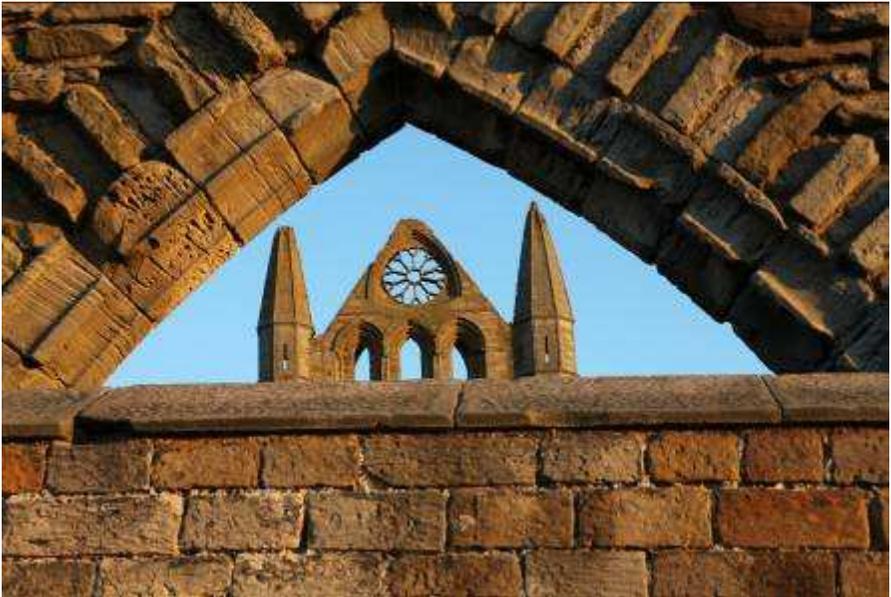


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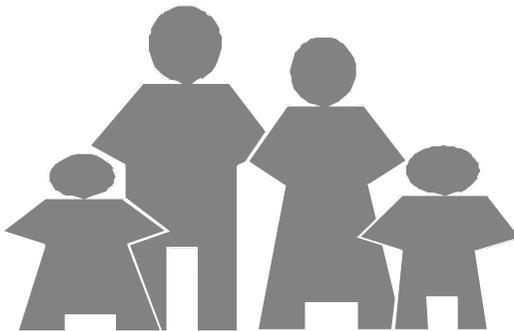
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Services for July and August:

- July 3rd Rev David Kemble - Sacrament
Coffee will be served after this service
- July 10th Café Worship!
- July 17th Mr Peter Crick
- July 24th Rev Andrew Royal
- July 31st Holiday Club service
- August 7th Rev Barry Middleton - Sacrament
Coffee will be served after this service
- August 14th Mrs Heather Bentley
- August 21st Café Worship! – Rev David Kemble
- August 28th Mrs Jenny Archer



Front cover photograph: Whitby Abbey, North Yorkshire

Dear Friends,

This article is written the day before the E100 Challenge Saturday when with our brothers and sisters of the Salvation Army and the four Methodist Churches in the Felixstowe Mission Area we shall read all the designated 100 passages of scripture in a single day. I hope you were able to find some time to listen to God's word or even take part – thank you for your participation.



For those who are not familiar with the challenge then here is a summary:

'E' stands for Essential and 100 refers to 50 passages of scripture from the Old Testament and 50 from the New which, when read in order, link the key events of God's salvation together. As this is the 400th year since the publication of the King James Version (KJV) we were invited to spend part of each week reading the book that has saved countless numbers of lives and we feel will make a difference to ours each time we read it! A reading plan and study guide is available (please ask a steward) and together with the method outlined below the word of God is guaranteed to make a difference!

METHOD

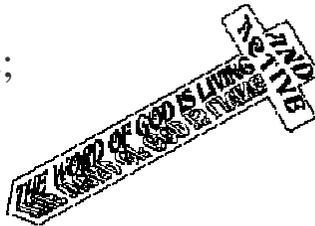
1. FIND a quiet time and space if possible of approx 30 minutes
2. PRAY before you read asking God to help you understand his word

3. READ through the Bible passage for the day, perhaps more than once
4. REFLECT on the passage. Write your thoughts in a journal
5. PRAY again, asking God to help you live out His word
6. APPLY what God teaches you from His word to your life
7. SHARE your thoughts with someone else who is taking part in the scheme

For those of you who have started or even finished the readings are you up to a further challenge? How about writing in no more than 100 words something about your faith journey. It could relate to how it has changed since reading the passages or even how you became a Christian. I would be very interested to read of your experiences. Please let me know if you take up this *challenge*!

Finally, my most grateful thanks to those who have helped organise the programme and the Saturday event.

Hebrews 4:12;



God Bless you with knowledge of your Salvation

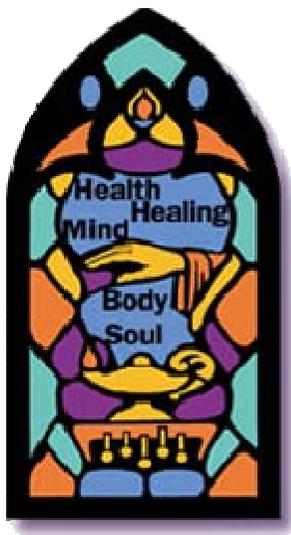
David

Parish Nursing Update

After months of form filling we heard on Wednesday June 22nd that we had been granted funds for **Walton Parish Nursing, Felixstowe** from the East Anglia District of The Methodist Church, providing we can raise £1000 per year ourselves. The funds will enable us to support one Parish Nurse for a day a week, for three years in a pilot scheme.

The Annual Church Meeting that same evening included a detailed discussion and question and answer session on Parish Nursing and as a result it was agreed that we should proceed to set up the joint ministry with Maidstone Road Baptist Church as soon as possible.

As it will become a joint ministry we will need volunteers from Seaton Road to join the day to day management committee and to support the Parish Nurses in their work. Maidstone Road are already very experienced in Parish Nursing and are very happy to share their experience and skills as we come on board.



Please pray for this scheme as it develops in the coming months, and if you feel you would like to be involved, or wish to know more about it, then please contact Rev. David Kemble (282023) or Sue Hockenhull (279368).

Walton Churches Summer 2011

Representatives of the three churches continue to meet together and pray regularly for our work in Walton, and for the people who live here.

We had a very successful joint 'Mothers' Union' meeting on April 19th, attended by nine from Seaton Road (including three 'male mothers'), on the work of Tools with a Mission (TWAM). The tea and cakes afterwards were very good too!!

This summer, the separate churches are organising different events but anyone interested in helping or going along would be very welcome.

Seaton Road Methodist will be running a Holiday Club for 5-11 year olds, July 25th – 29th 10.00am -12.30pm. The theme will be 'Starship Discovery' - for details contact Elizabeth Kemble (282023).

Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Parish Nursing and Hope Trust are organising an Away Day for those whose age, health or mobility prevent them from going on holiday. This will be at MRBC on Thursday 4th August. Details from Heather Bentley (279998)

St. Mary's are organising The Lance Pierson Concert on Friday 28th October to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible . See dates for your diary.

Heather B



The **Methodist** Church

An excerpt from **The Buzz** - the Methodist Church Connexional newsletter. THE BUZZ is a resource that brings the whole Methodist Connexion together and allows us to share what's happening in our districts, circuits, churches and church groups.

EVANGELISM –

Village children learn about Easter on egg trail

From: Skelmanthorpe Methodist Church

In Holy Week, Skelmanthorpe Methodist Church in the Denby Dale and Clayton West Circuit organised an Easter egg hunt with a difference for the village children.

All of the 38 local shops and businesses in the village centre took part, plus the local health centre and library. They all displayed a picture of half an Easter egg and the children had to match up the halves. In doing so they found out something about the Easter story, or a fact about Easter customs that were described on each picture. The Easter egg hunt was compiled by Deacon Jane Paine. The prizes of Easter eggs were donated by some of the local shops.

Frances Priestnall of Skelmanthorpe Methodist Church said, "The Easter Trail has been a great success. It was organised to be a family fun event for the school holidays, and to tell the Easter story in a novel and interesting way."

E-mail contact: Frances Priestnall davidpriestnall@hotmail.com

From the Vestry Stewards.....

For three or four weeks I have been wondering what on earth I was going to say in this section of the church magazine - nothing of importance seemed to be there. But that all changed at the June Café Worship - I had been looking forward to be going to the Shetland Isles but had to abandon that plan - so I volunteered to read at the E100 Bible reading marathon on the 25th June. I had decided sometime ago that if I was going to participate in this event I would read from the King James version of the Bible as this year we are celebrating the 400th anniversary of its publication. To achieve this I turned to my old copy of the KJV (now at least 60 years old) opened it up and out fell some notes I had made at a Bible study some 55 or 60 years ago.

The name of the Rev Francis Dixon appears in the notes but I am uncertain if he was leading the Bible study or if he was just being quoted but he was well known for his Bible ministry at his church in Brighton (or was it Bournemouth) and nationwide and was available on tape (reel-to-reel in those days).

The notes are headed PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY. I pass these notes on and hope that you will find that they will help in your understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

1) PRAYING

Continue in prayer (Rom 12 v12 KJV)

Persevere in prayer (N E Bible)

Maintain the habit of prayer (JB Philips)

- a) What is prayer? Communion (conversation) and fellowship with God.

- b) Why must Christians pray? Commanded. Watch therefore and pray always Luke 21v36 also Col 4 v 2 and 1 Thess 5 v 17
 - c) Exercise Striving Isa 40 v 31 Rom 15 v 30
 - d) Vital for Christian living. Prayer is the Christian's vital breath (James Montgomery) Luke 6 v 12
 - e) Christians' privilege and duty (Intercessions) Col 4 v 2/3 Phil 1 v 3/5
- 2) LIVING. The most effective testimony to the power of the gospel is the life, path, conversation and speech of the ordinary Christian. Matt 7 v 15/20 Gal 5 v 22/26 Eph 5 v 15/21 1 Peter 1 v 15/16
- 3) SPEAKING. Let your speech be gracious, kind, friendly, glorifying the Lord, seasoned with the Grace of God to make it palatable, to flavour.
 We should question - Is it true? Is it necessary? Will it harm? Will it glorify God? Am I helped by saying it? Is it my business anyway? We should never be offensive in our speech Psalm 141 v 3
 Psalm 13 v 4 Matt 12 v 36/37 Peter was known for his speech Matt 26 v 73.

I hope that you will find this mini Bible study both interesting and helpful in your day-by-day Christian experience.

Howard

A smile.....

The preacher began his sermon with this story: 'I was on a plane last week, from Edinburgh to London, when we ran into some very severe weather which resulted in turbulence. As it got worse, the passengers became more and more alarmed, and even the airline stewards began to look concerned.

Finally, one of them noticed that I had 'Reverend' in front of my name on the passenger list, so she approached me, and said, 'Sir, this is really frightening. Do you suppose you could, I don't know.....do something religious?'

'So I took up a collection,' retold the preacher with a grin.

My grateful thanks to all who participated in any way in the E100 day on Saturday 25th June.

It ran remarkably smoothly and we finished less than 10 minutes over time.

Special thanks to Maddi for all her work on the PowerPoint and Trinity for hosting us.



I think we involved 42 readers from the various churches which isn't bad for an exercise in ecumenical cooperation!

Thanks again *Heather B*

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

Cycle Ride



Saturday 10th September

Please put 10th September 2011 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.

A TASTE OF UGANDA

It doesn't seem possible that a year ago we were raising funds for Dr Catriona Bentley to purchase equipment to take with her for a year's voluntary work in Uganda.

That year will shortly be coming to an end and Catriona will be returning to England with a wealth of experiences of her life and work in that country.

Catriona would like to share some of the events of her African adventure with the Mission Area through photos, slides, stories and food tasting on 23rd July at 6.30pm at Seaton Road.

Please book the date and come to 'A Taste of Catriona's Ugandan Experience'. As well as learning about Catriona's work there will be an opportunity to sample one or two Ugandan dishes, if you wish.

DATES.....



July 15th -17th – Church Family Weekend at Belsey Bridge for those who have already booked.

July 17th Sunday – Churches Together in Felixstowe event – Praise on the Prom 3.30 – 5pm in Spa Gardens by the Bartlett.

July 23rd Saturday – Mission Area event. Catriona Bentley slides/talk on her year in Uganda – Seaton Road 6.30pm

July 25th – 29th Seaton Road's Holiday Club 'Starship Discovery' for Primary School aged children. 10am - 12.30pm

July 30th Saturday – Farewell Tea for Peggy Heim at Museum St. Methodist Church, Ipswich 3 - 5.30pm.

Aug 3rd Wednesday– Kirton Fun Day for all children under 11.

Aug 6th Saturday – Trimley. Jenny Smith's garden party 28, Spriteshall Lane 2.30 – 5pm

Aug 8th -12th Trinity's Holiday Club 'Starship Discovery'

Aug 19th Friday – Fun Quiz at Trimley 7.30pm. £3-00 per person, including light refreshments. In aid of '10 days in the Desert Challenge' raising money for Children with Leukaemia

Sept 4th Sunday - Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Beverley Barclay and Deacon Georgina Brooks at Alan Rd. Methodist Church, Ipswich 6.30pm.

Sept 18th Sunday - Seaton Road's Harvest Café Worship

October 9th – Mission Area evening service at Trinity 6pm – Rev. Rob Anning will be leading this service as part of Trinity's harvest services.

October 28th Friday - The Lance Pierson Concert, 7.30 p.m. at Maidstone Road Baptist Church (organised by St Mary's)

Nov 25th – Mission Area event. Supper followed by a concert for which each church is asked to supply 2 'acts'

Dec 3rd Saturday – Seaton Road's Christmas Bazaar.

FUNKY

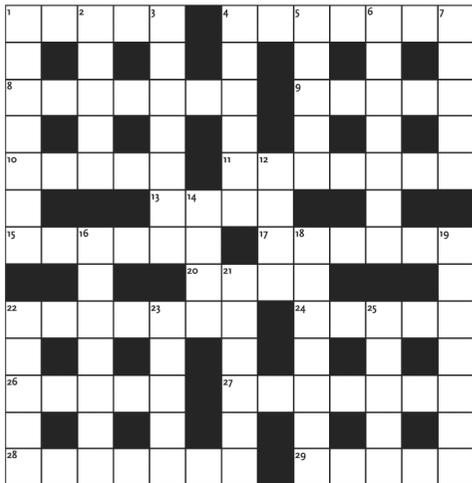
As usual, we will be having a break from the formal meeting of FUNKY for our young people during the school summer holidays. Our last meeting will be Sunday 3rd July (Café Worship on 10th and Church Family Weekend on 17th July) and we will start again on Sunday 11th September.

There will be a special Holiday Club service on July 31st to conclude the previous week's children's holiday club – 'Starship Discovery'.

As always the young people will be very welcome to join in worship during these summer weeks. There will be a table at the back of the church with some quiet craft activities, colouring, puzzles etc which they can make use of during the services.

Puzzle page

Crossword



ACROSS

1. Imply (5)
4. Softens (7)
8. Winning bid (7)
9. Awake (5)
10. Much sought after (5)
11. Drawn by horses (7)
13. Muslim sect (4)
15. Crossed at low tide (3, 3)
17. Deadly (6)
20. Circle (4)
22. Fierce dog (7)
24. Where a 'still, small voice' was heard (5)
26. Ridicule (5)
27. Joy (7)
28. Guided (7)
29. Member of a brotherhood (5)

DOWN

1. Number (7)
2. Animals (5)
3. Defend successfully (7)
4. Dynasty of popes (6)
5. South American animal (5)
6. Book of the Old Testament (7)
7. Aroma (5)
12. Headlight (4)
14. One of two (4)
16. Put away (7)
18. Tribe of Israel (7)
19. Famous for cedars (7)
21. Criminal action (6)
22. Rescued from the Nile (5)
23. Nearest (5)
25. Debris (5)

Steve Vaughan-Turner

www.drawingfromexperience.blogspot.com



Our teenage son is like the Holy Spirit; we don't see him but we can tell he's been here!

Sudoku

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THANK YOU

Allambie orphanage would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG Thank You to everyone that sponsored Mary Bolton's sky dive.

The money that you all raised will help these orphaned children with their education and well being.

Allambie orphanage has been up and running now for 6 months. We now have 6 children and for the first time, they feel safe, loved and all have a future to look forward to. With your help and support we will be able to change more children's lives for the better.

Until they came to Allambie, these 6 children were in an orphanage that was overcrowded, dirty and they were lucky if they got one meal a day. The children's education and future was also at the bottom of the priority list.

Thanks in part to your support, they now go to good schools, have 3 meals a day, are healthy and for the first time in their lives, feel loved, wanted and safe.

Thank you

Suzanne Thi Hien Hook



Prayer Diary

July

- Sunday 3rd** The housebound and the lonely
Monday 4th Ourselves – give thanks for the blessings we receive
Tuesday 5th Our fundraising committee, that they may have fresh ideas
Wednesday 6th For Parish Nursing, giving thanks for the grant that has been promised
Thursday 7th For midweek prayers and the coffee morning
Friday 8th Glyn and Melanie getting married at Seaton Road today
Saturday 9th All ministers and local preachers preparing to take services tomorrow
- Sunday 10th** Cafe Worship today
Monday 11th Guidance for those planning our Church family weekend
Tuesday 12th Those meeting for tea and chat today
Wednesday 13th The Playgroup who use our Church hall, the leaders and the children
Thursday 14th Those of our Church Fellowship who are feeling low and neglected
Friday 15th For safe journeys for all those travelling to the Church family weekend
Saturday 16th A time of fun and learning for those enjoying the weekend at Ditchingham
- Sunday 17th** Those who are meeting to worship at Seaton Road with Peter Crick this morning
Monday 18th The Brownies who meet in our Church hall
Tuesday 19th The other Churches in our Mission Area
Wednesday 20th The other Churches in Walton
Thursday 21st Those who prepare and those who attend our Church lunch today
Friday 22nd Little Fishes, for the leaders, children and parents (and grandparents)



Saturday 23rd Give thanks for Catriona and the work she has been able to do in Uganda

Sunday 24th Rev Andrew Royal taking our service today

Monday 25th Our Holiday Club, for all leaders and helpers and the children who will come

Tuesday 26th Heather Bentley and her work as Pastoral Co-ordinator

Wednesday 27th Our Church Stewards and Pastoral Friends

Thursday 28th Malcolm, our Church Treasurer and for our Property Committee

Friday 29th Elizabeth Kemble, our Family and Children's Worker

Saturday 30th All those away or soon to go away on holiday

Sunday 31st That some of the children who came to the Holiday Club may be interested enough to come to this morning's service

August

Monday 1st People still suffering in Haiti more than a year after the earthquake

Tuesday 2nd People still suffering in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami

Wednesday 3rd Kirton Fun Day

Thursday 4th The situations in Libya and Syria

Friday 5th African nations where there is extreme poverty

Saturday 6th For peace in Palestine and Israel

Sunday 7th Barry Middleton taking our service this morning

Monday 8th The Holiday Club at Trinity

Tuesday 9th Christian Aid

Wednesday 10th Action for Children

Thursday 11th The Bible Society

Friday 12th Save the Children Fund

Saturday 13th The work of all national charitable organizations especially those dear to your own heart



Sunday 14th Heather Bentley taking our service this morning
Monday 15th Churches Together in Felixstowe
Tuesday 16th The Hope Trust and the work of Michael Allen and Paul Taylor
Wednesday 17th The Youth work of Level Two
Thursday 18th Residential and Nursing homes in Felixstowe
Friday 19th Youth organizations in Felixstowe
Saturday 20th Town Pastors

Sunday 21st David Kemble taking our service this morning, also remembering his work in the Mission Area and the Port of Felixstowe
Monday 22nd The Queen and the Royal family
Tuesday 23rd David Cameron and Nick Clegg
Wednesday 24th All Members of Parliament
Thursday 25th The Police Force and Social Workers
Friday 26th Judges and all those involved in Jury service
Saturday 27th The Archbishop of Canterbury and other Church leaders

Sunday 28th Jenny Archer taking our service this morning
Monday 29th Our Church family, especially those unable to come and share in worship
Tuesday 30th For ourselves that we may be good neighbours
Wednesday 31st For ourselves that we may be able to witness for Christ

September
Thursday 1st For ourselves that we may try to share God's love
Friday 2nd For our families , friends and work colleagues
Saturday 3rd Praise God for all he has done for us
Sunday 4th At the beginning of a new year in Methodism may we give ourselves again to God's service

SEATON ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONS.....

It's official!! We can give ourselves a pat on the back as we are now officially part of a World Record Team shortly to be verified by the Guinness Book of Records.

I'm sure some of you are asking 'Are you sure?', 'What us?', 'How come?' Some of you may remember way back in February, at the Cafe Worship, we decorated Fairtrade Cotton bunting as part of a world record attempt.



Our few metres of bunting was sent off and added to bunting from all over the British Isles. The result, a length of bunting measuring 3,427 metres and containing 14,281 pennants.

Bunting decorators included Helen Mirren, Sir Michael Parkinson and heads of Waitrose and Marks and Spencers. The challenge now for the Fairtrade Foundation is how to use the bunting to raise awareness of how \$47 billion of subsidies for US and EU cotton farmers is forcing the West African cotton farmers out of the market.

For further information on the work of Fairtrade visit their website www.fairtrade.org.uk

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
ORWELL ROAD FELIXSTOWE
SUNDAY NIGHT AT 8
EVERYONE WELCOME

JULY 3 **TALITHA KOUM**
 CHRISTIAN THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY
JULY 10 **COLNEIS SCHOOL CHOIR**
JULY 17 **MELLOW BELLOWS**
JULY 24 **CELEBRATE AND CREATE**
JULY 31 **MUSICOLOGY**
AUG 7 **PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND**
AUG 14 **TRINITY PLAYERS**



*Our Kids' Club meets on the
first Tuesday of each month
(during School Term) and is for
children at Primary School.*

*Games - stories
refreshments
lots of FUN!*

Tuesday 5th July 6.00 - 7.15 p.m.



Elizabeth at the Mission Area barbecue held to celebrate her 60th birthday.

Thank You!

I have had such a wonderful birthday weekend celebrating with friends and family. Thank you for your many kind thoughts and wishes, for all the ways in which you made my birthday so special. I have been overwhelmed by your love and kindness.

Elizabeth

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ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1. Infer 4. Mellows 8. Trumpet 9. Awake 10. Grail 11. Chariot 13. Shia 15. Red sea 17. Lethal 20. Loop 22. Mastiff 24. Horeb 26. Scorn 27. Elation 28. Steered 29. Mason

DOWN: 1. Integer 2. Fauna 3. Repulse 4. Medici 5. Llama 6. Obadiah 7. Scent 12. Halo 14. Half 16. Dispose 18. Ephraim 19. Lebanon 21. Offend 22. Moses 23. Inner 25. Ruins

Please note that all contributions for the September edition of Brightstar should be with Robin and Mary by Saturday 27th August. Thank you!
 email: robin.pattinson@btinternet.com

Seaton Rd Methodist Church

Starship Discovery!



Holiday Club

July 25th - 29th

10am - 12.30pm

£2 per child per day

For booking details: - 282023