



*The Methodist Church*  
*CENTRAL NORFOLK*  
***CIRCUIT NEWS***

Issue. 8 **October - November 2011**



You did not choose me  
I chose you.

... and appointed you,  
to go and bear fruit,  
- fruit that will last.  
John 15 v 16.

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***Deadline for Dec/Jan is 13<sup>th</sup> November.***

Please include information on events up to and including Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

See editorial on page 3 for Editor contact information.

## Superintendent's Letter



Dear friends,

The new Connexional year is always a time of hope, expectation, and new beginnings. Jenny and Paul's Welcome Service at Wells on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September was such an occasion as Jenny begins her ministry among us as a Probationer Minister. Graham Thompson our District Chair gave for all of us a very challenging and spirit filled message (as he always does) on the theme of personal sacrifice if we faithfully respond to God's call laid upon our lives. The following day I was leading the Covenant Service at Holt, which also brought these thoughts to mind when all of us read together the covenant promise "I

freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal."

As I write this letter I reflect also on Synod which took place earlier in the day. As you may know Synod was held in our Circuit at Northgate High School, Dereham; and may I thank everybody who helped and gave up their time making this Synod such a well organised day. One person deserves mentioning by name and that is Ann Pope, along with husband Steve, whose skill in coordination and planning was paramount in its success. The whole Circuit gives you our heart-felt thanks. Again Synod, like the welcome service the week before, was an occasion of hope and expectation guiding us to seek and explore the new beginnings God has for the Church.

Graham's message at the beginning of Synod set the tone of the day and was a challenge to us all that we must create good relationships, for without such the church cannot be built up. The Church of Christ must be a place which is a forgiving, loving, all-embracing, listening and understanding community. A place where people enjoy each other's company because there is a real desire to truly know everybody; for without this foundation we can not be effective in our outreach to others.

Also what things do we need to lay down to make this happen? If we feel that we are forever chasing our tails trying to raise money to make ends meet, worrying about the cost of maintaining premises, having to attend endless meetings to plan numerous events; may be God is wanting to show us a new and better way? To be people freed up to love and serve, called to make disciples (which really is another word for learners) as Jesus commissioned us to do? What direction will you, and the church where you worship, take this year?

Again on a sad note we remember the life and ministry of the Reverend Edwin Softley, who died in August at the age of seventy-seven. Edwin served in our Circuit both at Wells and at Holt and his ministry was greatly appreciated by many for the way he encouraged and supported others in their Christian ministry. We also continue to uphold Aileen and family in our prayers since the death of Roger, whose willingness to serve God and whose wise advice and friendship I personally miss greatly.

God bless you all,                      Andrew

### **THE SYNOD ON 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

The Circuit Leadership Team would like to thank everyone who has helped with the Synod in so many ways both beforehand and during the Event itself.

This has been much appreciated.

Ann Pope

## From the Editor's desk.



It is now one year since I started editing your Circuit Newsletter and I have always wondered what I ought to write in this little bit. Perhaps no one reads it anyway. It does seem that an 'editorial'

comments on items within the particular journal.

With this in my mind, I thank all who have sent in their details to me for others to see in CNCN. Articles, poems and even photos, too are always welcome. But, dare I ask, why do some stewards not get round to sending in their Churches dates? Do they feel their events are unimportant?

There is another thought I often have with regard to events and dates. You will all remember the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, 'Remember that you keep holy the Sabbath day'. I expect, like me, you used to often go to church 3 times on a Sunday – and you had a young family at the time. Now we think one hour is quite enough. But there are churches near us with a service at another time to ours and they are not more than 5 miles away. Suppose those struggling in our small congregations joined a bigger Church for a second service and so gained an uplift and suppose those in a big Church joined worship with a smaller Church and so filled their chapel. You may say this idea is rubbish, but wouldn't it give our Churches a boost and it would make our Sabbath more holy, which surely is what God wants. As I say, this idea may be rubbish – but is it? You judge.

**Please remember.** Send dates and news for up to 5<sup>th</sup> February to me by **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov** at [belaw@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:belaw@tiscali.co.uk) or at my address in the Plan.

*Every blessing* Brian Lawrence

**P.S.** In this issue, we have details from only 16 of the 31 Churches in the Circuit and items from 4 of our people from Churches. It has been tight fitting it all in and there are more dates at the end pages. I could always add more pages if more Churches gave their details!!

## NEWS ITEMS

### NEW from Garvestone Methodist Church

**A NEW VENTURE.** We have decided to hold PRAYER FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month beginning on 21<sup>st</sup> October at Garvestone chapel at 7.30pm, with refreshments 7.00 -7.20. We hope this will be an ecumenical group, and mainly of local people, but we would be glad to hear from experienced friends in other Churches about good practice (and possible difficulties).

**Bible Study Materials:** We are continuing to meet as an ecumenical group for Bible Study and Discussion – this Autumn we shall be studying passages from "Proverbs".

We still have stocks of once-used copies of Study booklets, from Scripture Union "Lifebuilder" series and "York Course" Lent Courses which we can pass on to others.

Details of what are available (for free) can be obtained from Andrew Durrant 01362 858033.



### CIRCUIT MISSION WEEKEND

at Trinity Methodist Church, Dereham

#### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October

6.30pm Tea (with an Indian Flavour)

7.30pm **Evening with Pastor Romish Modayll**

(from 'The Container Church' in Berlin)

Talking about the "Little Scholars School" in North India.

Invitation to the tea by ticket from Ann Pope; 01362 860941; [annpope819@btinternet.com](mailto:annpope819@btinternet.com)  
Numbers attending Tea by 10<sup>th</sup> October please.

A collection will be taken for the Little Scholars School.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October.** The 10.45am Service at Trinity will be led by Rev Val Spencer and the speaker will be Pastor Romish Modayll.

# CIRCUIT NOTICE BOARD

*A warm welcome awaits you at all these events and venues*

## CIRCUIT PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

First Monday each month at 7.30pm.



We look forward to meeting together

For information,  
contact Malcolm Cook  
☎ 01328 829324

## CIRCUIT MID-WEEK PRAISE and WORSHIP.

7.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the month,  
informal worship for the whole Circuit.

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Richard Hompstead  
Nov 16<sup>th</sup> t.b.a.

For more information, contact John Hull  
☎ 01328 695154

## WEST RAYNHAM

**Harvest Festival & Lunch;** Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> October.  
The Service starts at 11.00am and lunch will be  
served from about 12.15pm. Come and enjoy  
bangers, mash and beans/other vegetables  
and fruit crumble!

Price; £6 for adults; £3 for children.

*Please book in advance by phoning:*

Jill on 01328 838549 or Liz on 01485 528744.

**Autumn Lunch** served from 12 – 1.00pm  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October & 8<sup>th</sup> November.  
On the menu, we have a filled jacket potato  
with salad, followed by dessert & tea or coffee.  
Suggested minimum donation £4.00



## HINGHAM

**Saturday Coffee shop with stalls.**  
10am – noon, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Bible Discussion Group** 10-11.30am  
Mondays, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>.  
For details, contact Rev Barbara Winner

**Carol Service** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December,  
led by Mrs Janet Roebuck  
with Breckland Harmony Choir.

## BLAKENEY

**6.30pm Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> October;**  
**Worship led by Rev Leo Osbourne,**  
**Current President of Conference.**

N.B. Free parking is available at the British  
Legion Hall on High Street and also at the  
Village Hall at the corner of Langham Road.  
*Come and give Blakeney your support today.*

**Harvest Supper.** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
6.30 for 7pm. Tickets £5 from 01263 740944

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December after morning prayer  
**Sale of Christmas Fayre.** Proceeds to  
Gorakhpur Nursery Fellowship in India.

Tuesdays at 5.45pm **Centring Prayer Group**

Second Tuesday each month  
3.15pm - 5.30pm at St Nicholas Church  
**'Messy Church'** for children with their parents

Thursdays at 10.00am **A time of quiet  
and prayer followed by coffee.**

Fridays 10.00am - 11.00am  
**Bible Study:** looking at the Lectionary  
readings for the following Sunday



## WELLS NEXT THE SEA

in partnership with  
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WELLS

### TAIZE SERVICE

Sunday, 1st October at 5.15 for 5.30 p.m. at  
Congregational Church Centre, Clubbs Lane.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WELLS  
presents a series of evening meetings.

### Theme: "Fresh Light on Faith"

Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.

at PETER COLLINGWOOD HALL

METHODIST CHURCH, Theatre Road.

### October 5: "Developing Consciousness"

Rev. Nicholas Vesey, Vicar St. Luke's, Norwich

### October 12: "Reclaiming Jesus"

Ian Breckenridge, Norwich Quaker Meeting

### October 19: Nicholas and Ian in dialogue.

### "ALL SOULS" SERVICE

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, at 6.30 p.m.

St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Wells

### REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATIONS

#### Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November

11am Ecumenical Service. Wells War Memorial

#### Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November

10.50am Service in Wells Methodist Church

2.00pm March from Wells War Memorial

3.00pm Ecumenical Service in St. Nicholas

Parish Church

#### Advance Notice

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10.30 – 2.00

The Maltings, Staithe Street, Wells

Various Stalls, Refreshments, Lunches

In aid of Wells Methodist Church Funds



## GARVESTONE

**NEW.** Ecumenical Prayer Fellowship, 7.30pm  
Starting Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, then Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.



## SHIPDHAM L.E.P.

**Songs of Praise** with Graham and Helen  
3.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> October; a return Visit.

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY WEEK-END  
CONCERT;** 7.00pm 5<sup>th</sup> November

"Jambacked" Refreshments to follow.

Donations as you leave, thank you.

**Church Anniversary,** 9.30am 6<sup>th</sup> November.

led by Rev Canon Graham Thompson.

Come and join us to celebrate another year in  
the life of the Church.

**ADVENT FAYRE** 10.00-noon, 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Cakes & Gift stall etc.

**Coffee Morning** 10.00-12.00 Thursday

13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Chatting the Bible and Prayer;** 10.30am,

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

**URC Churches Partnership Meeting**

7.30pm 4<sup>th</sup> October at Diss.

**Advent Sunday** 9.30am 27<sup>th</sup> November

## GREAT ELLINGHAM

**Coffee Mornings,** including a sales table.  
from 10am, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Fellowship Meetings** will continue on  
Tuesdays at 2.30pm with interesting speakers.

Oct 4 Mrs P Carter

Oct 18 Mrs J Steggles

Nov 1 Rev Val Spencer

Nov 15 Mrs C Bennett

Nov 29 Mrs J Clarke, her subject 'Gressenhall'  
"The Workhouse. was it so bad?"

## SAHAM HILLS

**Coffee Morning,** 10-11.30am  
Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>.

## WENDLING

**The Chapel is open for quiet reflection** from 2.00 to 4.00pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October & 5<sup>th</sup> November. It is not necessary to stay for two hours. The object is to allow people space for quiet, for however long seems suitable.

**Coffee Morning** Wednesday 10.30 - noon  
October 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Bible Study Group** Mon at 7.30pm.  
details:-contact: John Hull ☎ 01362 695154

## SWAFFHAM

**Coffee Morning** + homemade cakes & pastries  
Saturdays: 9.30-12, proceeds for Church funds.  
Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday Group.** all age adult group; 2.30pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Oct.. The work of Leprosy Mission.  
27<sup>th</sup> Oct. Operation Christmas Child,  
The 'Shoe Box Appeal'.  
10<sup>th</sup> Nov. to be confirmed.  
17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 'Swaffham & Litcham Home  
Hospice Support', speaker: Leigh Taylor.

**Christmas Bazaar** 9.30am Sat 19<sup>th</sup> November.  
'All Morning Breakfast' available at the coffee  
morning as well as usual home-made cakes  
and pastries.

## MATTISHALL

**Ecumenical Harvest Supper**  
6.45 for 7.00pm Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
at ASM Church Rooms, Mattishall.  
Tickets from Fred on 01362 850750

**Annual Christmas Concert**  
7.30pm. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.  
in aid of Action for Children,  
led by Rev Alan Stroulger.



## BEETLEY

**Drop-in.** 2-3.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>. Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Circuit Mid Week Worship**, see box page 4

**Bible Study Group** Mondays 7.30pm  
Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>. Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>.  
led by Rev Val Spencer, "Just Food!"  
celebrating, worshipping and thinking about our  
use of food.

**Coffee Morning** Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>  
10.00 – noon.



## DEREHAM, Trinity

**Bible Study Group.** 7.30pm Tuesdays  
Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>. 254 Norwich Rd  
Details from Rev Val Spencer.

**Ladies Wednesday Club** 7.30pm.  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Details from Jacky Wool.

**Monthly Luncheon Club.** Thursdays 12 noon.  
October 13<sup>th</sup> & November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Action for Children Precinct Stall** 9am-noon  
October 8<sup>th</sup> in Nelson Place, Dereham

**Pudding Party,** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
5.30 for 6.00pm – to include concert.

**Autumn Craft Fayre** 10.00am – 3.00pm  
Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Mid Week Holy Communion.** 11.30am  
Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

## TOFTWOOD

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 7.30pm **Concert by**  
**Catton Grove Community Choir.**  
Tickets £5, in aid of Network & Choir Funds.



## GRESSENHALL

**SALE of Marmalade, Jams, Chutney, Pickle Onions, & Teas Coffee and Scones** for Chapel Funds.  
10.30am Saturday 22nd October in the Reading Room.

## GREAT CRESSINGHAM

**Coffee Morning and chat.** 10.30 – noon  
18<sup>th</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Free cup of coffee/tea, Trading stall.  
Homemade refreshments to purchase.

**Section Advent Service;** led by John Winner.  
2.30pm 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## STIBBARD

**Railway Film Afternoons** at 2.30pm  
Saturdays 8<sup>th</sup> October

## WATTON

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**9.30am – 1.30pm Sat 19 November**  
Christmas Stall, Toiletries, Gifts, Christian Bookstall, Cards, Pantry, Preserves, Cakes, Lucky Dip, Guessing Competitions, Bric-a-brac.  
Coffees, Teas, Light Lunches.  
Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Christian Meditation Group, 'Gentle Airs'**  
Monthly Worship in the round with meditation at its heart, led by Elizabeth Wright.  
7.45pm in the vestry (at the back of the chapel)  
Mon Oct 10<sup>th</sup> "Come as you are"  
Mon Nov 14<sup>th</sup> "Golden Leaves"  
Mon Dec 12<sup>th</sup> "Let all mortal flesh keep silence."

### Please support **BLAKENEY**

**6.30pm Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> October;**

**Worship led by Rev Leo Osbourne,**  
**Current President of Conference.**

## SPECIAL SUNDAYS

### Oct. 2 MRDF HARVEST SUNDAY

Methodist Relief & Development Fund,  
25 Marylebone Rd., London NW1 5JR  
020 7467 5132

website: [www.mrdf.org.uk](http://www.mrdf.org.uk)

### 9 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD

**PEACE** begins - [wpwpeace@aol.com](mailto:wpwpeace@aol.com)

### 16 ONE WORLD WEEK begins & see p8.

Website: [www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org)

### 23 BIBLE SUNDAY

The Bible Society, Stonehill Green,  
Swindon, SN5 7DG.: 01793 418 100

Website: [www.biblesunday.org](http://www.biblesunday.org)

Also: Gideons - [www.gideons.org.uk](http://www.gideons.org.uk)

### Nov 13 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

### 20 VICTIMS OF ROAD ACCIDENTS

**SUNDAY** Road Peace, Shakespeare Business Centre 245a Coldharbour Lane  
London SW9 8RR. 020 7733 1603

Website: [www.roadpeace.org](http://www.roadpeace.org).

### 20 PRISONS' WEEK begins

The Secretary, **Prisons' Week**,  
PO Box 2733, Lichfield, WS13 6GZ

Website: [www.prisonsworld.org](http://www.prisonsworld.org)

### The Home Office Prison Chaplaincy.

020 7217 8678

**Langley House Trust**, PO Box 181,  
Witney, Oxfordshire, OX28 6WD

Website: [www.langleyhousetrust.org](http://www.langleyhousetrust.org)

### 20 WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE

**SUNDAY** Resources available from

[www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

### 27 ADVENT SUNDAY

### 27 SUNDAY BEFORE WORLD AIDS DAY (December 1<sup>st</sup>)

Mildmay International, Austin Street,  
London, E2 7NB, 020 7613 6309

National AIDS Trust, City Cloisters,  
196 Old Street, London, EC1 9FR

020 7814 6767 Website: [www.nat.org.uk](http://www.nat.org.uk)

ACET, PO Box 588, Brentford, TW79BA  
0208 568 7770

Website: [www.acet-international.org](http://www.acet-international.org)

Colin Garwood



## FREE to a good home **ELECTRONIC ORGAN**

Well maintained & full working order.  
Present owner is unable to play it and  
needs the space for a model railway.

Size: 38" x 45" x 24"  
will fit into a large car for transport.

Any Church, Chapel or individual interested,  
should ring:

Les Hodges: 01953 884716

Lesley Cowling, 01760 441094

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### **COULD EITHER OF THESE BE YOU?**

Elisabeth Adams has retired from the end of August as our **Circuit World Church Treasurer**. We thank Elisabeth for doing a very good job in both advocating the work of World Church and being a first class treasurer. If you feel that you could be the new treasurer, please speak to Elisabeth on 01362 821158 who will give you all the help and support needed to take on the role.

Also we hope to create a new role as **Circuit Prayer Coordinator**. It requires somebody to be a point of contact for prayer requests from across the circuit and every week or fortnightly to produce a short prayer bulletin (hopefully it can be sent to most churches by email) so that we can prayer for each other and support and encourage one another. If you wish to know more about this, please ring me on 01328 862174 or speak to one of the Circuit stewards.

Rev Andrew King

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### **INTER FAITH WEEK 2011**

As most Circuit members will know, the UK churches' calendar now includes not only an annual 'One World Week' but also an 'Inter Faith Week' which seeks to increase understanding of the different faith traditions now present in our country and to promote friendship between members of these different traditions. This year the week will be held from 20th to 26th November and in the Central Norfolk Circuit it will include an 'Inter Faith Any Questions' at Fakenham Methodist Church, 7.15pm Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> November

The meeting will be chaired by Rev. Andrew King and the panel of speakers will comprise members of the three Abrahamic faiths. Rev Graham Thompson will represent Christians, Donna Semmens the Jews and Sahale Rahman (of the charity 'Minority Matters') the Muslims. It is hoped that students from Fakenham High School & College will take part in the evening. Obviously there will be a limit to the number of questions that can be dealt with, but if you wish to ask one please let Andrew have a draft of it in advance of the meeting. All will be very welcome.

David Yarham.

A fire-and-brimstone preacher was haranguing his congregation, "Every member of this congregation is going to die!"

But a man in the front row began to grin from ear to ear.

Again, the preacher yelled, "Every member of this congregation is going to die!"

But the man started to laugh out loud.

At the end of the service, the preacher confronted the man, "I don't get it. Every time I said, 'every member of this congregation is going to die', you just laughed."

"Of course," replied the man. "I am not a member of this congregation."

*from : 'A Barrel of Fun' by J John & Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books.*

## **REGULAR Weekly/Monthly dates to remember** Further details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Mon	10.00-11.30	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> in month. Bible Discussion Group	Hingham M C
Mon	10.30-noon	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> in month. Chatting the Bible & Prayer	Shipdham LEP
Mon	7.30pm	Beetley, Wendling, Gressenhall Bible Study at Beetley; contact: John Hull	
Tue	10-11am	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue in month, Coffee Morning.	Gt Ellingham M C
Tues	10.30-noon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues in month, Coffee Morning	Gt Cressingham M C
Tue	2.30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue in month, Fellowship, good speakers	Gt Ellingham M C
Tue	2.45pm	Women's Own, details from Olwyn Brough 692799	Dereham M C
Tue	3.15-5.30pm	'Messy Church' - 2nd Tuesday each month at St Nicholas, Blakeney	
Tue	5.45pm	Centring Prayer Group	Blakeney M C
Tues	7.30pm	Fortnightly Bible Discussion Group, details Rev Val	Dereham M C
Wed	10.30am	Prayer & Praise followed by coffee/tea & biscuits	Wells M C
Wed	10-noon	Coffee Morning	Tittleshall M C
Wed	10.30-noon	alternate weeks, Coffee Morning in chapel	Wendling M C
Wed	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month	Toftwood M C
Wed	11.30am	Bible Study led by Don Fisher; 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> in month	Toftwood M C
Wed	9-11.30am	Coffee Morning & Open Church for quiet time.	Watton M C '
Wed	10.30am	Shoppers Service in large vestry	Watton M C
Wed	2 - 3pm	Drop-in & Chat, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in month	Beetley M C
Wed	7.30-9.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> in month. Circuit Mid-week Worship	Beetley M C
Wed	7.30pm	Ladies Wednesday Club, details Jacky Woor, 697860.	Dereham M C
Thur	10.00am	A time of quiet & prayer followed by coffee	Blakeney M C
Thur	2.30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> in month, Thursday Group for adults, all-ages.	Swaffham M C
Thur	10.00-noon	2 <sup>nd</sup> in month. Coffee Morning for all	Shipdham LEP
Thur	10-11.30	Coffee Morning & Open Church, chat & time of peace	Fakenham M C
Thur	10.30-noon	Drop-in with free coffee & tea	Litcham M C
Thur	11.30am	4 <sup>th</sup> in month, Mid-week Holy Communion	Dereham M C
Thur	12 noon	Luncheon Club, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs; details Alison Carey 695515	Dereham M C
Fri	9.30-11.30	Short Service followed by Coffee Morning	Holt M C
Fri	10-11.00am	Bible Study	Blakeney M C
Fri	7.30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> in month; Ecumenical Prayer Fellowship	Garvestone M C

## Cycling the Section.

For this year's *Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride*, Alan and I planned our route to include all the churches and chapels in the Watton section, visiting other denominations en route. I would like to say a big **Thank you** to all our Methodist friends who opened their doors and offered wonderful hospitality to cyclists in good Methodist style. We know how difficult it is to find volunteers to 'sit in' all day, especially when there are fewer cyclists in the rural areas.

At one (parish) church, one lady even took a photo of us with our bikes, to prove she had actually signed in some cyclists!

Thank you again, to all those, throughout the Circuit, who open their chapels on this day each year. It is very much appreciated by the few intrepid cyclists who do venture out onto the roads, to raise funds for Norfolk Churches – and for their own church.

A final thought; - on our travels, we see many warning signs about various hazards, but one sign in particular caught my eye in a church porch - and it made me smile.

*"WARNING. Entering this church may cause you to be uplifted!"*

*Elsie Warby*

## **Special Events** *continued from page 11.*

Nov 19	9.30-1.30	Christmas Bazaar	Watton M C
Nov 19	9.30am	Christmas Bazaar	Swaffham M C
Nov 19	10am-3pm	Autumn Craft Fayre	Dereham M C
Nov 21	10-11.30	Bible Discussion Group in school room	Hingham M C
Nov 21	10.30am	Chatting the Bible and Prayer	Shipdham LEP
Nov 22	7.15pm	Inter Faith 'Any Question' with 3 faiths	Fakenham M C
Nov 23	7.30pm	Ladies Wednesday Club	Dereham M C
Nov 24	11.30am	Mid Week Holy Communion	Dereham M C
Nov 26	10-noon	Coffee Morning	Beetley M C
Nov 27	9.30am	Advent Sunday Celebration	Shipdham LEP
Nov 27	2.30pm	Section Advent Service	Gt Cressingham M C
Nov 28	7.30pm	Bible Study, "Just Food!" Rev Val Spencer	Beetley M C
Nov 29	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting. Speaker: Mrs J Clarke	Gt Ellingham M C
Nov 29	7.30pm	Bible Study Group at 254 Norwich Road	Dereham M C
Nov 30	10.30-noon	Coffee Morning	Wending M C
Nov 30	2.30pm	Church Meeting	Shipdham LEP
Dec 3	10-noon	Coffee Shop with stalls	Hingham M C
Dec 3	10.30-2.00	Christmas Bazaar at the Maltings	Wells M C
Dec 5	10.30am	Chatting the Bible and Prayer	Shipdham LEP
Dec 6	10.00am	Coffee Morning with a Sales table	Gt Ellingham M C
Dec 8	10.00am	Sale of Christmas Fayre. Proceeds to Gorakhur.	Blakeney M C
Dec 8	7.30pm	Annual Christmas Concert for 'Action for Children'	Mattishall M C
Dec 8	10-00-noon	Coffee Morning	Shipdham LEP
Dec 15	10-00-noon	Christmas Coffee Morning – mince pies	Shipdham LEP
Dec 18	10.30	Carol Service, with Breckland Harmony Choir.	Hingham M C

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Oct 22	10.30am	Sale of Produce with refreshments	Gressenhall M C
Oct 22	5.30pm	Pudding Party to include concert	Dereham M C
<b>Oct 23</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship led by President of Conference</b>	<b>Blakeney M C</b>
		Free Parking is available nearby, see box on page 7.	
Oct 24	10-11.30	Bible Discussion Group in school room	Hingham M C
Oct 24	7.30pm	Bible Study, "Just Food!"; Rev Val Spencer	Beetley M C
Oct 26	7.30pm	Ladies Wednesday Club	Dereham M C
Oct 27	11.30am	Mid Week Holy Communion	Dereham M C
Oct 27	2.30pm	Thursday Club. 'Operation Christmas Child'	Swaffham M C
Oct 31	7.30pm	Bible Study, "Just Food!"; Rev Val Spencer	Beetley M C
Nov 1	10.00am	Coffee Morning with a Sales table	Gt Ellingham M C
Nov 1	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting. Speaker: Rev Val Spencer	Gt Ellingham M C
Nov 1	7.30pm	Bible Study Group at 254 Norwich Road	Dereham M C
Nov 2	10.30-noon	Coffee Morning	Wendling M C
Nov 2	2 – 3pm	Drop-in	Beetley M C
Nov 2	6.30pm	"All Souls" Service at St Nicholas Church	Wells
Nov 5	9.30-noon	Coffee Morning (for Church funds)	Swaffham M C
Nov 5	10-noon	Coffee Shop with stalls	Hingham M C
Nov 5	2 – 4pm	Open Chapel – for quiet reflection.	Wendling M C
Nov 5	7.00pm	Anniversary Concert "Jampacked"	Shipdham LEP
Nov 6	9.30am	Anniversary Service led by Rev Graham Thompson	Shipdham LEP
Nov 7	10-11.30	Bible Discussion Group in school room	Hingham M C
Nov 7	10.30am	Chatting the Bible and Prayer	Shipdham LEP
Nov 8	12-1.00	Autumn Lunch, see box on page 4.	West Raynham M C
Nov 9	7.30pm	Ladies Wednesday Club	Dereham M C
Nov 10	10-00-noon	Coffee Morning	Shipdham LEP
Nov 10	12noon	Monthly Luncheon Club	Dereham M C
Nov 10	2.30pm	Thursday Club. t.b.a.	Swaffham M C
Nov 11	11.00am	Ecumenical Remembrance Service at War Memorial	Wells
Nov 13	10.50am	Remembrance Service	Wells M C
Nov 13	2.00pm	Remembrance Day Walk from Wells War Memorial	Wells
Nov 13	3.00pm	Ecumenical Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church	Wells.
Nov 14	7.30pm	Bible Study, "Just Food!"; Rev Val Spencer	Beetley M C
Nov 14	7.45pm	Christian Meditation Group: "Golden Leaves"	Watton M C
Nov 15	10.30-12	Coffee Morning	Gt Cressingham M C
Nov 15	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting. Speaker: Mrs C Bennett	Gt Ellingham M C
Nov 15	7.30pm	Bible Study Group at 254 Norwich Road	Dereham M C
Nov 16	10.30-noon	Coffee Morning	Wendling M C
Nov 16	2 – 3pm	Drop-in	Beetley M C
Nov 16	7.30pm	Circuit Mid Week Worship	Beetley M C
Nov 17	10.00-noon	Advent Fayre with cakes & Gift stall	Shipdham LEP
Nov 17	2.30pm	Thursday Club. Swaffham & Litcham Hospice Support	Swaffham M C
Nov 18	7.30pm	<b>NEW</b> Ecumenical Prayer Fellowship with refreshments	Garvestone M C

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**SPECIAL EVENTS: DATES TO REMEMBER** Further details - elsewhere in this newsletter.

Oct 1	9.30-noon	Coffee Morning (for Church funds)	Swaffham M C
Oct 1	10-noon	Coffee Shop with stalls	Hingham M C
Oct 1	2 – 4pm	Open Chapel – for quiet reflection.	Wendling M C
Oct 1	5.15pm	Taize Service at Congregational Church Centre	Wells
Oct 1	7.30pm	Concert by Catton Community Choir	Toftwood M C
Oct 2	11.00	Harvest Festival and Lunch	West Raynham M C
Oct 2	3.00pm	Songs of Praise with Graham and Helen	Shipdham LEP
Oct 3	10.30am	Chatting the Bible and Prayer	Shipdham LEP
Oct 4	10.00am	Coffee Morning with a Sales table	Gt Ellingham M C
Oct 4	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting. Speaker: Mrs P Carter	Gt Ellingham M C
Oct 4	7.30pm	URC Area Partnership Meeting at Diss	Shipdham LEP
Oct 4	7.30pm	Bible Study Group at 254 Norwich Road	Dereham M C
Oct 5	10.30-noon	Coffee Morning	Wendling M C
Oct 5	2 – 3pm	Drop-in	Beetley M C
Oct 5	7.30pm	Evening Meeting, “Fresh Light on Faith” (see box)	Wells M C
Oct 7	6.30pm	Harvest Supper, tickets £5	Blakeney M C
Oct 8	9.00-noon	Action for Children Precinct stall in Nelson Place	Dereham M C
Oct 8	9.30-noon	Coffee Morning (for Church funds)	Swaffham M C
Oct 8	10-11.30	Coffee Morning	Saham Hills M C
Oct 8	2.30pm	Railway Film Afternoon	Stibbard M C C
Oct 8	6.45pm	Ecumenical Harvest Supper in ASM Church Rooms	Mattishall M C
Oct 10	10-11.30	Bible Discussion Group in school room	Hingham M C
Oct 10	7.45pm	Christian Meditation Group: “Come as you are”	Watton M C
Oct 11	12-1.00	Autumn Lunch, see box on page 4.	West Raynham M C
Oct 12	7.30pm	Ladies Wednesday Club	Dereham M C
Oct 12	7.30pm	Evening Meeting, “Fresh Light on Faith” (see box)	Wells M C
Oct 13	10-00-noon	Coffee Morning	Shipdham LEP
Oct 13	12noon	Monthly Luncheon Club	Dereham M C
Oct 13	2.30pm	Thursday Club. ‘The work of the Leprosy Mission’	Swaffham M C
Oct 15	9.30-noon	Coffee Morning (for Church funds)	Swaffham M C
Oct 15	6.30 & 7.30	Circuit Mission. “An Evening with Pastor Romish Modayll”	Dereham M C
Oct 16	10.45am	Mission Service: Speaker Pastor Romish Modayll	Dereham M C
Oct 17	10.30am	Chatting the Bible and Prayer	Shipdham LEP
Oct 17	7.30pm	Bible Study, “Just Food!”; Rev Val Spencer	Beetley M C
Oct 18	10.30-12	Coffee Morning	Gt Cressingham M C
Oct 18	2.30pm	Fellowship Meeting. Speaker: Mrs J Steggles	Gt Ellingham M C
Oct 18	7.30pm	Bible Study Group at 254 Norwich Road	Dereham M C
Oct 19	10.30-noon	Coffee Morning	Wendling M C
Oct 19	2 – 3pm	Drop-in	Beetley M C
Oct 19	7.30pm	Evening Meeting, “Fresh Light on Faith” (see box)	Wells M C
Oct 19	7.30pm	Mid-week Worship led by Richard Hompstead	Beetley M C
Oct 21	7.30pm	<b>NEW</b> Ecumenical Prayer Fellowship with refreshments	Garvestone M C
Oct 22	9.30-noon	Coffee Morning (for Church funds)	Swaffham M C

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