

Brightstar



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Brightstar is the newsletter of Seaton Road Methodist Church
Felixstowe, IP11 9BT

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Mission Area Jubilee Cream Tea

Trinity, Seaton Road, Trimley and Kirton decided they would hold a joint event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the form of a cream tea. The event took place at Kirton Methodist church so we could make use of their beautiful gardens. The weather was reasonably kind to us as, although it wasn't particularly warm, the rain did keep off which was really fortunate in the present climate! The four churches worked together so that no one church should have to do all the work. We plated up 80 cream teas (see front cover) of a scone, butter, jam, cream and strawberries but did in fact serve over 125 teas in total – it was a great production line!! The church and hall looked fantastic with the red, white and blue knitted bunting which prompted many favourable comments. Both inside and the garden were full of people, aged between just a few months and over 90 years old, munching their way through the cream teas, chatting and just enjoying each others' company.

We were also very privileged to have a very brief fly past over Kirton's gardens from the Red Arrows. We liked to think they flew over especially for us but we did really know they were on to more important things as part of the fly past over Buckingham Palace for the Queen and Royal family.

The whole afternoon was a great event, giving folk from the four churches an opportunity to meet up with each other and, although not intended as a fund raising event, donations meant we were able to give £200 to Kirton's toilet fund as well as the £30 to Methodist Homes.

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the afternoon so successful but especially Stephen Tuthill for making the delicious scones as Seaton Road's contribution, Shirl and Joyce for knitting the bunting, Heather Carpenter from Trinity for coming up with the idea initially and Kirton for letting us use their premises.

Mary

Knitted Bunting for Methodist Homes

Following the success of the Posada at Christmas the Felixstowe Mission Area decided to accept the East Anglia District Methodist Homes' latest challenge – to knit jubilee bunting.

From Seaton Road Joyce Boulter, Shirl Stockley and Mary Pattinson dug out their knitting needles and produced over 70 red, white and blue bunting triangles between them – a fantastic result. The instructions were to then sew them on to tape with three inches between each triangle. This produced a length of just over 16 metres of bunting. Trimley and Kirton also took up the challenge and they, quite by chance, produced similar lengths of bunting. The Mission Area total length was 49.25 metres which we were able to use to decorate Kirton Methodist church and hall for our Mission Area Jubilee cream tea.

We decided not to have this as a sponsored event but instead donated £60 to Methodist Homes from the Mission Area, made up of a £30 donation from Trimley's ploughman's lunches and £30 from donations made at the Jubilee cream tea.

Our total length of bunting was submitted and below is a list of results from most of the other churches who took part in the District. As you will see Felixstowe was the only Mission Area from the Ipswich Circuit who took part so it was good that we had some representation.

Felixstowe 49.25 metres (raised £60.00)
Halesworth 57.25 metres (raised £133.50)
Carlton Colville 56 metres (Raised £201.00)
Pott Row 70.5 metres still collecting money
Hunstanton 53metres still collecting money
Dersingham 73.1metres (Raised £30.50)

The bunting has already been promised to the holiday clubs at both Seaton Road and Trinity in the school summer holidays so will be put to good use in helping to decorate both venues.

Mary

From the Vestry

Even if you are not a dog lover I'm sure you will enjoy this little poem by Pamela Steele.

No wonder he wags his tail

When God had made the earth and sky
The flowers and trees
He then made all the animals
And all the birds and bees
And when His work was finished
Not one was quite the same
He said, "I'll walk this earth of mine
And give each one a name."
And so He travelled the land and sea
And everywhere He went
A little creature followed Him
Until its strength was spent.
When all were named upon the earth
And in the sky and sea
The little creature said, "Dear Lord,
There's not one left for me?"
The Father smiled and softly said,
"I've left you to the end.
I've turned my own name back to front
And called you 'Dog', my friend."



Shirl Stockley

A postcard home

Several of our Seaton Road folk have been fortunate enough to have recently been away on holiday, or have one planned, giving the opportunity of new experiences. However, some of our church family members are not in a position to get away but are always interested to hear about others' travels.



Brightstar is a church family magazine to which anyone is invited to submit an article. Obviously if everyone decided to write an article for the same edition we would have problems, however the editor is always happy to receive items, so how about a challenge for those travellers amongst us?

If you have been away, how about writing a short paragraph about your destination and perhaps one place or experience that was special to you – a bit like a holiday postcard – to share with those at home as they read Brightstar.

Rev Ian Gardner

Ian will be leaving the Ipswich Circuit to take up a new appointment in the Lowestoft Circuit starting September 2012.

Everyone is invited to his final service which will be a Songs of Praise at Bramford Road Methodist Church, Ipswich at 4.30pm on Sunday 29th July.

Church Family Weekends

2012 – July 14th and 15th. Church Family Weekend ‘at home’ at Kirton Methodist Church

Saturday 14th July 10am – 4pm at Kirton (please bring a packed lunch – drinks provided)

Sunday 15th July 9.45am Café Worship at Kirton (no service at Seaton Road) – breakfast from 9.15 a.m.

Sunday 15th July 2.30pm Jane and Jonathan Reed have kindly invited us to their garden for tea and cakes and the use of their swimming pool.

Everyone is invited to take part in all, or a part, of this weekend.

2013 – July 12th – 14th. Church Family Weekend away at Belsey Bridge, Ditchingham.

David’s Sabbatical

David’s three month Sabbatical is now drawing to a close and he will return to work on Monday July 9th (although Monday is his day off!). Please try to allow him to get back to his working routine gradually.

We look forward to hearing all about his experiences of ‘God above, below and beside’. No doubt there will be some photos to view, tales to be told, as well as some artwork to admire.

We pray that David will return renewed and refreshed and hope his Sabbatical has been a time of enrichment.

Welcome back David – we have missed you!

WALTON PARISH NURSING LAUNCH CELEBRATION



The official launch service for Walton Parish Nursing as a ministry run by the three churches is to be held

At **SEATON ROAD** on **SUNDAY OCTOBER 14th** at 3.30 p.m.

It will be attended by the Mayor and key representatives of the three denominations.

It will be followed by tea and cakes in our hall.

It should be a great occasion!

Please book the date in your diary. We shall need lots of help on the day, and it will be great to support all those who have been involved and are involved in this outreach to our community in Jesus' name.

More details later.

Heather Bentley

Please note that all contributions for the September edition of Brightstar should be with Robin and Mary by Saturday 25th August. Thank you!
email: robin.pattinson@btinternet.com

ONE MORE STEP ALONG THE WORLD WE GO....

Journeying Together - The Next Step?

Rev. David Kemble is planning to organise a series of meetings starting in the Autumn for those who are interested in exploring the nature of the Christian Journey. We shall be discussing all sorts of questions that people ask about being Christians, learning a little bit more about Methodism, the Bible, and different ways of deepening our faith.

They would be suitable for anyone who wants to know more about Walking with God, and particularly anyone who might be interested in confirmation into the Methodist Church. Those who are already members in our church or others might find them interesting too.

Please consider whether this would be helpful for you on your faith journey and watch out for more details.

Heather Bentley.

Felixstowe Churches Together
PRAISE ON THE PROM

Featuring the joint churches big-band
and guest speaker Josh Hunt

Sunday 8 July 2012

3.30pm – 5pm

Free bouncy castle from 2pm
The Spa Gardens

Just along the prom from the Bartlett
Bring a picnic & your friends!

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE

**Saturday 8th
September**

Please put 8th September 2012 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.

Malcolm Bentley

**2012 GIFT DAY (WITH STRAWBERRIES)
Tuesday 10th July from 7.30 pm**

Our Gift Day is on Tuesday 10th July. Please come along to share in coffee or tea with strawberries and cream. Even if you feel unable to make a gift at this time you will, of course, still be very welcome.

DATES

July 1st Sunday – Church AGM after the morning service.

July 3rd Tuesday – Kids' Club 6 – 7.15pm

July 8th Sunday - Churches Together Praise on the Prom 3.30pm.

July 9th – Rev David Kemble returns from his Sabbatical

July 10th Tuesday – Gift Day 7.30pm

July 14th / 15th – Seaton Road Church Family Weekend at Kirton.

July 19th Thursday – Stairlift Dedication 2.30pm

July 21st Saturday – Trimley Garden Party, 28 Spriteshall Lane 2pm

July 23rd – 27th – Seaton Road Holiday Club

July 28th Saturday – Trinity NCH Action for Children Coffee Morning

July 29th Sunday – Seaton Road Holiday Club Extra Service 9.45am

July 29th 4.30pm – Bramford Road. Final service led by Rev Ian Gardner before he leaves the Ipswich Circuit

August 20th -24th – Trinity Holiday Club

September 2nd Sunday – Circuit welcome service for Rev Kathy Flynn Bramford Road, Ipswich 6.30pm

September 8th Saturday – Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride

September 16th Sunday – Harvest Café Worship.

September 21st Friday – Walton Churches Safari Meal



September 29th – Mission Area Musical ‘Second Chance’ at Trinity

September 30th – MA Musical ‘Second Chance’ at Landseer Road Ipswich

October 10th Wednesday - Seaton Road Church Council

November 4th Sunday – Mission Area Remembering Service

November 14th Sunday – Walton Parish Nursing Commissioning Service

November 24th Saturday – Mission Area concert at Trinity 6.30pm.

December 1st Saturday – Seaton Road Christmas Bazaar 2-4pm

SECOND CHANCE

A Musical Presentation

**The story of the Prodigal Son
retold for 2012**

**A version of the Susie Hare musical,
presented by the Felixstowe Mission Area
at Trinity Church, Felixstowe
on Saturday 29th at 7.30pm**

**and Landseer Road, Ipswich
on Sunday 30th September at 6.30pm**

Admission free

retiring collection for the Whitechapel Mission

Everyone deserves a second chance

Seaton Road Methodist Church

HOLIDAY CLUB

23rd-27th July

10am-12.30pm



Games, Crafts, Story, Puppets

For Children at Primary School 5-11yrs

To Book: Ring Liz 282023 £2 per day