

Brightstar

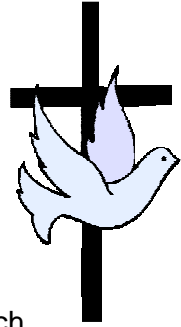


July / August 2014

Brightstar is the newsletter of Seaton Road Methodist Church
Felixstowe, IP11 9BT
Contact us through our website at www.seatonroad.org.uk

Services for July and August:

- July 6th Mrs Heather Bentley
9.45 a.m. Coffee will be served after this service
- July 13th Mr Chris Finbow
9.45 a.m.
- July 20th Café Worship! – at Kirton Methodist Church
Breakfast from 9.15 a.m.
Worship at 9.45 a.m.
- July 27th Rev David Kemble
9.45 a.m. *Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion*
- August 3rd Holiday Club Celebration
9.45 a.m.
- August 10th Rev Jo Jacobs
9.45 a.m. *Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion*
- August 17th Mrs Alicia Holmes
9.45 a.m.
- August 24th Mr Raymond Wilson
9.45 a.m.
- August 31st Rev Kathryn Flynn
9.45 a.m.



A reminder that David and Elizabeth's farewell service is on Sunday 27th July. This will be at Trinity Methodist Church with a tea at 4.30 pm. (please put your name on the list on the notice board) followed by the service at 6 p.m.

The welcome service for Diane takes place at Trinity on Sunday 7th September at 6 p.m.

There will also be a chance to meet Diane in a more informal setting at a coffee evening at Trimley Methodist Church on Monday 1st September, starting at 7.30 p.m.

Dear Friends,

As I write this newsletter the morning sun is shining, there is hardly a breath of wind to disturb our tranquil surroundings in Kelling Heath Park as we take a few days break on the Norfolk Coast before the final month of ministry in Felixstowe. I have also watched some sport on the TV since arriving, tennis and the knock-out stages of the World Cup. It seems the players at Wimbledon and the countries playing football (alas not England) that are performing well are the ones that have a strong team ethos. I'm always intrigued when the likes of Andy Murray refer to their performances as '**we** played well today' even though it was Andy alone hitting the shots, he recognised the enormous contribution given by his team of psychologist, fitness trainers, physiotherapist and coach.



Jesus had a strong team around him during his earthly ministry and Paul also acknowledged the important work of the church family on numerous occasions, for example when he wrote to the Corinthians "*I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you*" and to Philemon he wrote "*I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people*".

While reflecting on the past five years we also recognise that without the support and love of you all, the Lord's work would not have been as effective and as such we give thanks to God for your unselfish commitment and especially for your love. Together we have accomplished many things and I'm sure 'we' acknowledge the power to do this work belongs to God's Holy Spirit to whom we give the praise and glory.



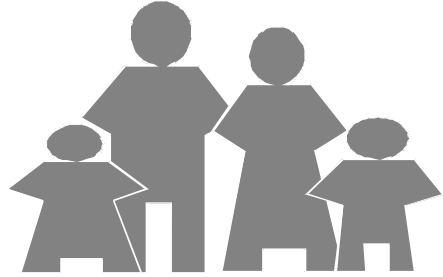
Our most sincere thanks and love to you, special friends of Felixstowe Mission Area.

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you...

With our love

David & Elizabeth xx

Church Family News



It doesn't seem possible that David Kemble's five year period of ministry here in Felixstowe ends on 31st July and he and Elizabeth will be retiring to Palgrave near Diss. The time has gone so quickly and we cannot begin to say how grateful we are to both of them for all they have done for us here at Seaton Road, and for the Felixstowe Mission Area, during that time. As we say goodbye we wish them every blessing for a long and happy retirement and hope they will enjoy having more time to pursue their own interests and to spend more time with their family, particularly the grandchildren.

During August Rev Diane Smith and her husband Nigel will be arriving in Felixstowe, from Southend, ready for Diane to start her ministry here from the beginning of September. We hope the move goes well and look forward to giving them a warm Seaton Road, and Felixstowe Mission Area, welcome.

T	C	S
R	I	N
H	A	I

Word puzzle - no plurals please
Send your list to Robin or Mary

Result of the June word puzzle.....

Kathy Fullick came up with a list of 34 words, and the 9 letter word was ASCENSION.

Churches Together in Felixstowe

Brief minutes from CTF AGM and Forum meeting held at Kirton Methodist Church on 8th May.

- Welcome and Opening Prayers – Rev. David White (Chair)
- Deputy Moderator's report. Andy Piper thanked the steering group and others willingly co-opted to organise events. He would be standing down as Deputy Moderator due to work commitments away.
- Hon. Treasurer's report. Margaret Condick presented a statement of accounts which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

LIFT funds. The soup kitchen had run for 2 months. Equipment had been bought but donations had covered the expense. (Remaining equipment was available at the meeting to be made use of by churches.)

General Funds – church subscriptions £920. Event expenses £880. Total received was £1165, total paid was £1449 leaving a deficit on year of £284. Steve Renvoize had now resigned as examiner of accounts after 7 years' service.

Appointment Examiner of Accounts -The meeting agreed unanimously the appointment of Tony Jacobs as examiner of accounts

Election of Officers

Moderator – No name came forward so no election.

Deputy Moderator – Andrew Marfleet

Hon. Secretary – Sue Hockenhull

Hon. Treasurer – Margaret Condick

Approval of Steering Group – Andrew Marfleet, Sue Hockenhull, Margaret Condick, Barbara Lamberton. Other members could be co-opted as necessary.

FORUM MEETING

Matters arising: List of Church Services to be distributed to hotels and tourist information when completed.

Recent Events and Services 2013/4

a) **Christmas Posters 2015** : A sub-group to choose a suitable (challenging) Christmas poster for distribution at the November meeting.

b) **Unity Service Sunday 19th January 2014:** Positive feedback for “ an attractive service” that had included different elements including “spiritual gifts”. Music from combined choir had brought unity from singing together.

c) **Week of Prayer :** For 2015 it was agreed to order enough CTIB booklets for each church to have a copy.

d) **Good Friday at the Triangle 18th April 2014 :** Many positive comments received. Over 500 service sheets given out. This service was important for CTF as a public witness being outside and amongst the public.

e) **Sunrise Service Sunday 20th April 2014:** Had been enjoyed by those who attended. Double the quantity of service sheets was needed.

Future Events and Services

- **Praise on the Prom:** There would be NO Praise on the Prom in 2014 due to building work in the Spa Gardens.
- **Summer Social:** To be held at home of Margaret Condick, 10 Rectory Lane, Kirton on Sunday afternoon 20th July 2014.
- **Unity Service 2015:** Sunday 25th January 2015. Speaker: Major David Jackson, Divisional Commander, Salvation Army.
- **“This meeting agrees to the proposal of using a church other than St John’s as a venue for the annual CTF Unity Service.”** - Proposal accepted.
- **CTF Newsletter :** Dee Balshaw had produced a newsletter for CTF bt it needed to be better distributed.

Serving our Local Community

News from the churches and organisations

Written reports had been distributed prior to meeting from Boost, Walton Parish Nursing, Hope Trust, Felixstowe Listening Service and Quakers. *(if you would like to see a copy of these please see Sue or Mary)*

Update on the work of LIFT (Life In Felixstowe Together)

The soup kitchen had run for 2 months and discontinued due to lack of take-up. About 160 people had volunteered to help. It was felt it would be a pity to lose this willingness to volunteer, so a draft list had been compiled of local organisations needing volunteers. This was a facility for something a church already does to advertise wider to other churches for help.

There was a strong desire for the LIFT group to continue to meet as a sub-group of CTF and to look at areas of need; also a desire for CTF to do something together.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) was being investigated.

ABLE (A Brighter Life for Everyone) The Laydens Project have turned a disused WRVS hut in Langley Avenue into a community café and opened on 25th April 2014. The kitchen is to become a training kitchen. The process is “community helping community” with the dream to eventually hand over completely to the local community to run itself.

St Edmund’s Project, Langer Road is to be improved to incorporate a kitchen and toilet for the disabled, as a community resource to be open every day, with refreshments and light meals available. The partnership is between PCCs of St John’s and St Edmund’s working with BASIC life charity. This is “support for the community by the community” working with partner agencies. Offers of help and information from Rev. Robert Hinsley.

Date of next meeting: Monday 3rd November 2014 at 7.30pm at URC, Felixstowe.

Vote of Thanks

Margaret Condict thanked:-

- Rev. David Kemble (unable to chair the meeting due to a family bereavement) who was retiring in July after 5 years of ministry in Felixstowe. Margaret had appreciated David’s support and help during her time as moderator and thanked him for all he’d done for CTF.
- Rev. David White who had stepped in at short notice to chair these meetings. Also for his input into the Unity Service.
- Andy Piper for his work as deputy moderator over the last 5 years.
- Sue Hockenhull for her work as secretary in her first year.
- Barbara Lambertson for her contribution to the steering group.
- Kirton Methodist Church for their hospitality and refreshments.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Sue Hockenhull and Mary Pattinson

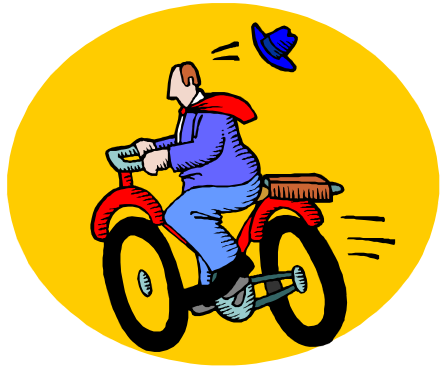
All contributions for the September Brightstar should be with
Robin & Mary by 24th August please.
Tel: 01394 274140 email: robin.pattinson@btinternet.com

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

Cycle Ride

Saturday 13th September

Please put 13th September 2014 in your diaries as we will once again be participating in the Historic Churches Cycle Ride. If you are planning to ride, see Malcolm for sponsor forms. If you are not riding but can record cyclists as they arrive at Seaton Road, keep an eye out for the signing-in rota that will be going up in the vestibule over the summer. Please be generous with your sponsorship of our riders.



Messy Church

The Mission Area Messy Church continues to meet at Trinity every couple of months. The next one is on Saturday September 13th and if anyone is available to help please let one of our stewards know.

WANTED for September Messy Church

Anything that could be used for a team building exercise on a ship wreck theme such as:

small plastic drink bottles
yoghurt pots
margarine tubs
plastic milk bottles
jam jar lids



Please save them and leave in vestry of church for Dawn, our Outreach Worker.

Words from the song which Heather (Bentley) used recently in a service at Seaton Road.....

Share My Yoke - Joy Webb

When I'm tired and nothing's going right for me;
When things I've counted on just do not come my way;
When in my mind the thick grey folds of doubt arise,
It's then I seem to hear him say:

(chorus)

*Share my yoke and find that I am joined with you.
Your slightest movement I shall feel and be there too!
Share my yoke and come the way that I must go!
In our "togetherness" my peace you'll know;
The world beholding us will see it so!*

When I'm perplexed and no one's understanding me;
When even safest thoughts collapse in disarray;
When I've lost the things that always seemed so sure,
It's then I need to hear him say:

*Share my yoke and find that I am joined with you.
Your slightest movement I shall feel and be there too!
Share my yoke and come the way that I must go!
In our "togetherness" my peace you'll know;
The world beholding us will see it so!*

When I'm alone and nothing's getting through to me;
And isolation that increases day by day;
When closest friends can seem a thousand miles away,
It's then I long to hear him say:

*Share my yoke and find that I am joined with you.
Your slightest movement I shall feel and be there too!
Share my yoke and come the way that I must go!
In our "togetherness" my peace you'll know;
The world beholding us will see it so!*

Harvest

Our chosen charity for this year's harvest on 21st September is B.A.S.I.C. Life Charity based in Felixstowe. Therefore we are asking for the following items to be brought along to that service:

Tinned goods:

Soup, meat, fish, beans, pasta shapes, fruit, custard, rice pudding and vegetables.

Dried goods:

Instant mashed potatoes

Pasta, soup and pasta in sauce packets

Sterilised or UHT milk

Teabags and instant coffee

UHT cheese triangles

Peanut butter and jam

Biscuits, cakes, crackers and crisps

Baby rusks, baby food

Breakfast cereals

Toiletries: Shampoo, deodorant, nappies, babywipes, baby lotion, razors, shaving foam.

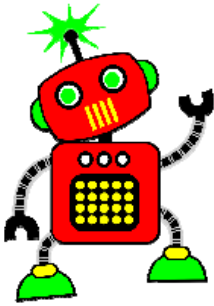
Small and large sizes

All goods intact in package and in date please.

The
BASIC
Life Charity



Working for a better future
www.basic.org.uk

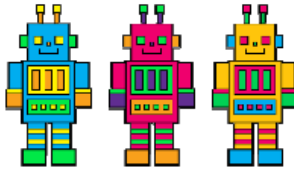


Methodist Churches Felixstowe

Holiday Club

Razzamatazz

Robots!



Seaton Rd Methodist Church

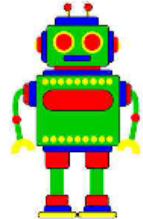
28th July - 1st August 10.00-12.30

£2 per day

For Children at Primary School-Booking Essential

Please phone Wendy - 01394 276595

or email info@seatonraod.org.uk



A further week of Holiday Club is being held at Trinity Methodist Church between 18th and 22nd August.