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**SUTTON, BRANSHOLME AND
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FROM THE MANSE.

Read Psalm 113. *“From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.”* (Verse 3)

Dear friends,

Now that the summer months are here again, I am sure many of us will be hoping that we get a similar spell of weather to the one we had last year. We all tend to feel a little bit better when the days are brighter and that is perhaps because in some ways we are almost obsessed by what the weather is doing.

The subject of the weather is such an easy topic of conversation to enter into with family, friends and even casual acquaintances as we are all guilty of complaining that it is too hot, too cold, too wet or that the gardens could do with some rain! I sometimes wonder that if we spoke of God as often as we speak of the weather, what a different world we might live in.

When we listen to a weather forecast we often hear the person on the TV or radio say, “The sun will rise at...” And those very words remind us that God, the great creator of all things is still in control of his creation. There is no doubt in the mind of the weather man or woman. They do not say, “The sun might rise or I hope the sun rises” but the confidently tell us the precise time that the sun will rise.

Our reading from the Psalms reminds us that from the very moment the sun rises, the name of the Lord is to be praised. As Christian people, living some 2,600 years or so after those words were written, we not only praise God because the sun has risen, but because the Son has risen!

The empty tomb reminds us that Jesus died and rose again conquering sin and death as he did so. Because the tomb was empty, we can be as confident as any weather forecaster and boldly declare that Jesus is risen from the dead. Not only that, but as we invite him into our lives as Lord and Saviour, he promises to be with us for evermore. Whether all is sunshine and brightness or whether dark clouds and storms are looming

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**in our lives, we have an assurance that is as dependable as the sun rising each morning that the redeemer of the world is with us – his presence to lead and to guide.
May you have a pleasant and peaceful Summer,**

Peter

JACOB'S WELL APPEAL

The above charity will accept any medications you may wish to dispose of providing that they still have 6 months or more “use by dates” on them. These are collected and sent out to the countries the Jacob’s Well Appeal supports. A quick look at their newsletter tells us they have sent containers of aid including: clothing, building materials, sewing machines and medicines and bandages to Ghana, The Philippines, Romania, Zimbabwe and Kenya. To learn more of their work and for volunteering opportunities, visit their website at www.jacobswellappeal.org

Please contact Margaret Parker if you have medicines you wish to donate.

UK in post-Christian era: Williams (extract from Britain today)

Britain is no longer a country of believers but rather has entered a “post-Christian” era, a former archbishop of Canterbury said.

Lord Williams of Oystermouth, who stood down as leader of the Church of England in 2012, said that the time of habitual worship is over and a further decline of widespread faith is likely in the future.

His comments, in an interview with the Sunday Telegraph, come after the Prime Minister was criticised for saying the UK should be “more confident about our status as a Christian country” and “more evangelical” about faith.

David Cameron’s comments prompted fury from secular and atheist groups and led to Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg, an atheist, calling for the separation of Church and state in England.

A poll for the newspaper also found that while more than half the public regard Britain as a Christian country, the majority or practising Christians are afraid to express their beliefs.

Arthur Kitching

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THANKYOU

**Phil and Elaine Plumb would like to thank everyone at chapel for their prayers, flowers, cards, good wishes and support during and after Phil's recent operation. These were greatly appreciated and aided his recovery.
Bless you all. XXX**

EXPLORING CRAFTS

Dates are :

**Ings Library 11th July and 8th August 10am to 12 noon
Central Library 23rd July and 27th August 10am to 12 noon
ALSO at Bransholme Methodist Church every Tuesday morning
during their Coffee Morning/Table Top sale 9.30 to 11.30am.**

Please check with me if you don't already come to these groups, and are planning to come along, Call me on 783517 or 07958385385, as unfortunately there may be changes I am unable to avoid.

Linda Whitton

FUTURE EVENTS

FAMILY FUN DAY

11 am till 3 pm Saturday 5th July at The Reading Rooms Recreation Field, Church Street, Sutton, free entry.

Music & Singers, Children's Sports Events, Fancy Dress, Bouncy Castle.

There will also be stalls, games, tombola, entertainment, cake stall, refreshments and lots more. Please support our Family Fun Day.

SUTTON METHODIST

Summer Family Fun Day

Saturday, 5th July 2014

11am to 3 pm

The Reading Room Playing Fields, Sutton

Music and Singers - 12 pm

Fancy Dress Competition - 1 pm

Sports (Parents and Children) - 2 pm

Sack Race - Egg&Spoon - Tug-o-War - 3 legged race

**Barbecue - Hook-a-Duck - Cake Stall - Bouncy Castle
Tombola - Kids Crafts and more !**

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CHRISTENINGS

All the congregation are invited to stay for the Christenings after the service and welcome the families to the Church. They take place on the last Sunday of every month.

CHURCH LIBRARY is open every Sunday morning I am in church, in the back room after the Service. There are books available to borrow, and you may find something there to help you through anything that may be of concern to you, or find thought provoking words to interest or inspire.
Linda Whitton

A concert performance of Roger Jones musical **APOSTLE** is to be performed at Willerby Methodist Church on Tuesday 8th July at 7.30 pm, led by Roger. and supported by a choir from the local area from both sides of the Humber. Tickets £5 adults, £1 children (pay at the door).

PRAYER BOARD

If you would like to have a prayer included in the service the Prayer Board is in the church and the prayers will be included in each Communion service.

FORTY YEARS AGO – The Church Newsletter, July /August 1974

Bransholme Appeal

After much frustrating delay things are now really moving at Bransholme in respect of the new Methodist Church. This building is being paid for by Circuit capital funds but the money for furniture and furnishings will have to be raised from other sources. An appeal leaflet is now being circulated to Churches and individuals in the circuit and the rest of Hull. We at Sutton are invited to help collectively or individually. You are asked to support two events arranged for July:

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COFFEE EVENING at the manse, 31, Highfield, on Tuesday July 9th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

LYKE WAKE SPONSORED WALK on Saturday, 27th July. The proceeds will be shared between Christian Aid, Bransholme and, perhaps, other concerns. Enquiries re. walking, sponsoring etc. to David Turner, 133, Gillshill Road.

July/August at Bransholme

2 Chronicles 7:14 – “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

I am told confession and true repentance is good for the soul **1 John 1; 9**: - this means to turn away from sin: - to change one's mind, attitude and behaviour towards God, His mission and others. Yet it is impossible to place your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ without first acknowledging who He really is and what He has done for all mankind.

Romans 10:9

Worldly desires and anger are the strongest emotions that lead us to sin; a burning anger to lash out at those who hurt us, the rush and desperation for the things of this world. It is only when calm is restored within us that the voice of God may be heard offering us the chance to reflect on our actions and repent.

True repentance means that you have accepted God in your life and are willing to listen to his voice and become an obedient servant. It means that: you have asked for forgiveness and you are committed to serve the one and true God in the power of the Holy Spirit. However, this is not an easy decision to make. Any commitment worth taking has to be thought through. Repentance is something God offers to us so that we can return to him with our sins washed away for good only if we have a strong enough desire to have a fresh start. (**2 chronicle 7:14**)

Once we have truly repented then we are in effect promising God that we will be submissive to His Will. We need the Holy Spirit to pour over us to quench the burning desire of worldliness and extreme anger just because things have not gone our way.

Why blame God when things go wrong? Perhaps it is a punishment, perhaps it is a test, or perhaps it is down to someone else who is not on God's side. If we truly want to repent think on these words as a prayer (**Psalm 51**): - *'Lord God do not cast me to one side or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.'* True repentance diminishes unhealthy anger and worldly desires and helps us focus on God and God alone. True repentance means a

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fresh start to walk with God through the rough and the smooth path of life. Perhaps the most important of all is a deeper trust and commitment in Him. Repentance is a strong powerful emotion but needs reflection and understanding of its fullness before calling on God for sins to be washed away.

However repentance does not mean we are forgiven and that is the end of the matter for there is most probably an earthly consequence to endure. ([Romans 6:23](#))

When we repent God restores us to a full relationship with Him, He will heal our heart, our Church, our Circuit etc. The Ephesian were instructed to repent: perhaps we are to yield to this instruction as well [Revelation 2:5](#) – “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent”.

Repentance therefore is an important part of our individual and co-operate journey with our Lord and Father of all mankind. Amen.

Rev Lansford Penn-Timothy

Bransholme Women's Fellowship

Bransholme Women's Fellowship has been closed for a while now. It will begin again soon and will meet monthly. Please contact Lezlee Mennell for further details and keep an eye on future newsletters for further details. It is planned to include various games and all women are welcome.

Bransholme Weekly Diary

Monday:	1-2.30pm 4.00pm	Toddler Group Worship Group
Tuesday:	9.30am 1.45pm	Table Top Sale Women's Fellowship (monthly) To re-open soon on a monthly basis. See newsletter for details
Wednesday	4-6pm	Messy Church (Once a month)
Thursday:	9.30 – 11.30am	Parent and Toddler Group (closed during school holidays)

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**Friday: 10.00-11.00am Prayer Meeting at Church
Open to everyone**

Sunday: 10.45am Sunday Worship

Transport of disability aids to Kenya

A work colleague of mine comes from Kenya and his family have set up a resource centre for their local community for aids in relation to various disabilities. My colleague is now collecting items (bulky or small) to take over later in the year. If you have anything that is now finished with and wish to donate it, please contact me. Examples of items are hearing aids, zimmer frames, wheelchairs, support items of various types. If you are unsure if something would be useful, feel free to ask. Please do not donate items which belong to Social Services as such items need to be returned. I can be contacted on 01482 854947. We are also collecting money to pay for transporting the items to Kenya.

Tony Garrett: Bransholme Church

Send a Child to School

The circuit is supporting the send a Child to School Charity, details of which are on the circuit website. We are no longer collecting hymn books, Bibles or other books for Sierra Leone and Malawi. We are still collecting cash or cheque donations for school fees, stationary for school children, used computers, laptops, children's clothes, toys, shoes, school bags, stacking or folding chairs and tables, and any other school related stationary or furniture.

Many Thanks for your continued support to these poor and vulnerable children of Africa.

In His Service

Lansford Penn-Timothy

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**Bransholme Table Top Sale
Every Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am
EVERY TUESDAY, COFFEE MORNING AT BRANSHOLME METHODIST
CHURCH.**

**Nearly new clothes, books, bric-a-brac, refreshments
Fair Trade Service at Bransholme**

There will be a fair trade service at Bransholme Methodist Church on Sunday 24th August. Please come along and find out more about fairtrade. There will be a stall for you to purchase fairly traded products.

Worship and Prayer Groups at Bransholme

The Worship Group (Mondays at 4pm) and the Prayer Group (Fridays at 10am) will continue to meet as usual. Anyone is welcome to attend either of these groups. Please contact Lezlee Mennell at Bransholme for further information.

Amos Trust Alternative Pilgrimage

If you feel inspired to visit Palestine/Israel and see the holy sites, spend time with local communities and local peacemakers and experience something of what life is like today in the Holy Land, we can recommend going on the Amos Trust Alternative Pilgrimage. My wife and I certainly found it inspiring, although sad at times. This Autumn, it will be 13-21 October and more information can be found on the Amos Trust website www.amostrust.org or by phone on 020 7588 2638. Feel free to talk to Tony Garrett or Zem Rodaway at Bransholme Methodist Church about their experiences of the alternative pilgrimage.

Bransholme Preachers for July

**July 6th
July 13th
July 20th
July 27th**

**Mrs L Mennell
Mr S Clayton
Mr J Richardson
Rev L Penn-Timity**

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Thanks from Jean.

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and get well messages received during my recent illness. I am a lot better now but still not 100%. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

Jean Lunn.

Lezlee Mennell's Book

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support in relation to the recent publication of my new book. Please could those who would like a copy of the book let me have payment as soon as possible so that I can place an order.

Flower Rota



6 July	W Winfield	13 July	M Grant
20 July	R Harker	27 July	Bone Family
3 Aug	M Brook	10 Aug	J Allison
17 Aug	A Houlton	24 Aug	A Borrill
31 Aug	M Bettley	7 Sept	B Berry

Cake Rota



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6 July	Joyce & Julie	13 July	Ann, Brenda
20 July	Ruth, Angie	27 July	Helen, Fiona

Coffee Rota



6 July	Siddles family	13 July	Elaine P, Margaret, Ann
20 July	Alison, Andrea, Andrew		
27 July	Brenda, Elaine C, Phil		
3 Aug	Siddles family	10 Aug	Ruth, Margaret, Andrea
17 Aug	Brenda, Alison, Elaine C		
24 Aug	Ann, Andrew, Phil		
31 Aug	Elaine P, Ruth, Brenda		

If you know anyone who would appreciate flowers on the Monday after a service please give their names to Ann Borrill and Jenny Wood, whether they have been ill, sad or joyful.

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