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**Methodist Matters in the Felixstowe Mission Area**

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

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Bryan Nichols

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

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mr Chris Finbow

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

6.00 p.m. – Rev Mike Cassidy

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Kirton – 9.45 a.m. – Mr Luke Rokobuli

Seaton Road – 9.45 a.m. – Mrs Alicia Holmes

3.00 p.m. – Walton Parish Nursing celebration

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Mrs Diana Sawyer

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Rev Jo Jacobs

6.00 p.m. – Mr Stephen Wyatt

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

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

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

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

Trinity – 11.00 a.m. – Café Worship

6.00 p.m. – Mr Michael Peck

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Kirton – Mission Area Service at Trimley – 11.00 a.m.

Seaton Road – Mission Area Service at Trimley – 11.00 a.m.

Trimley – 11.00 a.m. – Rev David Keeble / Rev Diane Smith

Dedication of the Shoe Boxes

Trinity – Mission Area Service at Trimley – 11.00 a.m.

6.00 p.m. – Healing Service with Rev Jo Jacobs  
and Elizabeth Storey

## **From Rev'd Diane....**

*Dear Friends*

In this edition of the Magazine I thought it would be helpful to give an update of the work myself and others are currently involved in using the teaching and reflective practice of Godly Play.

When I first joined the Circuit more than four years ago, one of the areas of work that the Mission Area wanted a Presbyter to develop was that of Godly Play.

As you know we now have a Godly Play classroom that is housed at Kirton Chapel for the use of the Circuit. And this summer I ran a Quiet Day for the Circuit with the intention of developing this work further and a number of people from the Circuit now regularly use the resources available.

Currently Godly Play is used frequently at our weekly Ecumenical Messy Church based at St. Phillips in Wadgate Road, Felixstowe. This term we shall look at the Stories of Creation; The Flood and the 10 Commandments.

Godly Play is also used at the afterschool club that is held each Thursday at Trimley St. Martin School and with the Brownies at our Trimley Church, as well at Norwood Home.

Elizabeth Storey and Debbie Peck are also hoping to use Godly Play with the group they currently run at Gainsborough Library, which is close to Landseer Road Methodist Church.

In the New Year at Seaton Road Methodist Church we shall be using Godly Play in another creative way, in the form of a once a month informal type service of reflection. This will take place the first Sunday in each of month at 4pm. I am grateful to Sue Hockenhull and Sue France, Circuit Enabler who have both come on board with this project with great commitment and enthusiasm. It is hoped that an afternoon service may meet the needs of some of lonely and isolated members in our local community as well as anyone else who feels that they might like to come along and share.

I must also thank Pat and Glenn George who have just recently created some beautiful labels for the storage boxes that house the Godly Play stories.

I am adding new stories on a regular basis the latest of which is called "Looking at Jesus in a new way".

May I ask for your prayers that God will continue to bless the Work we are able to do across Circuit using this resource.

*Love Diane.*

# Golden Wedding Celebration Jean and John Clarke

17th August 2018

John first saw me on a train when I was returning from a Beatles concert in London. A few weeks later he went to call on me, I was taking Sunday school at my local church. John met me and walked me home.



2 years later we married. Whilst living in Germany Helen was born in 1970.

Three years later, back in England, Alison arrived in 1973.

Over our 50 years our loving family has grown. With 2 sons-in-law, Alan and Anders, 4 much loved grandchildren. Lydia, Evie, Kitty and Monty.

To celebrate our 50 years together we went to Matlock in Derbyshire with our family. The 5 days we were there we went around various sights, a favourite was Abraham Heights going up in the cable car. A time together we will always remember.

Rev Diane took the service at Trinity on Sunday 9th September and we renewed our vows at the Covenant service. In front of our family and our church family. It was a very special day for us but poignant in that Bob and Di Douglas would have celebrated their Golden Wedding in September with us on this day. Maddi gave us a bouquet of flowers that Di wanted us to have, what a special lady.

We are so fortunate to have each other at this milestone and hope we have many more happy years ahead.

*Jean and John Clarke*

*Trinity*

## Mission Area Kids' Club

The Mission Area Kids' Club continues to meet on the first Tuesday of the month, during term time, at Seaton Road Methodist Church from 6 – 7.15pm.

We welcome any primary school aged children who have completed one full year at school. The evening takes the form of a mini holiday club morning with a Bible story, crafts, games and refreshments but sadly no Watts family drama or Ratty and Stinky!

The next dates for Kids' Club will be:-

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.



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## Suffolk Ride & Stride

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September, Emma and I took part in the Ride & Stride for Suffolk Historic Churches. We started out on foot from St Andrews Church and visited 16 churches in total with the last being Seaton Road Methodist Church. The weather was very kind for us and we met some lovely people along the way. Being the Felixstowe Heritage Weekend, we also looked at several interesting displays in the churches. Many of the churches were also providing refreshments so we enjoyed a few cuppas along the way and a delicious ploughman's lunch at St Mary's in Walton.

Emma and I raised a total of £250, excluding gift aid, and would like to thank everyone who sponsored us. Half of the money will go to Trinity Church funds.

We really enjoyed our walk and hope others will join us next year.

*Graham Thompson (Trinity)*

**A few, brief highlights, on a brother, dad and grandpa, from the eulogy given at Howard Fotherby's funeral on 20th August at Seaton Road Methodist Church.**

*Doreen Fotherby, Howard's sister said:-*

- Howard was the eldest of five children born in 1935 in Hull.
- Not long after Howard started school, the family were evacuated to Ipswich and at a critical point in his education, at the end of the war, the family moved back to Hull so his education was disrupted again.
- Howard was always creative and had at one time wanted to be a sign writer. His creativity was seen in his life long interest in photography.
- Leaving school at 15, Howard began work at Ellerman Wilson Shipping Line, the company with whom he eventually moved to their Felixstowe office.
- Being brought up in a Christian family, church and faith played a key role in Howard's development.
- At the age of 15/16, Howard met Betty at the local church where they later married in 1955.
- Not long after meeting Betty, Howard developed diabetes at the age of seventeen.
- Following marriage, they moved to Withernsea where Ian and Graham were born and where Howard began his association with the Methodist Church and became a local preacher.

*Ian Fotherby, Howard's elder son said:-*

- It is extremely difficult to condense 83 years of life into a few minutes.
- Mum and dad raised two wonderful sons, both Yorkshire born and bred and raised in a staunch Christian Methodist tea-total household although one was later destined to become one of Felixstowe's best loved publicans!
- Dad was very much a family man, devoted to mum throughout their entire life together and dedicated to ensuring Graham and I had the best possible upbringing they could provide.
- His Christian faith was very important to him throughout his life.
- Family holidays often featured cottages in the North York Moors, Yorkshire Dales or Scottish Borders.

- To relax, Dad enjoyed gardening, both at home and at his allotment, photography (he was the official photographer at both sons' weddings), hiking and bird watching. DIY projects remain as testament to his skill and ability. He was a generous man and his sense of humour was such that the grandchildren branded any cheesy or corny witticism a 'Grandpa joke', irrespective of who delivered it.
- Despite being diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at the age of 17, he did not let it define the majority of his life. He was a good advert for Type 1 Diabetes and in 2012 received a medal for living 60 years with the condition.
- In later years his diabetes did begin to catch up with him. He told us he was not scared to die and yet despite his increasingly restricted mobility and obvious pain (which he never complained about) he never gave up. He faced each day head on, getting out on Spitfire, his mobility scooter, as often as he could. He enjoyed eating out for lunch and his favourite venue was the Little Ice Cream Company (other Felixstowe venues are available .....but they're not as good! – Howard's words). He was a staunch supporter of the family business and enjoyed his last lunch there just 6 weeks ago.
- In recent times after the family visited Dad, he would invariably bid us farewell saying, "Don't worry about me, JUST ENJOY LIFE!!"
- Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, we just want to say we love you ... and thanks for everything. Don't worry ....JUST ENJOY LIFE!!!

*Sarah Hubbard, Howard's grand-daughter said:-*

We have a running joke in our family about who was Grandpa's favourite grandchild. For years it was Ste who seemed to have the unfair advantage of being the first grandchild and who was amazing at art ....how could others compete!? Then Kev moved in with Grandpa, for a good few years, and with a shared love of photography and numerous day trips for fish and chips it seemed as if Kev had taken centre stage. I came along as the underdog but became a clear winner when I went to Bible College, married a man of the cloth and asked Grandpa to make my wedding cake .... I was tough competition! It seemed Angus would take the crown, being the genius of the family, the Cambridge student but then Ste went in for a second innings with a career in The Royal Navy ..... a proud moment for Grandpa. Finally Dylan got his chance, a charmer, an A\* A level student and a young naval graduate.

Thinking about it, I'm not sure there were actual favourites. Time spent with Grandpa he made about us, not himself. He celebrated our achievements, took photographs and made memories that would far out last him.

He knew his earthly ending would be the beginning of the endless eternity promised because of his faith. Death feels painful but is not a time to think about the end but an opportunity to contemplate the eternity that lies ahead of us, which I am certain that Grandpa would rather we did.

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## **Seaton Road has a new kitchen**

Hurrah! Seaton Road now has a kitchen facility at the back of the church.

No more filling up the urn from a basin in the toilets; no more washing up in a plastic bowl on a table; no more dangerous trailing electrical wiring; no more emptying hot water from the urn to the lawn outside.



This will make serving of refreshments so much easier after Sunday services & Thursday prayers and also for meetings & support groups that use the church. It will aid a new initiative we plan to start in January for Sunday afternoons. It also gives us a letting potential for the church space.

This installation would not have been possible without generous grants from Suffolk Historic Churches Trust & Red Nose Community Fund, topped up with a Circuit grant & proceeds from Nigel & Diane's August breakfast.

Our thanks to Jane Reed (property steward) for the design & supervision of the work. We thank Brian Dawson for doing a tremendous job of installing the units & plumbing (despite starting in a hectic Holiday Club week..... but we managed)

Here's to the next cup of tea!

*Sue Hockenhull (Seaton Road)*

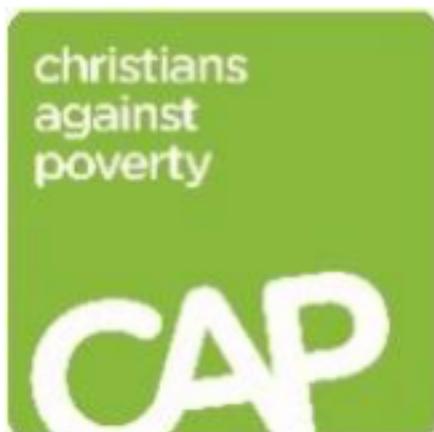
*Also, many thanks to Sue for her skill in applying for and obtaining the grants we received.*

# Felixstowe CAP debt centre update and vision morning

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10:00 to 12:00  
at Ranelagh Road Christian Fellowship.

Come and be encouraged as we share all that's happened since the Felixstowe debt centre opened.

We will be telling stories of the difference made to people through debt counselling and the money courses. There will be times of open prayer and we'll look to what God is calling us to in the future.



There will be a break in the middle for refreshments. Everybody is welcome.

## Homelessness – immediate actions and advice

*John Adams' notes of the meeting*

1. Most important is to report any concern about an individual to

<https://www.homeless.org.uk/our-work/national-projects/streetlink>

File an online report about that individual, filing as much as you know. Suffolk Coastal employs someone (Martin) to go out and look for these people. The Council now has to draw up a plan for that person. Some will be deemed to be priority, especially:

- If very unwell
- If particularly vulnerable (eg learning disability)

2. Advise the person that they should check if they are receiving the right benefits. They can go to our library to access information online. Especially check

<https://angliacaretrust.org.uk/>

3. Advise the person to register for housing-related support. There is an online portal for all the supported housing if the person can't get back on their feet quickly and find their own rented accommodation. We would like to use an ecumenical approach possibly with the Salvation Army taking the lead on available supported housing.

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/housing/social-housing/housing-advice-resources/>

We should distinguish between begging and homelessness. Beggars are usually not homeless

We should not offer accommodation in our own homes because the individual needs to be checked out.

We may advise where the individual could get a hot meal and facilities like a tent. For example the Salvation Army.

Don't give out money – if you do, the word gets out and others arrive.

## From Daisy and Mollie (Seaton Road)...Ride & Stride

This year we had an extra member of our cycling team - Mollie who had just turned 6, had wanted to do it ever since Daisy did it last year.

So on a bit of a grey day Heather Farthing, Hollie Hart, Daisy Hart and Mollie Hart undertook the challenge! Everyone has been very generous with their donations and the amount raised was £135.

Here's what the girls had to say about it.

*Mollie (age 6):* On the bike ride I enjoyed it because I liked going to 10 churches and biking on the road. I biked 7 miles and my legs were tired. My favourite church was the one with the dressed up statues outside (Maidstone Road Baptist Church).

My favourite person who signed our card was Grandad at our church (Seaton Road). He had Jaffa cakes.

*Daisy (age 9):* I enjoyed all of the bike ride but my favourite bit was getting the biscuits and sweets at all the churches. My best church was River of Life as they had my favourite sweets. When we stopped at our church Grandad signed mine and Mollie's booklet and fixed my bike stand. I biked 16 miles and 22 churches. My legs hurt a lot when we started biking on the fields to get back to Nanna's house.



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**Mission Area Service to be held  
at Trimley Methodist Church  
October 28<sup>th</sup> @11am**



The service will include the blessing of the Shoeboxes before they go on their journey.



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## ***A poem contributed by Graham Thompson (Trinity):***

I looked in the mirror, and what did I see,  
But a little old lady peering back at me.  
With bags and sags and wrinkles and wispy white hair,  
I asked my reflection "How did you get there?".

You once were straight and vigorous, and now you're stooped and weak,  
When I tried so hard to keep you from becoming an antique.  
My reflection's eyes twinkled, as she solemnly replied,  
You're looking at the gift-wrap and not the jewel inside.

A living gem and precious, of unimaginable worth,  
Unique and true, the real you, the only you on Earth.  
The years that spoil your gift-wrap with other things more cruel,  
Should purify and strengthen, and polish up that jewel.

So focus your attentions on the inside, not the out,  
On being kinder, wiser, more content and more devout.  
Then when your gift-wrap's stripped away, your jewel will be set free,  
To radiate God's glory through all eternity.

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Maidstone  
Road Baptist  
Church

Seaton Road  
Methodist  
Church

St Mary's  
Parish Church  
(C of E)

## **Knit Poppies**

**September to November**  
**Wednesdays 2-3pm**  
**Collimer Court, High Street, Walton IP11 9EZ**

These will be added to the cascade of poppies at  
St Mary's Church for Remembrance Sunday.  
For further details phone Moira 07925 255223



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SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER  
10 A.M – 4 P.M.**

## **TRINITY HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB**

At 9.15am on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> August a group of eager helpers arrived at Trinity. Our leaders Ali and Heather welcomed everyone and gave us final instructions regarding what would be happening during the week. For some of the helpers it was their first time but there were plenty of “old hands” willing and able to help them. It was great this year to have the help of quite a few teenagers.

Ali and Heather had spent a monumental time preparing all the paper work, crafts, games etc and everything worked like clockwork all week which made things so much easier for the helpers and the children. The usual suspects were present in the form of The Watt Family and Ratty and Stinky. This year the fabulous scenery was painted by Kris and the bunting and flowers came from the Fuschia Society.

At the beginning of each day we prayed for God’s guidance and blessing on our work with the children.

And now to the most important people present---the children. We had an attendance of around 45 (20 more than last year). The children were all so enthusiastic about their groups. The Chimps, Turtles, Lizards, Parrots, Spiders and Alligators worked hard at the crafts, supported each other during the games and listened carefully to the stories. Their imagination during the junk modelling was amazing. They were all keen to watch the Watt Family and to find out what Ratty and Stinky were up to this year.

We asked them for their comments on the Holiday Bible Club this year and here are just a few.

I like everything. I like the fun and the games. The crafts and the Watt family. The Watt family and the pirates. Ratty and Stinky. Making the treasure boxes. The water pistol and being squirted. The Watt family and the bible stories. It’s good fun. Everything, but especially the crafts. I enjoyed decorating the Psalm Tree Island biscuits but actually loved everything. It’s good fun being a Christian. Everything is amazing but it could have gone on for a few more days.

The Sunday service allowed parents and members of the congregation to gain more insight into what had happened at the Holiday Bible club.

A huge thank you to all concerned for making it a fabulous week.

*Anna Porter (Trinity)*

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# Walton Parish Nursing CELEBRATION SERVICE

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

at

**Seaton Road Methodist Church,  
Seaton Road,  
Felixstowe IP11 9BT**

**Time: 3.00pm**

**Speaker: Revd Simon Goddard,  
Moderator Churches Together Suffolk**

The service will be followed by refreshments

**All Welcome**

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