he can make a door as well as a window.'

'Ay, that's true,' said Mr. Tulliver, almost convinced now that the clergy must be the best of schoolmasters."

So, there we have it. An inspiration for me to talk as a well-educated man, order around Miss Brown (Jenny) and pour the tea. And for Ian (the main character and another clergyman) to think he could inspire the boy with a telescope. Boy? Wasn't that Jane? Is this panto? Anyway, 'it will be alright on the night' (yes, we even told ourselves that!) We all hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

*John Adams*

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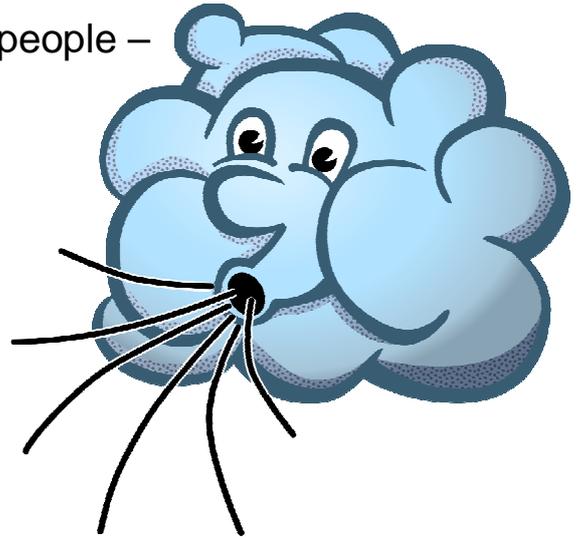
*Sudoku solution*

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3	1	7	5	8	4	9	6	2
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# Pentecost prayer created and read by Daisy Hart at Seaton Road Café Worship in May.....

Dear God

When I am feeling too grumpy to smile at people –  
Give me the strength and energy of wind  
So I can be a nice friend again.



When I am feeling very tired –  
Give me the colour and energy of bright flames  
To make me strong again.

I would like to have your Spirit to help me along.

Amen



**MISSION in BRITAIN**

Talitha Koum is the project the **Ipswich Circuit** are supporting this year and next as part of our giving to Mission in Britain.

**Come along and enjoy, whilst supporting the  
Talitha Koum project.**

**B U F F E T T E A**

And maybe more !

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Welcome 2 -6 p.m.**

**Looking forward to**

**seeing you at:**

**THE MANSE**

**FELIXSTOWE**



# *Singing the Faith Day*

*When: Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 2 p.m.—7 p.m.*

*Where: Trinity Methodist Church Felixstowe IP11 7AN*

You are warmly invited to a day exploring the fantastic new music in 'Singing the Faith'.

**Session led by professional organist and choral director Robin Walker.**

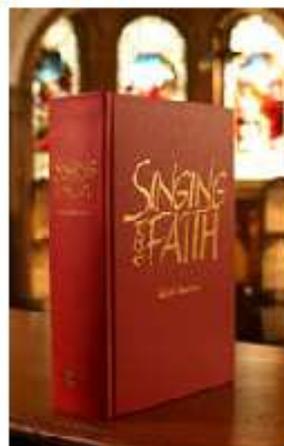
A day full of music offering something for people at every musical level.

*So, whether you want to enjoy a good sing, encouragement to try the new music in 'Singing the Faith' or practical tips on how to keep your worship music fresh and interesting, there will be something for you.*

Why not come for the day, take in Fish and Chips along the seafront, and then join us? Comfort breaks and light refreshments provided.

The day concludes with Worship and we close and depart at 7pm. Singing the Faith music books will be available on the day, but please bring your own copy, if you have one. Should you require further information please phone Anne Clarke on 01394 285305

*There is no set fee but a suggested donation of £5 to cover costs.*



*We hope you can come and join what promises to be a wonderful day of music and fellowship.*