



**SUTTON, BRANSHOLME AND KINGSWOOD  
METHODIST CHURCHES**

**NEWSLETTER JULY AND AUGUST 2017**

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**NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT**

**A SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**There will be a CIRCUIT WELCOME SERVICE for  
Superintendent Reverend Debbie Lucas and Deacon Denise Creed**

**on**

**SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER**

**at**

**1.30PM**

**in**

**SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH**

**Please come and show your support, welcome Denise and Debbie and give  
thanks to God for answering the prayers of the Methodist Church**

**in the South Holderness Circuit**

## **WORSHIP PLANNING GROUP AT SUTTON**

**This is a non-elected but well-intentioned group who are prayerfully seeking God's guidance with regard to the planning and format of worship services at Sutton. One of the main aims is to plan for Local Arrangements (LA's) at Sutton, and to view these as opportunities to try something different, rather than regarding them as worrying gaps on the plan. The group is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Alternatively, you can write down your thoughts and ideas and they will be discussed at the meeting. The group met on Friday 23rd June and will be meeting again as often as possible, certainly within the four weeks following the last meeting. A date will be announced very soon.**

## **SINGING GROUP AT SUTTON**

**The Singing Group tends to meet for a block of weeks in the late autumn to practise for the Christmas season, and we also met in the spring for a block of weeks to practise for Easter. This coming autumn we shall start meeting earlier to prepare for a production of 'The Gift'. 'The Gift' is a collection of songs that celebrates and shares the Gift of God's Son. The songs were written by Graham Kendrick in the late eighties, and since then many of them have become very familiar to congregations.**

**DATES FOR PRACTICES FOR 'THE GIFT' WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.**

**In the meantime, three dates, listed below, are suggested for the Singing Group to meet so that we can -**

- Discuss plans for 'The Gift'**
- Look at some 'new' hymns and songs in Singing the Faith**
- Identify some Sundays in the autumn when we can contribute to morning worship**
- Look at the possibility of making ourselves available to lead the singing at the welcome service for Debbie and Denise on Saturday 2nd September.**

## **DATES**

**Thursday 3rd August 7.30pm**

**Thursday 10th August 7.30pm**

**Thursday 24th August 7.30pm**

**August is the holiday season so it is not expected that all singers will be available for all three dates.**

## **WHO ARE THE SINGERS?**

**Anyone who wants to be part of the group! Please let Wendy know if you want to join in with what is planned.**

## **WASTE WATCHERS – HOLIDAY CLUB**

**A holiday club, aimed at 5 to 10 year olds will be held at**

**SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH**

**From WEDNESDAY 26th JULY to SUNDAY 30th JULY**

**Wednesday to Friday – activities in the Church Hall from 10.15am until 2.30pm**

**Saturday – originally planned as a trip to Bridlington, but, owing to the difficulty in finding available coaches on that day, this may be a trip to East Park which hopefully will prove to be just as much fun, whilst being more accessible and flexible.**

**Sunday – Members of the Holiday Club will take part in the Morning Service. This will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.**

**The theme is ‘WASTE WATCHERS’. You must want to know more with a title like that!**

**Do you know families with children who may be interested in joining in the fun?**

**Please ask Angie or Julie for full details that you can pass on to families who might like to book places for their children. Bookings by MONDAY 24 JULY.**

**Are you available to come along for an hour or two as an adult helper? Helping out can be as simple as meeting and greeting or being available to talk to children and parents. All the activities are fun for adults to join in with, at whatever level suits you best!**

### **SCOUTS AGM**

**A few weeks ago, I was privileged to attend the Scouts AGM as the church's representative. Several things struck me about the meeting which I would like to share with you.**

**Firstly, I was amazed by the success of the scout movement in general, with its dedicated leaders, waiting lists for joining and the depth and breadth of its activities.**

**Secondly, it was great to see so many young lads achieving so much in a variety of different activities.**

**Finally, I was impressed at the way the Scouts appreciated the support of the church. It was great to see so many of the lads involved in our Youth Club and pantomime.**

**The Church Hall was packed with parents and there was a general atmosphere of success and optimism, despite the continuing worry of maintaining appropriate staffing levels. There is no doubt that the cubs and scouts are a vibrant and important part of our church family who deserve our continuing prayers and support.**

**Keith Thomas**

### **WEDDING**

**Please pray for Susan Grantham and Kevin Jones who are to be married on 19 August at 3.00 pm at Sutton.**