

# *Brightstar*



*October 2013*

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

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*Services for October:*

October 6<sup>th</sup>  
9.45 a.m.

Mr Bryan Nichols  
*Coffee will be served following this service*

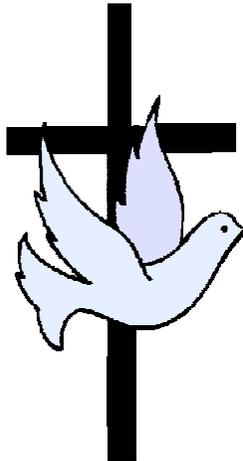
October 13<sup>th</sup>  
9.45 a.m.

Rev David Kemble  
*Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion*

October 20<sup>th</sup>      Café Worship!  
Breakfast from 9.15 a.m.  
Worship at 9.45 a.m.

October 27<sup>th</sup>  
9.45 a.m.

Rev David Kemble



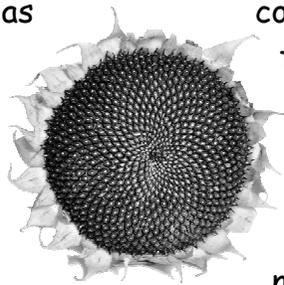
*Stop Press....* We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of baby Lyla to Russell and Josey Bentley on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Congratulations to Russell and Josey and to new grandparents, Heather and Malcolm.

Dear Friends,



Elizabeth tells me one of the most enjoyable jobs in the garden is being able to walk around on a warm evening with secateurs and trug in hand dead heading flowers and plants. She finds it therapeutic as it is relaxing and peaceful and also an essential task to do. If we wish our lovely floral display to last as long as possible we need to encourage the plant to believe that it still has the work of producing seeds to do. Hence the reason for deadheading and stopping seeds forming. Look at the flowers in front of the church which have been blooming for weeks now to understand the importance of this process.

Ultimately though the days shorten and we know the flowering season has however hard we you are a keen it is then the dead flowers to to go around the this time with a to collect the different seeds ready to sow next spring. It is always nice if we find we have so many seeds to share them with other gardeners and hopefully they will have some spare seeds to pass onto us.



come to an end try to extend it. If gardener you know time to allow those turn to seeds and garden again, but number of envelopes

During our harvest service we thought about the importance of sharing a little of what we have in abundance so that others will have enough to eat. We brought tins of soup to help feed those who are homeless on our streets during the winter months. Sharing what we have is not always easy but it is important if we truly wish to live the Christian life. In Proverbs 11:24, 25 we read that "*it is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. The generous person shall be rich! By watering others, he waters himself.*"

We can be generous with our time and love as well as our material wealth. These gifts are especially needed for the Soup Kitchen project starting in November. Have you signed up yet?



There is a joy in sharing, even if it is as small as a few seeds or a can of soup or an hour of our time for that gives pleasure to more people than just ourselves.

Blessings David

Please note that all contributions for the November edition of Brightstar should be with Robin and Mary by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you!  
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## **Kids' Club**

Following another very successful Holiday Club in August the Mission Area Kids' Club will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at Seaton Road from 6 – 7.15pm for any Primary School aged children.

The dates this term are:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November (please note change of date to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday for this month only)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

As with all children's' work staffing can sometimes be a problem so if you are able to help now and again please speak to Elizabeth Kemble, Heather Carpenter or Robin or Mary Pattinson.

## Why not Gift Aid?

If you pay income tax you could make your giving to the church worth a lot more, without it costing you any extra. For every pound that you give the taxman will give 25p, so if you can afford to give £10 a week that becomes worth £12.50. To take part in this pain free method of giving you will need to get a Gift Aid form from Daryl and then you will need to either set up a direct debit with your bank or give via the envelope scheme. Howard would be happy to supply you with envelopes. Your giving has to be recorded in one of these ways so that we can prove that the amount we are claiming on has actually been given.

Last year our Church claimed back £1,913.50. Perhaps this tax year we can reap even greater rewards.

As an afterthought – I expect you, like me, have found your household bills increase year after year. In the same way, the Church's bills also increase, but how often do we think to increase what we give. I know that for some people this is impossible and we are very grateful to everyone who supports the work of our Church with whatever you can afford, but if you could manage a small increase and you are in a position to Gift Aid it then we might see a big difference.

Daryl Read



## Churches Together in Felixstowe

invite you to the next

### **FORUM MEETING**

**Monday 4th November 2013**

**at The Salvation Army, Cobbold Road, Felixstowe**

**Chaired by Captain Richard Waters**

**at 7.30pm (refreshments from 7pm)**

Items for the Agenda by 21st October to Sue Hockenhull  
(Hon. Secretary)

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*Extracts from June Boley's funeral service on 19<sup>th</sup> August...*

**June Boley** - There are many virtuous and capable women in the world but you surpass them all (Proverbs 31:29)

When I read the description of a "wife of noble character" in Proverbs 31 I can't help but think this describes my Mum. During my writing of Mum's eulogy for her funeral in August I tried to sum her up within a few words and found that the words in Proverbs 31 were a great summary of my Mum.

The facts are - born in 1931, married to Dad for nearly 60 years, three children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren (with two more on the way). But this doesn't sum up Mum she was much more than these numbers!

Mum was the centre of our home, always there, the hub of our family wheel. She was always busy doing something - cooking, baking, sewing, knitting, washing, ironing, etc. etc. - she never sat still until she had to because of the deterioration of her health. Mum made a difference in the lives of many children - not just us, but all the children who came through our house, she was full of love and shared this with every one of these children. She was a contented lady, happy with her lot and a great role model for all of us.

Some words that come to mind when I think about Mum - gentle, kind, compassionate, giving, loving, determined, accepting, patient, humble, busy, industrious, strong, caring, considerate - There are many virtuous and capable women in the world but Mum surpassed them all

*Brian Boley - September 2013*

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And the memories of Seaton Road members are also considerable for they held June with much love and affection. Described as a quiet person June is particularly remembered however for a deep commitment to working out her faith in a practical way which was inspirational and encouraging to many. Paul, a writer of several

letters in the bible says Faith without Works is dead. June worked tirelessly for over 50 years for the church of Jesus Christ in leadership roles as well as supporting many she worked alongside.

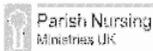
She never complained of the tasks she was asked to perform let alone the ones she voluntarily did, taking them on cheerfully and doing them to the very best of her ability which was considerable. She organised beetle drives which were hugely successful in raising funds as well as bringing folk together in fellowship. She was a member of the Young Wives group which eventually became the Ladies Evening Fellowship of which June was treasurer for many years. Her talent for raising much needed funds for the mission of the church was outstanding; notably on one occasion it led to several hundreds of pounds being raised as she took orders for bath, hand and tea towels. She bought the items direct from the factory at rock bottom prices and then set about finishing each one, for they needed the hems sewing up - a real labour of love Mary Pattinson recalls. She also collected the orders for Webb Ivory Christmas cards which again raised considerably sums.

Peg bags and aprons she also made and sold over the years and the church bazaar would not be, and has not been, the same without June's homemade jams, marmalades and pickled onions and of course her delicious cakes!

You can perhaps visualise the picture of a tireless, faithful and extremely efficient and dedicated person and at the centre of her generous giving - was June's love of people! The bible asks us to Love God which is possible when we love others. June supported not only the church as a whole but individuals as she encouraged and inspired many to faithful selfless works of love themselves. Jill Tempest fondly remembers June for being hugely influential in her life of supporting children and young people who were placed into her care.

June, you will be sadly missed but what a legacy you have left! May God hold you, his child, in his loving arms just as you did for so many in your lifetime. Amen...

*David Kemble*



## **Walton Parish Nursing**

invites you to a

### **COMMISSIONING SERVICE**

for Marilyn Flower (as Parish Nurse, Occupational  
Therapist)

and the volunteers

**Sunday 13th October 2013**

**at 3.00pm**

**at St Mary's Anglican Church, Walton**

followed by light refreshments in St Mary's Church Hall



The service will include an update on the work of this ministry  
and commissioning by Sue Evans from  
Parish Nursing Ministries UK.

All Welcome

### **COMMISSIONING SERVICE**

Last year we commissioned Lorna Bellamy as our Parish Nurse, with the service held here at SRMC. We had about 150 people attending representing many churches and organisations. It was a wonderful afternoon of witness.

This year we are commissioning our second Parish Nurse, Marilyn Flower, and also the many volunteers (currently 14) who help in this ministry in a variety of ways.

This is a joint ecumenical venture. St Mary's are hosting the event this time, MRBC are leading the music and SRMC are being asked to do the catering (tea, coffee, cakes).

So we would welcome any offers of cakes plus offers to help serve refreshments after the service.

Please speak to Sue Hockenhill or Hazel Rusby.

Do come and support this wonderful ministry here in Walton.

# Seaton Road Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm

Christmas is coming and once again we are holding a Christmas bazaar. We shall need plenty of help on the day – please put the date in your diary. It helps if you let the organising team know you will be there and what you would like to do.



Last year the **Chocolate Tombola** proved a great success – the chocolate items disappeared fast. So it is no surprise that we will be repeating it this year but aiming to make it even bigger and better. We will be collecting items for the chocolate tombola in one of the boxes that will be appearing at the back of the church.

There will also be a box for toiletries. We are on the lookout for CDs, DVDs, toys and jigsaws. We shall need bric-a-brac – so start looking stuff out now - but if you can please hold on to it until nearer the time.

There will be a cake stall so consider baking and freezing to avoid a rush nearer the time.

There will be a planning meeting on October 22nd at 7.30pm at the church. Everyone is welcome to come along and share their ideas to help us raise money.