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June 2017

**Methodist Matters in the Felixstowe Mission Area**

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

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

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

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

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Derek Grimshaw (Communion)

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Mike Cassidy  
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Kirton – 11.00 a.m. – Rev David Kemble

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Derek Grimshaw (Communion)

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Mike Cassidy

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Jane Cassidy (Communion)  
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Chris Jowett

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

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Prof. David Welbourn

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

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Bryan Nichols

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Liz Cope

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Local Arrangement

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Derek Grimshaw  
6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

If you have any items for the July/August 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 18<sup>th</sup> June

## London Moon Walk....

On the night of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> May, Lorna Bellamy, one of our Parish Nurses, took part in the London Moon Walk, raising funds for research into breast cancer. Well done Lorna, and your team mates, on a fantastic achievement. Lorna raised over £1400.

Lorna says..... *“Against the odds I still managed to do the London moonwalk. 26.2 miles power walking and taking in the amazing sights of London at night. We were the 4th group out of 6 setting off at 11.30pm, walking until it was light again and the birds were singing. So well organised and such an amazing experience. I have a beautiful medal to treasure and remind myself of a year's training, making new friends with these wonderful girls, who all have their own inspiring stories and an amazing night of achievement and fundraising. Thank you so much on behalf of walk the walk and all the breast cancer charities they support.”*



**WANTED**

Last year it was Pringle tubes and margarine tubs **this year we need 1 litre squash bottles**, complete with tops, for our

Mission Area holiday clubs please. As we need 120 of these please ask your friends and family for their empty bottles too.

Please place empty bottles in the box in the vestibule at Seaton Road, give them to church stewards of the other churches or let Robin, Mary, Alison Davies or Heather Carpenter have them.

Sorry it is not so appetising as Pringles but I'm sure as a Mission Area we can meet our target!!

Thank you.

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## **Ecumenical Messy Church**

The churches of Walton have been working together on one of their latest projects which is a weekly Messy Church held at St Philip's Church hall in Wadgate Road from 3.45pm until 5 to 5.15pm every Tuesday.

This Messy Church has met every week (in school term time) since the beginning of the year. Walton Parish Church and Seaton Road are working closely together on the planning and running of this and are grateful to Emma and Jill from Trinity who have recently started helping too.



We do need some more help in the kitchen, to make drinks for the adults and children when they arrive and also to lay the table and get the food out for tea. If you think this is something you could do on a regular, or occasional basis, please have a word with Robin or Mary.

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**Many thanks** to Heather and Malcolm Bentley, Jo Jacobs, Jonathan Reed and Mary Pattinson who joined me in collecting for Christian Aid week this year from Seaton Road. The final total for the Felixstowe Area will be available soon. *Robin Pattinson*

## **Circuit Arts and Crafts Festival**

The Circuit Arts and Crafts Festival was held at Museum Street Methodist Church, Ipswich on Saturday 6th May. Seven churches from across the Circuit took part this year, sadly only Seaton Road from the Felixstowe Mission Area this time.

Although the number of entries was down this year there was still enough to make a splendid display on show at Museum Street. With 400+ entries, over the 28 different classes, people's imaginations had been working hard to produce all sorts of models such as using clay, Hama beads and lolly sticks to name a few. Classes also included art, photography, cookery, knitting, flower arranging and poetry classes as well as several others.

We at Seaton Road again worked hard for this event, providing nearly 150 of the entries. We were rewarded for our efforts by winning 113 certificates – 56 x 1st class, 36 x 2nd class and 21 x 3rd class. Points are awarded for each certificate and totalled to get each church's overall position. Seaton Road were announced as the overall winners for the 2017 festival with an impressive 259 points and Ayla and Ben were presented with the Arts and Crafts shield. Alan Road were runners up with 82 points and Museum Street third with 54 points.

As well as the shield for the winning church there is a cup which is presented to the individual who gains most points. Seaton Road took first, second and joint third positions for this and we congratulate Ayla Cross who won the cup again this year by gaining 44 points. Mollie Hart was a very close second with 38 points and Daisy Hart and Ben Cross were in joint third position with 18 points.

We also entered a 'singing group' into the performance class, having to learn a set piece as well as a piece of our own choice. We had great fun learning the songs and are indebted to Jo Jacobs and Heather Farthing for patiently putting us through our paces. Sadly our friends from Holbrook were unable to take part in this class this year but they did sing a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace in the concert at the end of the day.

This year we did not have as many adult entries but our youngsters, including our Kids' Club and FUNKY, had been extremely busy. Looking at the results it was obvious that the imagination of both young and not so young had been working hard and that great fun had been had by all in their sticking, painting, creating and performing. Thanks to all the judges but particularly those from our Mission Area.

A big thank you goes to everyone from Seaton Road who entered anything, or who helped others with entries. It really is a joint effort and one which we are renowned for throughout the Circuit so well done everyone. Although there is a lot of hard work involved in putting on an event like this it is very rewarding to see the many and varied talents we have at Seaton Road and in the Circuit. It is also good to meet up with the many friends from the various churches across the Circuit. *Rosemary Cross and Mary Pattinson*

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## **An update from Catriona, Steve and Hannah (Bennett)**

We are now a third of the way through our Mission Partner training, and we can't believe how time is flying by. We are particularly enjoying our Tuesdays where we join with a group undergoing a Pioneer Mission course, which is a modular course leading to certificate, diploma or MA through the University of Durham. The module we are joining them for is an



Introduction to the Bible, which will hopefully give us a better understanding of how the whole Bible fits together, and how this relates to Mission. It's great to meet people from a range of different backgrounds, bringing different perspectives to our discussions, and challenging us to look at Bible passages in a new light.

There are a range of other training sessions addressing topics such as culture shock, management of finances and information technology issues. We are also studying the whole idea of how we do "Mission" especially in the context of working as doctors. The sessions follow a modular course with the aim of equipping us with a diverse range of knowledge and skills to help us once we arrive in Rwanda. It is exciting to finally be in Oxford, undertaking this work.

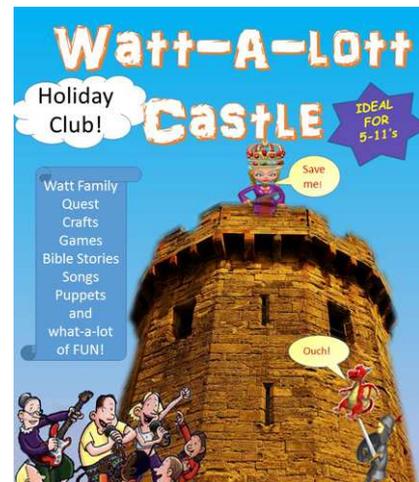
*Catriona, Steve and Hannah's latest newsletter will soon be available here: [www.churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/catriona-and-stephen-bennett](http://www.churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/catriona-and-stephen-bennett)*

*Please continue to remember them all in your prayers.*

## The Watt-A-Lott Castle Holiday Club

The Mission Area Holiday Clubs will be taking place at Seaton Road from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July and at Trinity from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August. Please pray for our holiday clubs as preparations are going on behind the scenes.

Several people have offered to help already but with an expected attendance of around 50 children each morning you will appreciate we need many pairs of hands to run successful weeks. Please consider if you could give any time to help with these events. Even if you could only commit to helping for one day please speak to Robin or Mary Pattinson, Alison Davies or Heather Carpenter. Also, if you are able to help with any of the preparation work for the Holidays Clubs again have a word with one of these people.



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## **Felixstowe Academy Chaplaincy – a meeting with BOOST**

*“Something amazing is happening here.”*

In May a meeting arranged by BOOST was held at Felixstowe Academy to tell us more of this Christian Chaplaincy at our secondary school.



In the national context research shows that:-

- Churches have very little youth provision (other than a “Youth Club”).
- Churches do more children’s (0-10yrs) than youth (10-18yrs) work.
- Churches fail to talk about things that young people want to talk about (ethics, morality, sex & relationships, homosexuality, theology, mental health, poverty & social injustice).
- The biggest life concerns for young people are school & exams. Feelings of happiness and confidence are “at their lowest ever”.

In Felixstowe we are helping to buck this trend by providing a Chaplaincy in a non-faith school, bridging the gap between faith & education, by meeting the needs of youth.

*“This is our gift to the young people of Felixstowe.”*

### **Some of the work they do**

1. Lynne’s specialism is in mental health & staff wellbeing.

*“Look after the staff & they will look after the students.”*

One initiative is the “**Breathe Box**” given to each member of staff this Easter containing items such as a bottle of water, colouring book, sweets, leaflets on mental health & depression. It brought a smile to faces & a lighter moment to staff in the hectic life of school & opened up opportunities to talk about feelings. It was acknowledged how much the staff appreciate the presence of Josh & Lynne & how the Academy initially saw the potential of this ministry & welcomed the Chaplaincy in.

2. Lynne provides one-to-one support for students which is reactive i.e. every day is different & you can’t predict what problem will arise e.g. something may have “kicked-off” at home the night before, a grandparent suddenly dies.

3. Lynne also works with the transition from Primary to Secondary school by providing open evenings, focus groups & visiting the primary schools (now aiming at Years 4/5/6) to act as a bridge.

4. Fx Academy is now twinned with an open-air school in Durban, South Africa. The schools pray for each other & have skyped each other.

5. A long-established Christian Union has been rebranded as the “**Theology Club**” – the students’ choice of name!

6. **DEVIATE** is an annual Easter residential weekend in Chelmsford with other church groups from Ipswich & surrounding areas. Activities include rafting & air-rifle shooting. It gives students an opportunity to realise that other people of their own age “are following this Jesus guy”. “Bishop Mike” also attended. The next one is Easter 2018.

7. There is to be a “**Mock Election**” in the run-up to the June General Election to get young people engaged with politics (as Jesus did) & learn something of the UK political system.

8. There will be **FXAspire** at the end of the summer term involving outside activities over a week, e.g. Thorpe Park, London for a day, Ladies at Lunch. Lynne & Josh are taking 23 students to Belfast where they will visit the Titanic Exhibition & Peace Murals to learn something of “The Troubles” in Northern Ireland.

### **Finances**

BOOST employs Josh & Lynne with funding from churches, individuals, local organisations & charities. Grants are difficult to find for stipends. BOOST always welcomes new sponsors, (Why not sponsor a Breathe Box?) & fundraising events to sustain this ministry.

It was good to see the fruits of the Chaplaincy work & the impact it makes on 1200 students & 100+ staff.

*“Something amazing is happening here.”*

*Sue Hockenhull*

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### **The Inter-Church Quiz**

This is advance notice of this year's Inter-Church Quiz, hosted by Felixstowe Listening Service and open to all churches in the Felixstowe area. The date is

Friday, 27th October and once again we are grateful to the Salvation Army for offering us their church hall. We are looking for teams of up to 6 people, one team per church. We will be providing a fish'n'chip supper and as always the challenge will be to win the Champion Church Shield. We will also have a new trophy to award, in memory of Phil Hadwen who was our wonderful quiz master for the last four quizzes. Huge thanks to Gill Hadwen for taking on this role.

More details will follow soon but in the meantime, hurry to book a place for your church by phoning/texting FLS on 07896 326459 or e-mail [felixstowelisten@gmail.com](mailto:felixstowelisten@gmail.com)

It will be a great evening - don't miss out!



**Ipswich Circuit**

*'At the heart of community'*

**Pastoral Worker 10 hours a week from September 2017  
salary £9.20 per hour depending on qualifications and  
experience**

Based at Museum Street Methodist Church but to work at Bramford, Bramford Road and Museum Street Methodist Churches, to support the Minister and pastoral visitors.

There is a genuine occupational requirement for the post holder to be a Christian.

Initially for 1 year but may be renewed.

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Closing date 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Interviews end of June

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**Part-time (20 hours a week)**

**Children and Families Worker  
for Chantry and Bramford Road Methodist Churches**

to support and work with the families and children involved with the Church or who use the premises.

**Salary £ 9.20 per hour**

Initially for 2 years with a possibility of extension subject to the needs of the Church and additional funding

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Closing date 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Interviews to be held end June/beginning July to commence beginning of September 2017

## Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June Walton Churches Day at “The Hut” on the seafront

- ❖ Drop in anytime between 10.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. for tea, coffee and cake.
- ❖ Bring a packed lunch and stay longer.
- ❖ Bring the children or the grandchildren or a friend.
- ❖ Enjoy a chat.
- ❖ Enjoy a game or two.
- ❖ Enjoy the beach and the gardens.



## Seaton Road Methodist Church

Why not join us once a month to knit, crochet or sew  
with like-minded people.



June 19th 2- 4 pm

July 17th. 2 -.4pm

August. 21st 2- 4pm

Refreshments are  
always  
available

