

Brightstar



September 2012

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

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Services for September:

2nd Rev David Kemble
9.45 a.m. *Covenant Service*

9th Rev Beverley Barclay
9.45 a.m.

16th Café Worship! – Harvest
Breakfast from 9.15 a.m.
Worship at 9.45 a.m.

23rd Mr Brian Loader
9.45 a.m.

30th Rev David Kemble
9.45 a.m.



Dear Friends,



If I were to say “incredible” to some folk especially those who helped at Holiday Club this year their reply would be “unbelievable!” For these words were among the catchphrases used during our week long action packed ‘holiday club’ this year entitled ‘Go for Gold’ based on the Olympic Games.

And those words may also have been on your lips as you watched with awe not only the Olympians in London but more recently the Paralympians whose abilities, you may agree, certainly seemed to outweigh their disabilities!

The Paralympics actually grew out of a doctor’s vision at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in 1948, when the Olympic Games were last held in London. He started a parallel Wheel Chair Games as he realised the importance of sport in the rehabilitation of injured patients.

Over the years that have followed, the Paralympics have contributed hugely in breaking down the prejudices and stigma that disabled people experience. And gradually some of the barriers that prevented their playing a full part in society are being addressed. For example there have been great advances in the design of equipment to enable

mobility and to the construction of public buildings and homes.

The athletes themselves who have taken part in the games ever since have been an inspiration. They have all told their story of determination and courage in competing in the games, demonstrating the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity. They have rightly deserved our support and respect as they have striven for excellence.

Perhaps you will join with me in giving thanks to God in creating such athletes who can excel and as we ask God to help us be as determined and courageous in serving him in the race of life.



"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:14

David

From the Vestry

We are very pleased to welcome Sue Hockenhull on to the church steward team from 1st September.

Seaton Road's Stewards for this year are Mary Pattinson, Heather Bentley, Howard Fotherby, Liz Benyon, Shirl Stockley and Sue Hockenhull.

Back to church Sunday

This year 'Back to Church Sunday' is on 30th September. If you have a friend or neighbour who hasn't been to church lately, or even never, why not invite them on this day. Of course, any friends or relatives are always welcomed to any of our services so why not think about asking them to join you one Sunday.

Quiz

Felixstowe Listening Service are organising a 'Battle of the Churches' Quiz Night on 26th October at Salvation Army, Felixstowe at 7pm (see poster on page 14).

It has been suggested that we might like to enter a Felixstowe Methodist Mission Area team as the smaller churches would find it difficult to provide a team from their own people. If you would like to be a part of a MA team (or would like to set up your own team from Seaton Road) please speak to Mary.

Harvest

This year our harvest celebrations will take place on Sunday 16th September with a café worship service.

Our chosen harvest charity this year is the 'Ipswich Umbrella Trust' which supports the community in Ipswich 'to find a better future, no matter how complex their needs' and 'a community where no one needs be penniless, homeless, hungry, isolated or desperately trying to control addictive behaviour alone.' IUT have a full list of items they collect, to hand out to those in need, but tinned food is particularly useful (tinned meat, fish, vegetables, baked beans, soup, dessert rice.) There is a comprehensive list, and more details of the charity, on the church noticeboard. For those who prefer to make a monetary donation a basket (and gift aid forms) will be available on the day as you come into church.

As in previous years, to make the church look and smell 'harvesty', we will be decorating the church with fruit and flowers on Saturday 15th from 10am (we will also be setting the church up for Café Worship at the same time so plenty of help would be appreciated). The flowers will be distributed to the sick and elderly but we ask that other items are taken back, by those who brought them, after the service. Church organisations have been invited to decorate some of the window sills but there will still be several needing decorating so everybody is invited to join in the decoration and provision of flowers etc. as we celebrate and give thanks to God for he all has provided for us.

Mary

Thank You to.....

David and Elizabeth for all their hard work in making our Holiday Club 'Go for Gold' such a success. It really was great to have the church hall buzzing with activity every morning and when the parents joined us for games and a picnic on the last part of Friday morning there were nearly 150 people packed in. It was also good to see a few of the families joining us at the service on the Sunday for Holiday Club Extra.

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.

Walton Churches' Update

Looking Back ...

The three Churches in Walton, Seaton Road, St Mary's and Maidstone Road Baptist Church have organised several activities this summer to which members of the Walton Community could come. In each case one church did most of the organising but people from the other churches got involved too.

- **The Holiday Club** here attracted local families for the third year running and is increasing in popularity year on year.
- **The Away Day** for invited elderly folk was much appreciated. Walton Parish Nursing and Hope Trust were involved with this one too.
- **The Teddy Bear's Picnic** was a great success too with many 'Little Fishes' and their families coming along.

Looking Forward ...

- **Youth Alpha** ..this will be open to young people from all three churches. It is being organised by St. Marys on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 at St. Marys during the Autumn Term **starting Oct 19th**. If you are interested please see Heather Bentley or Elizabeth Kemble.
- **Walton Churches Safari Meal** – 21st Sept at 7pm (see separate advert) This is the third Safari we have organised. If you would like to come please let Heather B know or sign the list in the vestibule. Profits from donations (no charge) to Town Pastors.

Lay representatives from the three churches continue to meet every six weeks or so to share news, plan events and pray together for our joint ministry in the local community. I have been the rep for the last few years but if anyone feels they would like to become involved please let me know. Please pray for these events and for the churches as we seek to work closely together.

Heather B.

Holiday Club 2012

Wow what a week! The hottest of the summer and an average of 60 children plus a team of over 30 helpers over the 5 days has to be an explosive combination!

'Go For Gold!' Our theme this year had to have an Olympic flavour and the children loved it! For many of them it was their 3rd Holiday Club but it was also great to see new faces.

All our activities were planned around exploring the idea of being on Jesus' team. We heard how he called the first disciples and made the team, how he shaped the team using the illustration of the healing of Bartimaeus and how through the transfiguration, he inspired that team. The story of Jesus walking on the water showed us how he challenged them and the parable of the sower showed the importance of sticking to the team. With the help of Ian Quisitive (Rob) and interviews with eye-witnesses the children learned how relevant the stories are to our lives today.

The theme song 'On Your Marks' set the tone for the day and gave us a good work-out too! This was followed by games, challenges, crafts, puppets and another dramatic story from the Watt Family who this year won tickets to go to the Games and had another exciting adventure. The children had a chance to enter the Go For Gold mini-olympics and all

received a medal. We were all ready for the yummy refreshments organised by Daryl.

It was a joy and privilege to spend the week with such lovely children and a wonderful team made up from Seaton Rd, the other churches in the Mission Area and St Mary's. We all had so much fun together. Our young helpers were also invaluable.

Thank you everyone – for your help in preparation and during the week also on Sunday and especially for your prayers.

The verdict was 'Best Yet!' and the question we were left with was 'What are we doing next?' watch this space!

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Another scorching day and Walton's toddlers were on the loose! Carrying teddies of all shapes and sizes, we converged on Seaton Rd playing field to enjoy our picnic and meet up for a chat. We played on the swings and slides, with bats and balls, chased after bubbles and had great fun with the parachute games. There were prizes for all including the biggest and smallest teddy and the best dressed.

This was such a lovely day – mums, dads, grans and children went home exhausted but very happy – the teddies were too, especially my Thomas Henry but then he is a bear of considerable years!

Thank you to Kathy and Maureen for organising this.

Elizabeth

Little Fishes

Little Fishes will be swimming again from September 7th. We are still looking out for people to join our team. If you can offer any time even once or twice a term, please see Elizabeth or Sue H.

The Battle
of the Churches



Is Your Church the Champion?

We are inviting the local churches to take part in an
Inter-Church Quiz

FRIDAY, 26th OCTOBER

at

The Salvation Army, Cobbold Road, Felixstowe
starting at 7 pm

Teams of up to 8 people (supporters welcome!)
£3 a person, includes coffee/tea and cold drinks.
Delicious hot-dogs and burgers (from local butcher) served.
Shield for the winning team

*To book your church team a table (number of teams limited to the
first ten to apply), please phone Margaret on (01394) 282267
or e-mail felixstowelisten@gmail.com*

Proceeds of the evening to Felixstowe Listening Service
a service from Inspire Counselling registered charity no. 1068491

Christmas is coming.....

.....and so is the Seaton Road bazaar

More news in next month's Brightstar but put the date in your diary now – 1st December – and start thinking about ways to make money.

We have a fundraising meeting on Tuesday 11th September at Daryl's to begin planning the bazaar. Everyone is welcome to get involved.



Church Family Weekend 2012.

On Saturday 14th July, 26 of us gathered at Kirton Methodist Church for a fun day as part of our Church family weekend exploring 'A multicoloured God'. The day started with coffee (how else could a Seaton Road event start?!!) before the theme was introduced. We then sang a few worship songs and had a short period of worship. This led us into our morning session which included watching a very amusing Walt Disney cartoon of Noah and the Ark, playing Jenga (highly recommended for keeping 26 children and adults amused for 35 minutes!!), a colour matching game and a game of clue finding and bible searching to solve the anagram ' God for everyone'.

Lunch time gave people a chance to move around and chat to some different people, although due to the very wet weather this had to be indoors rather than the planned outside picnic.

The afternoon was designed to be less formal and included a mini Olympics of discus, javelin and shot put throwing. Howard was by far the best discus thrower - a skill I'm sure he didn't realise he had, probably not much use in the future, but good fun at the time!! For those of you thinking we have true Olympians in our midst I'm sorry to disappoint – discus throwing involved paper plates, for the javelin we used drinking straws and the shot put was a cotton wool ball! Also during the afternoon we had the opportunity to play board games, do a jigsaw, do an Olympic quiz, play on the Wii or just chat, as well as drink more tea! The day ended with another worship session which included a 'Smartie' prayer, more singing and a further thought provoking look at the theme.

We returned to Kirton for Café Worship on the Sunday morning – a joint Seaton Road and Kirton service. Taking the usual café style it was lovely to see Kirton packed as all ages joined in worship together. The morning included a table collage, rainbow wool prayer, a ribbon dance, a twizzler craft and a reflective group, as well as singing. Heather Farthing wrote a song for the weekend to the tune of 'Isn't He Beautiful' the words of which are as follows:-

*Isn't He colourful.
Colourful, isn't He.
Bright and clear, always near, isn't he.
Orange, mauve, red and green,
All the shades ever seen
And the colours in between –
Multi hued, ever loving God.*

*Yellow, black, violet, brown,
When I'm up, when I'm down,
Feels my mood, knows my needs, settles me.
Angry red, feeling blue,
Grey and old, pink and new,
Tranquil green; He brings me through –
Multi hued, ever- loving God.*

We were extremely grateful to our Kirton friends for allowing us to use their premises and for sharing fellowship with us over the weekend. Even though we were unable to use the beautiful gardens because of the wet weather we still had a very good time and appreciated all the help Kirton folk gave us.

Mary Pattinson



You are warmly invited to
**The launch of a new ecumenical 3 way partnership
for Walton Parish Nursing, Felixstowe**
including
*Maidstone Road Baptist Church, Seaton Road Methodist Church,
St Mary's Anglican Church.*

**on Sunday October 14th 2012
3.00pm
at Seaton Road Methodist Church,**

A short service of celebration followed by tea & cakes.
ALL WELCOME

Matthew 13:18-23 – The Parable of the Sower

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The following 13 phrases are all found in Matthew 13 (NIV). Can you find them all? They are in passage order.

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| • WHEN ANYONE HEARS | • SNATCHES AWAY | • THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE |
| • THE MESSAGE | • WHAT WAS SOWN | • DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH |
| • DOES NOT UNDERSTAND IT | • ROCKY GROUND | • CHOKES THE WORD |
| • THE EVIL ONE | • HEARS THE WORD | • MAKING IT UNFRUITFUL |
| | • RECEIVES IT WITH JOY | • ON GOOD SOIL |
| | • THEY HAVE NO ROOT | • UNDERSTANDS IT |
| | • LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME | • PRODUCES A CROP |
| | • WHEN TROUBLE | • YIELDING A HUNDRED |
| | • PERSECUTION COMES | • SIXTY OR THIRTY TIMES |
| | • QUICKLY FALL AWAY | |

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE

By the time you read this the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride will have taken place. Jonathan Reed and Stephen Tuthill were both planning to ride and the opportunity to sponsor one or both of them is still there – see the notice board or see Jonathan or Stephen.



Malcolm Bentley

Circuit Quiet Day at Orford Methodist Church

Theme: Autumn

Saturday October 6th 10am – 3.30pm
Led by Rev. Bev Barclay

Cost £4.

Please bring packed lunch. Drinks available.

DATES

September 15th Saturday – Setting up for Café Worship and decorating church for harvest 10am.

September 16th Sunday – Harvest Café Worship.



September 21st Friday – Walton Churches Safari Meal

September 29th – Mission Area Musical ‘Second Chance’ at Trinity 7.30pm

September 30th – ‘Second Chance’ at Landseer Rd Ipswich 6.30pm

October 2nd Tuesday – Kids’ Club 6 – 7.15pm

October 10th Wednesday - Seaton Road Church Council 7.30pm

October 14th Sunday – Walton Parish Nursing Commissioning Service 3pm
(Please note NOT November as my deliberate mistake in the last dates’ list!)

October 14th Sunday – Trimley Harvest tea (5pm) and Songs of Praise (6pm)

November 4th Sunday – Mission Area Remembering Service

November 6th Tuesday - Kids’ Club 6 – 7.15pm

November 24th Saturday – Kirton Christmas Fair

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

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

December 4th Tuesday - Kids' Club 6 – 7.15pm

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

Walton Churches Invite You to....

**Our Third
Safari Meal**

on
Friday 21st September



starting at :

Seaton Road Methodist Church at 7.00pm

Main Course : (at Seaton Road)

Choice of Desserts : (at MRBC)

Coffee and Music : (at ST. Mary's)

(Finish by 9.30pm)

Please Sign up by Sept 16th

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