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Methodist Matters in the Felixstowe Mission Area

Dear Friends,

A number of exciting things are happening in the Mission Area this November; please see the details below:

On All Saints' Day, the 1st of November, Trinity will host our annual Remembering Service at 6pm. If you would like a loved one's name to be read out, please do let me know.

On Tuesday the 3rd of November we have the opportunity to learn some new Advent Hymns 7pm at Trinity. I know that people really enjoyed the previous hymn singing session earlier in the year. We are most grateful to Anne Clark and Peter Crick for organising this event for us.

On the 6th of November we have a quiz night at Trinity; details appear elsewhere in this magazine.

At 9.45 a.m. on the 8th of November Trinity will be hosting this year's Civic Remembrance Day Service. Please note the early start for this event.

A Retreat Day: Otley Hall is a stunning Tudor Hall available for historic tours of the house and gardens. It is also a very popular venue for wedding receptions and other celebrations. I know first-hand that some of you have benefited greatly from attending Retreat Days at this venue in the past.

On Wednesday 4th of November Anne Spalding will be leading a session at Otley Hall, the subject for the day will be "Living and maintaining one's faith in an increasingly secular society."

The day begins at 9.45 a.m. and lunch is provided. The cost would normally be £22 but I still have some tickets available for £10. The day concludes at around 3.30 p.m. giving us time to return home before the rush hour.

If you are interested in attending this Retreat Day do let me know as soon as possible. I believe there could be a few spare seats in cars should you require transport.

A Quiet Day: On the 21st of November there will be a Quiet Day at Kirton Methodist Church. The day will begin at 10 a.m. with refreshments and our first session will start at 10.30 a.m. You will need to bring a packed lunch for lunch at 12.30 p.m. and then our afternoon session will begin at 1.15 p.m. We will aim to finish by 3.15 p.m. This day is an ideal opportunity to reflect together upon the real meaning of Christmas.

Finally, on Saturday 28th of November Kirton Methodist is our venue for Messy Christmas. This day begins at 11 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. All those attending will hear the Christmas story and be given the opportunity to make some crafts, play games, sing and enjoy a pre-Christmas buffet.

If you are able to help at this event would you kindly contact Dawn Bone, our Lay Worker, or myself.

I do hope there is something for everyone in the above and pray that in all these activities we will provide opportunities for others to hear the Good News. Thank you to all involved.

Diane

N.B. For the Quiet Day at Kirton we will be using the most recent York Course material "Making Room" and you are welcome to come to all or part of the day.

If you have any items for the December edition of "In Touch" please send them to magazine@seatonroad.org.uk or give them to one of your Church Stewards by Sunday 22nd November.



Churches Together in Felixstowe
FORUM MEETING
Wednesday 4th November at 7.30 p.m.
St Mary's, Walton
All welcome – come for refreshments from 7 p.m.

Services at our Churches.....

Sunday 1st November

Kirton - 9.45 a.m. – Prof David Welbourn

Seaton Road - 9.45 a.m. - Rev Diane Smith

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mrs Heather Bentley

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

6.00 p.m. – Mission Area Remembering Service

Sunday 8th November

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Martin Ellis

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Janet Foster

10.55 a.m. – Act of Remembrance

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Martin Ellis

Trinity – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith – Civic Remembrance Service

6.00 p.m. – Rev Barry Middleton

Sunday 15th November

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Bryan Nichols

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

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Kathy Flynn

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Café Worship

6.00 p.m. – Mrs Elizabeth Storey

Sunday 22nd November

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

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

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

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Tony Brookes (Mission in Britain Sunday)

6.00 p.m. – Rev Diane Smith

Sunday 29th November

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Jane Paterson

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

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Bev Barclay

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Rob Anning

6.00 p.m. – Rev Rob Anning

MISSION AREA QUIZ
TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
Friday 6th November 2015
7.30pm



We will be holding a Quiz at Trinity Church on Friday 6th November, commencing at 7.30pm. This is a fundraiser for all four Methodist Churches, Trinity, Seaton Road, Trimley and Kirton.

Tickets are priced at £7.00 each and will include refreshments in the form of 'puddings,' with savoury nibbles on the table and tea/coffee. The proceeds of the evening will be used to help with the printing costs of 'In Touch,' the Mission Area Methodist Church magazine, thereby benefitting all four churches.

Tables can comprise of 4 – 8 people, with everyone welcome.

To book your ticket, please contact Heather Carpenter, tel: 01394 278239 or email heatherdavecarpenter@hotmail.co.uk.

Our Quizmaster for the evening is Phil Hadwen, so we are assured of a fun and competitive evening!

We do hope that all four churches will be represented, so don't delay and book your tickets today.

Heather Carpenter

Trimley....

Trimley would like to invite you to their 'Tea and Chat' on Saturday 14th November, 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Drop in for a cup of tea (or coffee) and a piece of cake, or even just for a chat with old friends, or make some new ones, or bring a friend. There will be a small gift / book stall and raffle for a cake.

We would be very pleased to see you.

After the October half-term we will be welcoming a Brownie pack back to Trimley. We are looking forward to getting to know them all and hope they will be happy in their new home.

**Sudoku solution
(see back page)**

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Seaton Road World Church Sunday 11th October

Mali and Me!

Members of the Mission Area may recall that our Christmas Appeal in 2013 was for MRDF's Motherhood in Mali appeal. It seemed quite appropriate, therefore, to invite Janet Souster, who is working in Mali, to come to share worship with us for our World Church Sunday.

Janet started by telling us a bit about the country of Mali, illustrated with power point slides. Then she moved on to describe her work. She is part of the Wycliffe Bible Translating Team whose aim is to translate, and to provide access to, the Bible in as many of the languages spoken in different parts of the country as possible. They have recently produced the first DOGON Bible and we saw a clip of a film illustrating the great joy and celebration at its arrival.

Later in the service, Janet and six volunteers, demonstrated how tricky it is to translate even a brief verse from one language to another, as the order of words and idioms vary from language to language. After several minutes we finally got it right!

Finally, we learnt the chorus of a Malian hymn which translates as *God is Good*. While Janet sang the verses we all joined in in the chorus though I guess our pronunciation left a lot to be desired.

The service was fun but also challenging as we came to realise how much Christians in other countries want to read the Bible and are unable to and how much we who have a Bible in our language take it for granted and often read it very little.

All in all it was a very interesting morning and we are very grateful to Janet for giving up her time to make World Church and Mali come alive at Seaton Road.

Janet asked us to pray for her and for the work that they are doing in Mali as she returns there next week. Prayers are particularly requested for justice and wisdom for those who wield political power in Mali, and also for the team as they balance the need to spread God's word with working safely in a country where unrest and insurgence is rife.

Heather Bentley

From Madeleine (Maddi) Ellis (Trinity).....

Several years ago a very special person came into my life. Jill Tempest and I met under very similar circumstances that were to draw us together in many ways. After losing a loved one Jill and I continued to work with the Alzheimer's Society.

Jill introduced me to Trinity in the summer of 2003 and the first time I walked into the Church I knew that this was what God had planned for me for a long time. I had just been too dense to see it! As I settled in to "church life" I was asked to take a more positive role. The first job I undertook was to help Jill, who was the Lay Worker, with her group at Adastral Close. I then became a Pastoral Visitor swiftly followed by being a Door Steward. Val Jinks invited me to join the Day Centre, as a helper, and before too long I became the Deputy Manager. When Sue Aldred moved north for their retirement I took on the job of publishing the weekly notices. Hot on the heel of this came my appointment as Church Secretary. Enough to keep any one person busy but I carried out all my duties with great dedication and a liberal sprinkling of humour! I was elected a Church Steward and served my six years including Senior Steward in year five. I also trained and was commissioned as a Worship Leader and when we went "digital" I took on the role, with Albert and Attila, of running the projection desk each week at Morning Worship. Throughout this time I was wholly supported by members of the Church. Alongside all of this I ran my personal life as partner, Mum, Granni and friend. Yes, at times, I felt overwhelmed but my Jesus walked with me and carried me when the going got tough!

Then my life changed. Radically. I have been asthmatic all my life and in 2014 was diagnosed with Bronchiectasis (a long-term disease of the lungs). After a winter of constant chest infections finally brought me to my knees, my Consultant and Doctor insisted I look at my life and made some changes. Fast!!

Again I turned to my Jesus and my closest friends to help me make these changes. It was the hardest thing I have had to do. Rev. David helped me to prioritise my duties and eventually I was able to "let go".

My passion is my work at Trinity as a Worship Leader so this topped the list. The desk came a close second. Helping others is a huge part of my life so Pastoral Visitor got the tick. Being Church Secretary keeps me in touch with all areas of the Church. Gradually friends stepped up to take on the duties I had to let go and I'm eternally

grateful that no-one made me feel, in any way, inadequate. Again my Jesus walked beside me and helped me to come to terms with this change.

The result? I now have time to do the things I enjoy without tiring myself and, if I do, there is time to rest. I have more time for my family and friends. When my health dips I can take time out to recover.

Throughout my life my mantra has been “I can do all things through God, who strengthens me” Phil 4 v13. Never has this been more true than then, now and whatever lies ahead.

Maddi

Seaton Road Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 5th December 2-4 p.m.

Christmas is coming and preparations for the Seaton Road Christmas Bazaar are in full swing. There will be all the usual stalls – bric-a-brac, toys, cakes, Christmas items, the ever popular Chocolate Tombola and even a visit from Father Christmas provided he is not too busy.



Seaton Road folk should note that there is a box for **chocolate tombola** items and a separate box for **toiletries and other saleable items** at the back of the church. We are on the lookout for **CDs, DVDs, toys and jigsaws**. We shall also need **bric-a-brac** – so start looking stuff out now. And don't forget the **cake stall!**

Keep an eye on the Seaton Road notices for details of preparation sessions – we shall need a goodly number of the fit and able-bodied to set up at 7.00 p.m. on the Friday before the bazaar and to put the hall back to rights after the event. We shall be glad of everyone's help on the Saturday.

See Daryl or Malcolm for more information or offers of help.

Seaton Road Methodist Church

Knit and Natter

Sept 21st 2-4pm

Oct 19th 2-4pm

Nov 16th 2-4pm

Dec 21st 2-4pm.

Carols/ Mince Pies/ Knitting

Why not join us to share your craft

or just drink tea.

All are welcome

LORD LET THE POPPIES BLOOM ON

LORD LET THE POPPIES BLOOM ON
AND THE SUN SHINE OVER THE FIELDS
WHERE ONLY THE SWEET BIRD SONG
TRY HARD FOR THE SADNESS TO HEAL

WE THINK OF SUFFERING AND PAIN
THE NOISE, THE BULLETS, THE SCREAMS
AS BLOOD FLOWED FROM THEIR VEINS
CRUEL ENDINGS TO THEIR DREAMS

FOR THESE WERE MEN AND BOYS
THAT FOUGHT FOR US AND DIED
THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR OURS
WE REMEMBER THEM WITH PRIDE

Maureen Brown, Trimley

Seaton Road News.....

We are extremely grateful to Malcolm Bentley who has for a number of years taken on two important roles at Seaton Road as treasurer and property steward. Understandably Malcolm now wishes to cut down on his work load and is to retire as property steward from February 2016. We are indebted to Malcolm for all his dedication and hard work to keep our buildings in good working order and for securing regular lettings that help to keep the finances sound.

So we are seeking someone to take on this important job in the life of the church. If you feel you could take on this role, or have skills to offer us, or are able to help with some of the tasks regarding property, then we'd love to hear from you. Please do speak to Malcolm to find out what is involved or speak to a steward.

Walton Parish Nursing CELEBRATION SERVICE

Sunday 18th October saw Seaton Road packed to bursting, with not a spare chair, as the three Walton churches gathered together for their annual service to



Parish Nursing
Ministries UK

celebrate this ecumenical ministry. The congregation of 120 included Mayor, Doreen Savage, Rev Julian Pursehouse our District Chair, Rev Derek Grimshaw our Circuit Superintendent, councillors, reps from organisations, clients, Methodist, Baptist and Anglican Ministers and members from the three Walton churches.

Ros Moore, the new Chief Executive Officer of Parish Nursing Ministries UK (PNMUK), had travelled from Yorkshire (with a nerve-racking train journey that meant she nearly missed the service!), gave an inspiring talk. Being a Methodist and using a visual aid of a rope with 4 strands, she linked Our Calling of Service, Learning and Caring, Worship and Evangelism to what we do in Parish Nursing. This was a way for churches to show God's love by being a good neighbour to people in need, supporting community development and, in turn, growing as Christians.

Wendy Hubbard introduced herself as the new OT (Occupational Therapist) and said what a privilege it was to combine her training as an OT with her Christian faith. Music was provided by the JAM group from St Mary's.

Each group was called to the front and showed what a big team we had become, bringing different skills and expertise to the ministry – the Trustees (including Ministers), Management Team, Volunteers (16), Lorna (Parish Nurse), Wendy (OT) plus Ros and Helen Wordsworth from PNMUK.

There followed refreshments organised by Maidstone Road Baptist Church with a splendid array of cakes where conversations were had and connections made.

This was an uplifting service for all those involved in WPN which affirmed the work we do, reminding us that it's not what we do for ourselves IN church that matters but what we do OUTSIDE our church walls for others. It's what Jesus would do.

Sue Hockenhill

Christian Aid Update

In the Autumn / Winter edition of the Christian Aid Magazine, of which there should be copies available in each of the Mission Area churches, it was humbling to hear an update of how money from this year's Christian Aid Week in May has changed the lives of women like Loko. Life for Loko, in Ethiopia, was a struggle as she had to walk alone for eight back-breaking hours each day, gathering firewood to sell so she could feed her children.

Loko now has a cow and goats so she can support her family. Her words say it all: 'I never thought I would be this rich. You have brought me happiness.'

We may not consider ourselves rich but does Loko's story make us appreciate our wealth?

Christian Aid celebrated its 70th anniversary this year. It was founded to assist people in Europe displaced by the Second World War. Today, as well as its work in third-world countries, it continues to support refugees from all over the world who are having to flee their homeland due to violence, conflict or disaster.

Please remember the work of Christian Aid in your prayers and if you would like to know more about the charity's work please ask your church's Christian Aid Committee representative or one of the church stewards.

Thank You

To Friends at Seaton Road,

We would like to thank you all for your prayers, cards and support to us all during the last few months of Chris's illness.

Also special thanks to Shirl and Hazel for their help and Mary for the lovely flowers in the church and Heather for playing the organ.

God bless you all,

Ann, Gillian, Kevin and Jayne (Woods)

Seaton Road Christmas Cards and Post Box

This year we will again be offering two options for sending Christmas cards to friends at Seaton Road.

Option 1: To send a single card to everyone at Seaton Road. This will be displayed on the noticeboard at the back of the church for everyone to read, with a small donation to JMA.



Option 2: To use the 'post box' provided at the back of the church. Just put your pile of cards in the box – these will then be sorted and given to the right people. Please only use this box for people who actually attend Seaton Road and please include the recipient's surname to avoid any confusion. The post box will be available on 6th, 13th and 20th December. Again, for using this service, we ask for a small donation to JMA.

Please put your donations, for either option, in the JMA box located on top of the 'post box'.

What is JMA? **Junior Mission for All (JMA)** was created by the Methodist Church so that children would not be excluded from supporting and learning about the mission of the Church. It is also about sharing the insights of God's people all over the world with children in our churches. 4/5ths of JMA money raised goes into the Methodist Church World Mission Fund and the last 1/5th goes towards the work of Mission in Britain.

Why JMA? As we no longer have children collecting for JMA we feel this is a way in which Seaton Road can still make a small contribution to this work.

The JMA Promise is to:

Learn, pray and serve with the world-wide Church of Jesus Christ.

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Mission Area Kids' Club

Kids' Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Seaton Road from 6 - 7.15p.m and future dates are:-

Tuesday 3rd November

Tuesday 1st December.

It is open to all primary school aged children who have completed their first full year at school.

