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**Methodist Matters in the Felixstowe Mission Area**

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

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Harry Chicken

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

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mrs Diana Sawyer

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Diane Smith

6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

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

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

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

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Mike Cassidy (Communion)

6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – My Bryan Nichols

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

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Local Arrangement

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Café Worship

6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev David Keeble – Joint Mission Area Service – including the dedication of the Shoe Boxes

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Derek Grimshaw

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Rev Jo Jacobs

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Derek Grimshaw

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Jane Cassidy

6.00 p.m. – Local Arrangement

Dear Friends

Methodism has always combined a focus on the individual response to God with a passionate and active concern for Social Justice. The Early Methodists were active in the struggle against slavery, campaigned for prison reform and set up a range of educational initiatives to improve literacy and health as well as to develop understanding in the Faith.

In recent times, the Methodist Church has been fully engaged with other Churches and those of other faiths, or none, in challenging injustices in our contemporary world. Examples of these are racism and sexism, human rights abuses, unfair trading practices, unethical investment, environmental pollution and debt counselling services.

Our Christianity is never for ourselves alone. Methodist members are called to care for our own household and church community, but also to go well beyond these bounds in showing God's care for the world.

I am delighted that a good number of people have enrolled to attend the Reimagine Forum on Saturday 7th of October. At this forum we shall be exploring different ways of being Church in the 21st Century (The Reimagine Forum is advertised in the Current Preaching Plan).

In the meantime we thank God for a number of new and developing outreach works across the Circuit.

Many of you will be aware of the two regular Messy Church venues. Gainsborough Library near Landseer Road Methodist and Wadgate Road (A Churches together in Walton project).

After the October half term Kirton Methodist will be the venue for an after school Story Club. Primarily using the Godly Play resources we now have on site. If you are free on Wednesdays between the hours of 3.30pm-5pm you might like to get involved?

At Seaton Road Methodist Church on the 21st of September there is a meeting with John Gillet who is the local Mental Health Parish Nurse. Seaton Road are looking to host a Mental Health drop-in Centre and this will be our first meeting to plan this venture. Do come along if you feel you could help in any way.

Finally, on the October the 21<sup>st</sup>, I will be undertaking a 10k run for CAP, Christians Against Poverty. The funds raised will be going to the development of the ecumenical debt counselling Service to be held at Ranelagh Road Christian Fellowship.

Love and God Bless

Diane.

*Where is Bread? We know their yearning;  
Every day, we wish for more.  
God, in time, we're slowly learning:  
All we own can make us poor.  
Our possessions can possess us,  
Leaving hunger deep inside.  
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;  
At your feast, we're satisfied.*

*"Where is bread?" the call is rising;  
Millions cry who must be fed.  
God, your answer seems surprising:  
"You, my Church, you give them bread."  
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,  
Bread for hungry stomachs, too!  
Give us bread and help us share it.  
Richly blest, may we serve you.*

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## **Mission Area Kids' Club**

The new session of Kids' Club recommences on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kids' Club is open to all primary school aged children who have completed their first full year at school. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at Seaton Road from 6 - 7.15p.m and future dates are:-



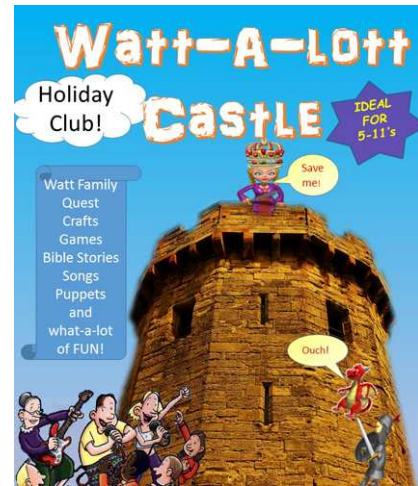
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## TRINITY HOLIDAY CLUB

After a highly successful week at Seaton Road Methodist Church, led by Robin and Mary Pattinson, it was now Trinity's turn to stage this year's Holiday Club entitled 'Watt-A-Lott Castle.' This was a week of Christian learning presented in a fun-filled way and what a wonderful time was had by all, children and adults alike.



Sadly our numbers were down on previous years but we couldn't have asked for more well behaved or enthusiastic children.

Through stories taken from the Old Testament, and one from the new, the children learned about not giving up on doing good, courage, loyalty, hope and thankfulness and honour. All characteristics required of the Knights of Old and qualities we strive for, when putting on the Armour of God. Through Bible dramatised narrations, Ratty and Stinky sketches, (Ratty being an aggressive rodent), the Watt Family Drama (probably the most popular and where you were likely to be on the receiving end of Rick's water pistol, alias John Clark), the children learned of Moses' encounters with King Pharaoh, Queen Esther, David and Jonathan, Joshua and Jericho and Jesus, the Servant King.

Our daily programme included games, songs, memory verses and lots of crafts, including the very popular activity of decorating biscuits to depict badges and shields. Holiday Club is never quite the same without children queuing up to tell and joke or show their drawing - and we weren't disappointed with the response!

Our Holiday Club Extra Service on the Sunday morning was very well attended and equally well received by the adults in the congregation, but it was rather a shame there weren't more children. Ali had put a lot of thought, preparation and care into the content of the service.

Running a Holiday Club is a huge undertaking and is only possible because we come together to work as a team. A massive thank you to all those who participated in:- badge making, craft preparation, registration and administration, refreshment preparers, biscuit and cake makers, table leaders and helpers, the cast of the Watt Family drama, puppet script writer and everyone who freely gave of their time, energy and support, particularly our Rev Diane.



Both Holiday Clubs were only made possible by the hard work and dedication of all those people who played a part in its preparation and delivery, two teams of wonderful people, who were up for the challenge! Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved.

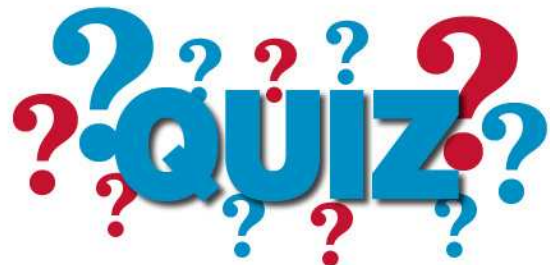
*Heather (Carpenter)*



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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!

## Catriona and Stephen Bennett in Rwanda

No.4 September 2017



### **Our call**

To serve God and the people of Eastern Rwanda using our medical skills

### **Our role**

To provide and develop a sustainable surgical and anaesthetic service at Gahini Hospital.

### **Dear friends,**

Greetings from Rwanda! We're thrilled that after months of preparation, we have made it here at last! We have spent the last couple of weeks settling in to Gahini, which we expect to now be our home for the next five years. For those reading for whom this is the first of our link letters, Steve is a consultant general surgeon and Catriona is a consultant anaesthetist, both from the UK, and we have come to Eastern Rwanda to work at Gahini Hospital. We aim to provide a surgical and anaesthetic service, develop the hospital's facilities, and train local healthcare staff.

To see Catriona, Steve and Hannah's latest Link letter in full please go to [www.seatonroad.org.uk](http://www.seatonroad.org.uk) and follow the link.

If you have any items for the November 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October

A quick thought from Margaret Powell (Trinity)....

*Lord keep your arms round my shoulders and your hand over my mouth.*

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## **Suffolk Historic Churches Ride & Stride**

On Saturday 9th September, Emma Elwell and I participated in the annual Ride & Stride day to raise funds for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and our church, Trinity Methodist Church. We were blessed with wonderful weather for walking and walked to a total of 15 churches around Felixstowe and the Trimleys. We would like to thank everyone who sponsored us which totalled just over £80 each.

*Graham Thompson (Trinity)*

..... and from **Daisy Hart** (aged 8, Seaton Road)....

On Saturday 9th of September 2017 me, mummy and nanna went on a long bike ride. We started at nannas house. When we got to nannas mummy borrowed a bike from nanna and off we went to the first church which was named Kirton church. Then we went to the second church in Kirton. While we went to the second church mummy went



back to nannas to get a computer that tells you how many miles you have done. Next we had to ride over a footbridge over the big road. we went to the next churches which were Trimley and Walton. We then visited Felixstowe, old Felixstowe and the ferry. We rode across Kingsfleet which was bumpy and got to Falkenham church. After that we all had sore bottoms. Once we had done I found out that I did 14 miles and 20 churches. We went for 3 hours and I ate lots of biscuits at the churches we visited. [Daisy raised a total of £140]



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Sudoku puzzle – each complete row, each complete column and each set of 9 boxes must contain the numbers

Sudoku answers

8	5	4	3	2	6	1	7	9
9	6	2	1	7	8	4	3	5
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# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE





Trinity Methodist Church

Hamilton Road, Felixstowe



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017

6 – 7.15 pm



All are welcome to join us at an evening of contemporary worship featuring songs by well-known worship leaders such as Matt Redman, Tim Hughes, Chris Tomlin and others.

Come and join us to worship Him in Spirit and Truth.



Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth  
Worship the Lord with gladness  
come before Him with joyful songs  
Psalm 100

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