

# *Newsletter*



## *September 2024*



Epworth, Scunthorpe & Gainsborough  
**Methodist Circuit**



*From Rev Vicki's  
desk*



Dear Friends,

It doesn't seem so long since I was writing my first letter to you all as the newly merged Epworth, Scunthorpe and Gainsborough Methodist Circuit – what has happened to those 12 months! There is a saying 'Time flies when you're having fun' – so some of those 12 months must have included elements of fun and enjoyment. Not every day, though, is a jolly day and over the past 12 months there have been some poignant goodbyes to good and faithful disciples in our circuit – Rev Liz Childs, Local Preacher Lyn Croot to name just a few. I am sure that each chapel could add to this list names of much valued members. All of this serves as a reminder to value the gift of time and to make the most of each day. As the Psalmist writes: 'My times are in your hands.' (Psalm 31 v15)

Last September we were wishing Rev Angy well as she left to take up her role as Chair of the Lincolnshire Methodist District. This September we are delighted to welcome a new ordained member of staff to serve the churches on the Isle of Axholme (Beltoft & West Butterwick, Crowle & Ealand, Epworth, Haxey, Misterton & Owston Ferry). We look forward to getting to know Rev Debbie Caulk better in the coming months as she shares with friends across the circuit in mission and ministry. (Debbie is writing her own section to introduce herself. A paper copy of it will be distributed to all churches). Please remember Debbie and her husband Rev Robert Roberts in your prayers as they settle into living and working in the Lincolnshire District.

*Every Blessing,*

*Rev Vicki*

“Time is  
Too Slow for those who Wait,  
Too Swift for those who Fear,  
Too Long for those who Grieve,  
Too Short for those who Rejoice;  
But for those who Love,  
Time is eternity.”  
– Henry van Dyke,



**Ashby Wesley Church**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month**

*If you're feeling sad, lonely or at a loss  
after a bereavement...*



*... come along and have a cup of coffee  
and a chat.*

**2pm to 3pm**

***Everyone is welcome to join us.***



## Ministers day off

*Rev Vicki Atkinson*  
*Rev Paul Braidell*  
*Rev Debbie Caulk*

*Saturday*  
*Friday*  
*Saturday*



## Old Brumby United Church

We are looking forward to Deacon Laura MacBean leading our Harvest Service to be held on 22nd October 2024 with a Lunch afterwards. We haven't seen Laura for some time so it will be great to have her in our Church again. Laura instigated our ABC (Mother and Toddler Group) which runs, in term time, every Wednesday morning and is well attended and valued by the users and church alike.



If you wish to attend the lunch you will need to give your details and payment of £8 pp to Sue Sanderson by the 15th September.



We are also looking forward to attending the ordination of Simon Cross on 3rd August along with friends from around the circuit. Simon made his presence felt in his short stay at Old Brumby United and is much missed.

*Lawrie Holtby*

## Ordination of Simon Cross



Two coaches and some individual cars made their way to St Ninian's and St Andrew's United Reform Church in Hull on Saturday 4 August to celebrate Simon's (now Revd. Dr Simon Cross) ordination. Churches from Haxey, Owston Ferry, Epworth and OBUC were represented, along with other friends from the circuit and URC to witness his ordination

The minister The Revd. Jamie Kissack presided, and the sermon was led by The Revd. Geoffrey Clarke who is Moderator of the East Midlands Synod; he led Simon's ordination laying on of hands which Revd. Vicki Atkinson also took part in

Simon spent 9 months on placement in the circuit, supervised by Revd. Vicki, having some pastoral charge and input into several churches on the Isle and in Scunthorpe. It is no secret Simon is highly thought of, made a great impression on all who he met, and I'm sure it's OK to say he is an honorary Methodist!

Everyone who went enjoyed an uplifting service, and tasty tea afterwards

We, the Epworth, Scunthorpe and Gainsborough Circuit wish Simon, and his family God's blessings, wisdom and love as he journeys in the next part of his ministry.

**Hazel Jackson**

***(NB Permission granted to publish picture)***

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***"You know well enough that **our Lord does not look** so much on the **greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them.**"***

***- St Therese Lisieux***



**A Prayer For the  
Epworth, Scunthorpe & Gainsborough  
Circuit (17/1)  
2023/24**



**Loving God,**

A new year has dawned for us, and we are filled with hope that only You can provide. Through worry and uncertainty, help us to remember that you are here with us to give us courage and to embrace the future with faith. Together we pray.

We thank you for new beginnings that bring the voice of hope to the villages of our new Circuit of Epworth, Scunthorpe and Gainsborough. May your peace watch over us.

**Caring God,**

Watch over us as we seek to be your living disciples in our communities. Help us to show your love as we meet in our churches and in our interaction with all those we encounter, so that through our words and actions we can help others to draw closer to you.

Help us to work together to make the best decisions and guide us along the new direction you have created for us. May your Holy Spirit inspire us so that we can walk along this pathway in faith, with Jesus in the centre of our lives.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**



## 20th Walk for Action for Children



This event organised by Joan and Keith Topham was held on Saturday 15th June. Members of Epworth Wesley and Haxey chapels joined in a walk through the delightful Axholme countryside. Fields of wheat and barley,

poppies and other wildflowers added colour and birds, including skylarks, added musical sound to a sunny morning.

Our hosts as usual, provided a delicious sandwich lunch to refresh us for the homeward journey. Rain did not dispirit us, and the braver ones stayed in the garden.



Altogether an enjoyable day with good company, conversation, a little singing, John W's jokes, exercise, fresh air and we raised £1251 to help disadvantaged children and their families.

However, the walkers are getting older and fewer in number. Can you join us next year? Saturday 14th June 2025. Would other chapels in the circuit care to join? Perhaps in future years host the walk. Haxey chapel has done this recently. An opportunity to bond, keep fit and raise monies. Let Joan know on [joan.cycle@gmail.com](mailto:joan.cycle@gmail.com)

*Verbal consent given to publish photos of the walkers.*

**John Lambert, Epworth Wesley**

## Meeting up again after 36 years

The catering team at Epworth Wesley Memorial Methodist Church regularly provide hospitality in the form of lunch for visitors spending the day touring The Old Rectory, St Andrews Church, Wesley Memorial Church and other sites of interest in Epworth.

Many of these visitors are from overseas and recently they were delighted to assist in the reuniting of two former Methodist Missionaries.



Reverend Don Turman was visiting the UK with 78 other Americans from North and South Carolina. It was his 800 strong church who had organised the trip and he was accompanied by his wife and son Keith, who is also a Methodist Minister. Back in 1968 Rev

Don met the Reverend Jake Watson from England in Singapore. They were both on their way to Sumatra in Indonesia to start a four year tenure as missionaries for the Methodist Church. They both returned home in 1972 and Rev Jake decided not to return for family reasons.

Rev Jake joined the Navy and served as a Navy Chaplain for the next 24 years, including service during the Falklands War. At one point he was the only Navy Chaplain to be commando, jungle, parachute and arctic trained.

He left the Navy in 1997 when he reached retirement age, and he could no longer parachute out of an airplane!

He then took a 'normal' Methodist job as a Presbyterian in Southgate, London.



Rev Don went back to Indonesia several times after leaving in 1972, before returning to the USA permanently. In 1988 Rev Jake and his family visited Rev Don and his family at the Cherokee Reservation in North Carolina. They had not seen each other since then.

Rev Jake now lives in Ripponden, West Yorkshire and when Rev Don decided to visit the UK on the Wesley Tour, Epworth was the nearest place for them to catch up. Rev Jake's son in law Mark, kindly drove him over and they were able to spend the day together in Epworth, catching up after 36 years.

*(consent given to publish photo)*

**Val Hackney**



## **Christian Crackers - compiled by Phil Mason**

**Parson thoughts: R.C.?** - A vicar on visiting his local hospital would glance at the list of patients on display in the sister's office. He noticed the letter R.C. appeared frequently after the names of patients and remarked one day to the sister on the high percentage of Roman Catholics. "Oh, that's not their denomination," replied the sister, smiling, "R.C. stands for their breakfast preference-RICE CRISPIES".

**R.D.**

**From the mouth of babes: True story** - A young boy came home from Sunday School and proudly announced that he'd been asked to read from the Bible that morning. When asked from which book the passage had been taken, he replied: "The gossip according to John".

**M.H.**

## Action For Children Sunday at Yaddlethorpe on 14<sup>th</sup> July

155 years ago, in 1869, a Methodist Minister saw a group of children living under the arches of Waterloo station and was determined to help them. This was the beginning of Action for Children, originally named National Children's Home.



Action for Children protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives.

Action for Children runs 426 services in local communities across the UK, in schools and online. They run nurseries and children's centres and help to protect children from neglect and abuse.



The local Action for Children support group meets at Ashby Wesley Church to discuss activities. They recently did a sponsored walk at Ashby Ville, and a coffee morning with various stalls is planned for September at Ashby Wesley.

The theme of this year's Action for Children Sunday service is a "A star in every child". Action for Children's campaign focuses on how to get children's stars shining to make sure they have the brighter future they deserve.

Action for Children believes there's a star in every child. When a child has a safe and happy childhood, you see their star shining. It's wonderful. It's that twinkle in their eye. It's their infectious enthusiasm for everything. It's their curiosity, personality and imagination bursting to life. Right now, millions of children in the UK don't have the chance to shine. Their childhoods are overshadowed by abuse and neglect, poverty and poor mental health. Last year, Action for Children's wonderful supporters helped to reach out to

more than 600,00 children, young people and families. And they were vital lifeline for parents – both in person and online. There's a star in every child. Help them shine.

***And now a short prayer:***

Loving, creator God. Thank you for making us all to shine your light. Give us courage and determination to make a difference to children whose stars are dimmed. Bless the work of Action for Children as they seek to protect and reveal the star in every child. ***Amen***  
***(Online information and other sources)***

***Shared by Virginia Isitt and Lilian Pollard***



## **Laughton Chapel**

It is some time since I have put pen to paper, or rather typed on my laptop, to report on events at Laughton. So here goes.

Laughton is the smallest church in the circuit, at least by membership. It currently has only three members and is therefore in a class of its own, with Yaddlethorpe looking after events and its financial affairs. But it wasn't always like that.

In 1927 a 'new' chapel was opened to replace the previous one which was well past its best. It was opened by Colonel Frank Meynell, accompanied by Lady Dorothy Meynell. The Meynell family were of high standing and in fact owned most of the village at that time. The report appeared in the Gainsborough News of 25th November 1927 and refers to 'Yesterday's Ceremony at Laughton.' They must have been on the ball in those days! The report stated that the new chapel

was built on land kindly donated by Colonel Meynell. There is still some doubt about this land as no official records exist about it - only the newspaper report.

The old chapel, built in 1825, was retained as a Sunday School and remained as such until 1969 when the 'experts' declared it unsafe. The Sunday School was then held at the home of Joan and Royce Day, church stalwarts for many years, until a new Schoolroom was erected in 1975. It is still doing sterling service as a community room, although its days as a Sunday School have long gone.

The church today limits its opening to the first Sunday of the month, although there are extra services at the Church's Anniversary in May and Harvest celebrations in September. Following the passing of Joan Day in 2018 and Royce in 2020, it was remarkable that the church continued to offer worship. But with the help of members from other chapels, especially Yaddlethorpe and Ashby Wesley, the monthly congregation is now around fifteen. Joan and Royce's son, Paul, plays the organ both at Laughton and at Yaddlethorpe.



But finance is always at the back of our minds. The church can survive on a month-to-month basis, but unexpected financial demands cause problems. Nevertheless, it is hoped that worship at Laughton can continue for some time yet. There are currently two money-raising schemes being considered and I hope to report on these in due course.

If there are readers who have not set foot inside the church recently or indeed at all, then why not come to a Sunday service? The services are usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 4pm. Rather an unusual time, but at least it doesn't clash with services at other churches. Everyone will be made very welcome.

***Kevin Wilbur***

## Crowle Methodist Church



There were smiles all around on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at Crowle Methodist Church where, despite fine drizzle, Mrs Kath Sykes, the chapel's longest serving member, cut the ribbon to officially "open" the new ramp.

The old ramp had gone far beyond its "sell by date" and to ensure access to chapel for a new ramp, to benefit everyone, fundraising began.

By working together as a team, all members of the chapel, along with generous help from the community, over £4000 was raised towards half the cost of the new ramp, with the circuit funding the other half. A wonderful achievement by all, for all.



Revd. Vicki Atkinson, Circuit Superintendent, led the countdown, and said a short prayer of commemoration as Kath cut the ribbon.

Over 100 friends and locals came to celebrate, eat cake, drink tea and a further £400 was raised for church funds.

*(permission to print photos has been given)*

*Crowle Church Stewards would like to thank everyone, the circuit and the wonderful community who helped achieve this.*

**Hazel Jackson**

## Official opening of Collinson Court

On July 16<sup>th</sup> I was very blessed as Senior Circuit Steward, along with a good gathering from Riddings Methodist Church (now members at Yaddlethorpe Methodist Church) to attend the official opening of Collinson Court, a LACE housing project built on the site of Riddings Methodist Church which closed its doors in Autumn 2017.



The church members had a vision that the site should be used, when the church closed its doors, for the good of the community, and it continues to do so, as the official opening saw the realisation of that vision (albeit with many ups and downs along the way) with a housing project for adults who can live independently but have support at hand.



Collinson Court is named in tribute to Mr John Collinson, member at RMC for over 50 years, a respected town councillor for Bottesford and then Scunthorpe, his legacy very evident in the honour paid to name the new housing facility after him.

*(permission to print photos has been given)*

It was lovely to see photos of the chapel, the original memorial stone and cradle roll displayed in the building's foyer.



Mr Nick Chambers (CEO of LACE housing) made the opening speech, and the plaque was unveiled by John's daughter, and all in attendance enjoyed cake and refreshments afterwards.

*Hazel Jackson*

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## **A story of hope from Trey Hall's God of all update**

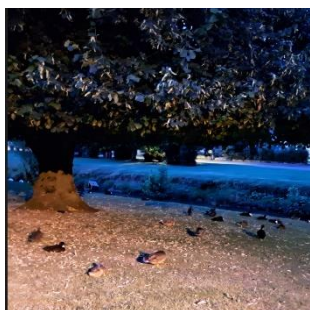


A tiny rural Methodist chapel has seen impressive growth by embracing a creative approach to worship. Marston Methodist Chapel has just one room and no running water or central heating. Minister

Revd Gary Gotham said to the remaining members, *"We all know what's going to happen: we'll either close the doors and put up a FOR SALE sign, or we try something different."* So they downloaded a Christian mindfulness app and advertised 'mindfulness meditation sessions' in the village. Simply using a phone, Bluetooth speaker, incense and tea lights, Gary has led fortnightly Sunday evening worship that taps into a form of spirituality that is accessible for unaffiliated people, without hiding its Christian foundation. Attendance has gone from three to 18 people over the past 18 months, many of whom have no other church affiliation. These unaffiliated people are not card-carrying Christians and they're definitely not Methodists, but the worship connects with them and the church is now viable. "It's just the most epic way to finish the week," says Gary. "It's extra work but I go home just absolutely chilled out, and everybody just loves it." The church has found a way to be for the times we live in now. "Proper, proper proud of them," says their minister.

## Some news from Scotter

It's been a busy Summer here in Scotter, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we celebrated our 124<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a 'Songs of Praise' themed afternoon service, fourteen hymns in all chosen by our congregation, ranging from the old favourites like Tell me the stories of Jesus through to more recent hymns. We were joined by friends from St Peters and the Grace Church, the service was led by Rev Paul, after all the singing the tea and cake which followed were very welcome, an afternoon enjoyed by all.



The Annual Riverside service took place on the evening of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, arranged by the three Churches in the village, members of each Church took part in the service, a lovely service on a warm summers evening in a beautiful spot by the river Eau. The Riverside service has been taking place, weather permitting, for quite a few years now, we were reminded of a statement made by Rev Lyn Gregg, three congregations but one Church. The next planned Ecumenical event will be a joint Harvest Festival. The service will be in the Parish Church followed by a Bring and Share lunch at the Chapel in October.

We have two Weddings on the Chapel calendar for August, it will be good to see our building used for these.



The Heritage group continue to increase their display of pictures and memorabilia, they have also built shelving where several large Bibles donated to our Chapel and previous Chapels in the village can be displayed. On September 14<sup>th</sup> the Chapel will be open as part of the Lincolnshire Heritage weekend.

The building continues to be used in the week by Youth Groups, Whist, Yoga and Taekwondo, our ladies group meet on a Wednesday afternoon. The textile group along with the village art group are holding an Art Festival over the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> September.

**Lynn Bywood**



## From Gainsborough

*Hi All...*

It has been a marvellous three months, looking both from and out of my comfy residence.

All the regular gleaning of food scraps continues and have been very welcomed.... The Tuesday adult youth club, The Theatre Company, Slimming world (YES!), University of the Third Age, Camera club, Sunday worship, (the coffee lounge has had a temporary rename of St. Arbucks), second Saturday 'Brews Up', the occasional Concert and loads more. Let's keep on encouraging these groups and promote our marvellous facilities to others.

I am still taken with several new faces leading worship... they are bringing in a breath of fresh air plus a handful of new worship songs. Of course, the music group rise to that challenge admirably. They still perform with musicians from the old circuit, I'm told, to rapturous praise. Still on Music, we have been treated to a performance by the Anston Male Voice Choir (Notts)... their discipline and humour was first rate on an unusually hot evening. The international keyboard player, Jean Martyn, made a return visit reminding us of her versatility on the ivories.



A few weeks ago, I overheard a couple discussing a holiday tour of West Europe... I fancied a break, packed my case, and found a comfy corner of their rucksack. It wasn't just morsels on the continent ... crisp baguettes with Brie, camembert and other goodies in France. They bypassed Belgium, so no choccies and straight into Germany for pumpernickel and sauerkraut (ugh!). My highlight was Andre Rieu's town of Maastricht, in Holland, where we parked ourselves on the market square in front of a massive truck of every cheese imaginable, and crumbs galore.... Time to slim.

Marvellous views, great scoff, friendly folk aside, in recent weeks I have been reminded of BREAD in readings and sermons. I've learned that this is not the vast array of grain flour loaves that sustains our physical well-being. The love of Jesus is the **bread of life** sustaining our spiritual life.

In the meantime... Let us all share the Good News of Jesus, and pray for each other.

## **Anon-e-mouse**



### **Refugees ...** A poem by Brian Bilston

Initially this poem seems to be unsympathetic towards refugees, suggesting the reader should not help them. But it is important to re-read it, line by line, from the bottom upwards, to see an alternative view of the world emerging. What are your thoughts as you read?



**which**

**way**

**do**

**you**

**see**

**it**



They have no need of our help  
so do not tell me  
these haggard faces could belong to you or me  
should life have dealt a different hand  
We need to see them for who they really are  
chancers and scroungers  
layabouts and loungers  
with bombs up their sleeves  
cut-throats and thieves  
They are not  
welcome here  
we should make them  
go back to where they came from  
They cannot  
share our food  
share our homes  
share our countries  
Instead let us  
build a wall to keep them out  
It is not okay to say  
these are people just like us  
a place should only belong to those who are born there  
do not be so stupid to think that  
the world can be looked at another way

*(Now read each line from bottom to top)*

**Shared by anon-e-mouse. Above found in public domain.**



## Update from North Lincolnshire Sanctuary Group August 2024

Thank you very much for your continued prayer support & generosity towards our work supporting refugees & asylum seekers across the region, this is a summary of our annual AGM report.

Support is given in many different ways - calling in to see people for a cup of coffee, being there for medical appointments, hosting a Refugee in their home, giving lifts, sharing food, sharing knowledge, teaching and having a laugh with them. In other words, being their friends. A number of refugees have been supported in finding volunteering opportunities, hopefully eventually leading into paid employment for example in hospitals & schools. A number of others have been supported in training for jobs for example taxi drivers. We raise awareness of the plight of refugees & asylum seekers through giving talks to local groups.

We benefitted from a very successful fund-raising concert at Ashby Wesley Methodist Church, a really lovely evening with musical performances and talks and the proceeds shared between ourselves and the charity "Ukraine Fundraiser" who send donations directly out to Ukraine. We are planning another musical concert at Ashby Wesley Church on November 23<sup>rd</sup> – please keep the date in your diary for another varied, relaxed evening & hear about more of our work.



Refugee Week 2023, theme 'Compassion', was successful, with an Council wide Art competition for schools proving popular, a display of art and craft work done by Refugees in Vision 20/21, (one of the featured artists has now gone on to run art teaching workshops at the gallery and feature in a local art sculpture project), participation by 2 local schools in an art event at the gallery, a well-supported cake sale organised by Ongo and a multi-national Kite Making Party at Crosby Collective to finish the Week. The theme for 2024 is 'Home' and plans include another school competition with art including

photography, a project at Vision 20/21 to make homes from shoe boxes and display them, a sewing and embroidery project at Crosby Collective and, of course, a kite party this time at Oasis Henderson Avenue. A group of refugees has been involved in decorating a statue of a horse, part of the sculpture trail project currently in Scunthorpe.



Each Thursday morning, we host an ever-growing group of ladies and small children of many nationalities, and we now offer not only friendship and English tuition but cooking activities, embroidery and gardening and recently support with Driving Theory Tests. We have also had trips out with 2 trips to The Deep in Hull and a trip to Brigg Garden Centre. Another group has now been created on Wednesday mornings, organised by and funded by Crosby Collective and many of the attendees will go to both events.

We continue to support the Ukranian community, and they have recently formed a Youth Club. They are running this themselves and we have helped with some funding for Christmas and Easter celebrations; as well as offering advice and support to help them gain further independence.

Our group has an ongoing relationship with a holiday provision called Back Dane in Derbyshire. We have helped with providing holidays for Ukranian and Syrian families and we are engaging with the Back Dane Charity to try to continue that work.

Other actions include supporting our three local schools of sanctuary.

In the final week before Christmas 2023 we had 2 surprise phone calls, one to say 40 food boxes were being delivered to my house and could we distribute them please, which we did, and another to say that Re-evolution had succeeded in gaining funding for 30 bikes for the local Refugee population complete with lights, a helmet, a pump and a lock. Over the course of January and February we worked with the Re-volution team and distributed the bikes to Refugees & Asylum



Seekers. Recipients were from Afghanistan, Ukraine, Syria, Eritrea, Iran and Colombia and the bikes were gratefully received.

Speaking of Asylum Seekers, 2023 saw the arrival of the first Asylum Seekers in any significant number to our area. These people have been placed into the Community in multi-occupancy housing and we have very little information available about who they are or where they are living. We have managed to make links with Crosby Collective, Crosby One, the Food Bank and North Lincolnshire Council and we are helping as and when we can, but it is a difficult area for us. We are encountering a new area of need in our region with homeless refugees, recently evicted from Home Office accommodation and looking for help. We are learning a lot!

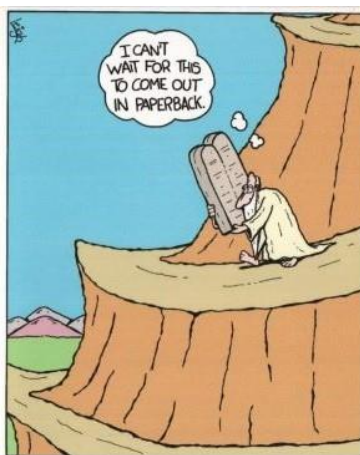
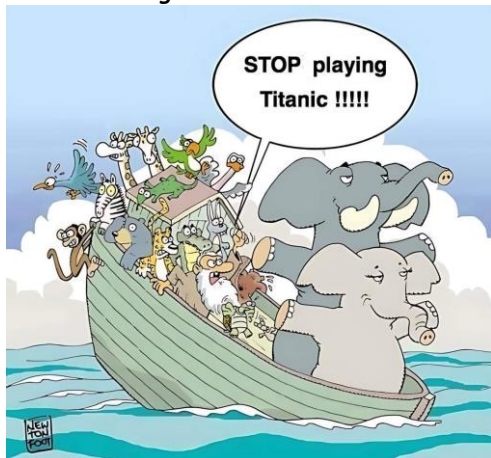


Thank you again for all your continued prayer support and generous donations of money and goods for our work. It is appreciated by us and by so many people from across the globe.

Please keep the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> November free in your diaries for the next fundraising concert at Ashby Wesley – more information to follow!

**Kirsty Barker**

**Christian and general humour -FB**





## **Sankey evening at Yaddlethorpe**

A Sankey evening was held as our evening service on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>. It was led by Mervyn White who interspersed the hymns with all sorts of interesting facts about the hymns and their writers. Everyone had a really good sing of many of the old Sankey hymns, accompanied by Mervyn on his portable American organ; the type that would have been used in the nineteenth century by Sankey and other evangelists of the time. The evening was very well attended and appeared to be enjoyed by everyone present. Hopefully another similar evening will be arranged at a later date.

*Philip Rushforth*

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## **Winteringham**



### **Coffee mornings**

We hold these once a month, always on the first Tuesday. We start at 10.00 am till 12.00 noon. It is always very well supported by local people, but we would really like to see visitors. Winteringham village lends itself to some really good walks. Our village is very relaxing and so it is very ideal for picnics, long and short walks. One step further, we have a very modern community hall suitable for groups, offering a space as a base to walk from; refurbished with all special needs easy access rooms, toilets, tables, chairs, with a kitchen fully equipped with a microwave, cooker and refrigerator. This hall can be hired for £10.00 per hour.



### **Water aid**

We are still collecting donations for this. The money is used all over the world to provide clean drinking water, and for washing. Any small amount would help, and we encourage those who want to save coppers and small change.

***Please contact Will Maw for any further details.***



Methodist Women  
in Britain

*For women, for justice, for Christ*

The summer has flown by and it seems a long time since the MWiB garden party at Epworth Old Rectory in May. On that day 60 women and men gathered in the Rectory garden, in the sunshine, to learn about the Methodist Women's Collection. Academics Dr Ruth Slatter and Dr Hannah Worthern spoke about their research work using this feminist archive, started by MWiB in 2015, that provides valuable insights into the overlooked histories and stories of Methodist women working together and of faithful female friendships.

Opportunity to tour the house, view objects from the collection, share fellowship over afternoon tea and in worship with Rev Angy Long, Lincolnshire District Chair, brought this gathering of Methodist Women together.

MWiB hosted the second Mary Bosanquet Lecture in Leeds as a fringe event at Methodist Conference. This year's lecture was given by Chine McDonald, Theologian, writer and broadcaster on the theme 'Casting down the Mighty: Women and the mission of God'. This was a well-attended event, Chine was a very interesting speaker and the Q&A afterwards threw up some interesting discussion. You can view her lecture for yourself by visiting our website [mwib.org.uk](http://mwib.org.uk) and following the link.

Our next District event is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at St Giles Methodist Church, Lincoln when Rev Juliet Wrigglesworth will lead our day. Details will be circulated in September, but please speak to myself or Hazel Jackson if you are interested in going.

Nationally we have two upcoming events. The first in Harrogate when our new Co-Chair North, Rev Leonora Wassell will be commissioned in a service at Harrogate Methodist Church. You are

welcome to join us in person or on zoom for this service – full details will be on our website.

This year's World Federation Day is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at Stamford Methodist Church, Lincolnshire. It will be led by Nancy Day, a Kenyan lady, and is entitled 'Embodied Worship'. The day starts at 10.30am, finishing at 3.30pm with lunch at 12.30pm. Again further details will be on our website or please contact me if you are interested in going – they are always very interesting days and the chance to meet others.

***Bronwen Braidell***

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## **The Methodist news**

### **Community garden life in Haxby**



In Haxby, a new community garden has been taking shape next to a GP surgery. Its mission is to provide the residents with a community garden that promotes the physical, psychological, social and spiritual wellbeing of all.

Read more here --→ [Whole Life Community Garden in Haxby - Methodist Church](#)

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*Dear friends,*

*This link --→ <https://www.dunelm.com/info/about/take-back-scheme> is shared by one of our Local Preachers who thought it may be helpful for you to know about. It contains useful information on how/where we can send/drop off our unwanted clothing/textile/household goods to be re-used or recycled.*

***Mai Lin***

## Ashby Wesley Church

### Holiday Club August 2024



A four-day event held for children aged 5 to 11 to go on a **Deep-Sea** dive exploring Matthew's gospel.

Over the 4 days we welcomed 30 children, the majority attending all 4 days and several invited friends to join us as the week progressed. So much so, we had our highest daily attendance on the last day.

The children explored Christ's life from his birth to adulthood learning about his ability to forgive, how he told stories about the greatest treasure and amazed his disciples by walking on water and calming a storm.

The children shared in songs, games and scuba snacks, laughed at the antics of Flotsam and Jetsam and created models of the ocean and a variety of sea creatures.



The leaders were richly blessed during the holiday club. Most of the children were not used to going to a church but they embraced everything we did & at the end of each day they answered simple questions about their thoughts on the bible story. We were reminded every day that we should have a child like faith. One day we heard the story of Jesus healing the paralysed man who was told to pick up his mat & walk. One child felt this meant that "we should be getting up and doing something"

The children shared their thoughts and ideas about the bible story at the end of each morning. Here's what they said: -

Jesus is God's son.

He was amazing

The story teaches us to help people.

If you believe anything is possible.

Jesus is always with us.

Sin is when people have done something wrong.

If we say sorry God will forgive our sins

We need to trust in Jesus. God is always with us.



# Coffee mornings and other events

## LAUGHTON HARVEST SERVICES



The Harvest Service at Laughton will be held on Friday September 6th commencing at 7pm. It will be taken by Kevin Wilbur and assisted by Mrs Ann Clark.

Following the service there will be a supper at 8 pm kindly provided by members of Yaddlethorpe church.

On Sunday September 8th at 4 pm the Harvest Service continues. It will be taken by Mr Mike Childs.

All Harvest produce will be donated to The Forge.

Everyone will be made most welcome at either or both of these special services.

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## OLD BRUMBY UNITED CHURCH

### Regular events

Coffee Mornings on *the 2nd Saturday of each month (except for August and December) from 10 am to 12 noon*, with cakes, Tombola and books for sale.

Soup and Sweet held *the second Tuesday each month 12 noon for 12:30 pm, cost £4 per head* and all are welcome, but notice required please.

***Festival of Christmas trees*** - And over the first 2 weekends of December, we will be hosting the Scunthorpe Rotary Festival of Christmas Trees as usual. More details in the next newsletter.



# MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



IN MEMORY OF REV LIZ CHILDS

GAINSBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH  
NORTH STREET  
SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024  
10AM TILL 12PM



**"Be Still"**  
**(and meet with God)**  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
10am-2pm

Ashby Wesley Methodist Church

There will be activities for you to try or take a walk in the prayer labyrinth or you could join one of the 20-minute workshops available during the day.

Activities also available for children.

Come and join us for as long as you like and discover what God is saying to you.

Refreshments will be available

## JOINT CONCERT

# LYDIAN CHOIR

Scunthorpe



Newcastle

Saturday September 28, 2024 at 7.30pm

*St Andrew's Church, EPWORTH*

**£8** to include refreshments  
(children free)

Tickets available from St Andrew's Church,  
by ringing 07880 500762, or on the door

***Both choirs will be joining in worship on the following Sunday morning at Epworth Wesley.***

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### Helpful Prayer

Billy had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you." "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."



## Journeying

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God expresses and reveals himself in many different ways...

'The man whispered, "God, speak to me" and a meadowlark sang.

But, the man did not hear.

So, the man yelled, "God speak to me" and the thunder rolled across the sky.

But, the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God let me see you" and a star shined brightly.

But, the man did not see.

And the man shouted, "God show me a miracle" and a life was born.

But, the man did not notice.

So the man cried out in despair, "Touch me God", and let me know you're here"

whereupon God reached down and touched the man.

But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.'

(Author unknown)



## 48. God's Presence Brings Joy

### Act 11:29-34 NIV

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.

### Romans 15:13 KJV

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

### Philippians 2:16-18 NLT

Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless. But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.

### Galatians 5:2-23 KJV

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

### 1 Thessalonians 2:18-20

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

For ye are our glory and joy.

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## Lectionary readings for September to November 2024

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
8 <sup>th</sup> September <b><i>Education Sunday</i></b>	Psalms 125 Mark 7:24-37
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Psalms 19 Mark 8:27-38
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Psalms 1 Mark 9:30-37
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Psalms 124 Mark 9:38-50
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Psalms 26 Mark 10:2-16
13 <sup>th</sup> October <b><i>Homeless Sunday</i></b>	Psalms 22:1-15 Mark 10:17-31
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c Mark 10:35-45
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Psalms 34:1-8 (19-22) Mark 10:46-52
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Psalms 146 Mark 12:28-34
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Psalms 127 Mark 12:38-44
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Psalms 16 Mark 13:1-8
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Psalms 132:1-12 (13-18) John 18:33-37



*A quote from John Wesley*

*Let your words be the genuine  
picture of your heart.*





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