



SUTTON, BRANSHOLME AND
KINGSWOOD
METHODIST CHURCHES
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FROM THE MANSE.

“A Sower went out to sow...” (Matthew 13 verse 3)

Dear Friends

At Harvest time our praise and thanksgiving to God tend to centre around all of the good things he provides from the land for us.

Traditionally our harvest tables have been full of fruit and vegetables – full grown produce – born of seeds planted in good soil.

In Matthew 13 verses 1-9, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower, beginning with the words at the top of this page. As we read through this story we recognise that the sower is no expert, but he is a novice with a willing heart.

Last week I was talking to a minister from another circuit who is involved in university chaplaincy. At freshers week he was handing out leaflets advertising his church to people he thought might be interested. Then suddenly he realised he had set himself up as an expert who could recognise good soil and was only approaching people who looked “nice” or “smart” in his opinion. As soon as he had realised what he was doing he had the most meaningful conversation of the day with scruffiest, most down – trodden looking student you could imagine.

It is so easy to set ourselves up as experts – but God doesn’t tell us to go and identify good soil. Rather he encourages us to emulate the sower and liberally spread seeds of good news everywhere we go.

As we do so, our experience will no doubt be like that of the sower. Some of our seeds will fall on the path, and be eaten by the birds; some will fall among the rocks and wither in the sun; some will fall among thorns and be choked by them. But other seeds will produce a harvest – and praise God it will be a harvest of people from all kinds of backgrounds,

nationalities and abilities; people of all ages and of all kinds of appearance! Just as our harvest table would look incomplete if it only had one kind of fruit or vegetable on it, so God's kingdom would be incomplete if it were only made up of white middle age, middle class people.

I am not an expert sower. I am not even a good gardener. However, even I know that if I want something to grow I first have to plant the seeds. So this harvest time and beyond, let us continue to sow the seeds of faith into the lives of those we know and love. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour His blessing upon those seeds and may the seeds we sow be fruitful for God's kingdom and his glory

Every Blessing

Peter

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Once again we will be filling shoeboxes for children in the third world, any spare shoe boxes you have will be gratefully received.

Suggested items to include:

A colouring book and crayons, notebook/exercise book. Pens & pencils, chalk, skipping rope or ball, soap & facecloth, toothbrush & paste, comb, small first aid kit or plasters, new underwear, stocking fillers, puzzle or small toy (no batteries). You may like to send a card, please write in print and keep it simple so it can be understood.

Remember, to comply with customs regulations please do not pack, chocolate, sweets or any food items, (they melt and do not travel well in hot climates), war related toys, anything sharp or breakable and no liquid items.

If possible a donation of £1 or £2, taped underneath the lid of the box, would be most welcome to help towards the transport costs – it costs Real Aid around £4,000.00 to ship and distribute a 40ft container. Or if you prefer please make a donation.

Thankyou.

Barbara Berry.

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SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH WIVES & FRIENDS GROUP

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7.45 p.m. in the Potterill Hall. This months speakers are:

12 October “My Life in Prison” by Jean Clark.

26 October “Going Places” by Derek Myers.

A Harvest Prayer

**Thank you Lord for harvest
and all the good food around.
For all the sunshine and the rain.
with all of nature's sounds.
We thank you Lord.**

**The birds and animals he loves
as he feeds them every day.
He colours flowers, also the plants
that we see each day.
We thank you Lord.**

**Thank you for the farmers,
who work in fields, on farms.
Toiling hard each and every day,
God keep them free from harm.
We thank you Lord.**

**When all the harvest is gathered in
and all have done their share
it is then the time to celebrate
and let God show you care.
We thank you Lord.**

Doreen E Hampshire

FORTY YEARS AGO – THE NEWS-LETTER OCTOBER 1971

BBC Radio Humberside will be at Sutton St James at 9.30 a.m. live on Sunday, 3rd October. The congregation should be in their places by 9.00 a.m.

Sharing in the service from St James will be the Rev Michael Davern of St Charles (Roman Catholic) and Mr Michael Kirby from our chapel in Sutton will be reading the lesson,

The theme of the service will be the role of the Church in the life of Sutton. All Methodists will be welcome at the service.

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On two occasions (whose dates I have not found), BBC Radio Humberside came to Sutton Methodist Church. The first occasion, probably contemporary with this one, was broadcast live but the second was recorded for later transmission.

Geoff Beecroft

Just Simple things

I love simple things
which happiness brings.

Like a babies smile
which is so worthwhile.

A beautiful view
can have such hue.
A garden of flowers
after a sudden shower.

A butterflies wings,
such delicate things

A cosy fire
where I can retire.

Children around
with their happy sounds.
I'm happy each morn
when I wake and see the dawn
a loving family to share
my love and my prayers.

A world of peace
that would be nice

BUT

I love simple things
that happiness brings.

Doreen E Hampshire

OCTOBER AT BRANSHOLME

Sunday Services at Bransholme – 10.45am

2 nd October	Mr D Houlton
9 th October	Rev P Barnett
16 th October	Mr G Hall
23 rd October	Rev P Barnett (Communion)
30 th October	Ms L Wickins

BRANSHOLME WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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Bransholme Women's Fellowship meets every Tuesday at 1.45pm. Everyone is welcome.

Our Women's Fellowship re-opens on September 6th. The events this month are:

- 4 Oct – Beetle drive with Holderness Road Ladies**
- 11 Oct – Gerald Barley – Street Angels**
- 18 Oct – To be arranged**
- 25 Oct – Zem Rodaway**

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. I can be contacted on 01482 854947.

Tony Garrett: Bransholme Church

SIERRA LEONE PARTNER TOUR NOVEMBER 2011

Freetown in Sierra Leone is a twin city with Hull. On Friday 4th November at 7.30pm, there is an event at Beverley Minster related to issues in Sierra Leone. An audience with Eustace and Joe will be a chance to hear from Joe Ndanema from the Methodist Church in Sierra Leone and Eustace Mensah, a Christian Aid Programme Manager.

For more information and to register for the event contact

leeds@christian-aid.org

Tel 0113 2444764

HARVEST AT BRANSHOLME

The sale of harvest produce at Bransholme raised £61.88 which will go to our charity for this year – Sierra Leone water aid. We are supporting this worthy cause after Lansford told us about water problems in the country and following an appeal from Christian Aid for Churches to raise £250 each over the next 2 years for The Sierra Leone Water Aid fund.

Jean Lunn.

BRANSHOLME WEEKLY DIARY

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Monday:	7.00pm	Worship Group
Tuesday:	9.30am	Table Top Sale
	1.45pm	Women's Fellowship
Thursday:	9.00 – 11.00am	Parent and Toddler Group (closed during school holidays)
Friday:	10.00-11.00am	Prayer Meeting at Church Open to everyone
Sunday:	10.45am	Sunday Worship

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FLOWER ROTA SUTTON



2 Oct	J Dearing	9 Oct	C Dearing
16 Oct	C Davis	23 Oct	A Notman
30 Oct	R & R Kirby	6 Nov	J Wood

CAKE ROTA SUTTON



2 Oct	Ann, Brenda	9 Oct	Ruth, Angie
16 Oct	Helen, Fiona	23 Oct	Brenda
30 Oct	Ann, Edward	6 Nov	Joyce, Julie

COFFEE ROTA SUTTON



2 Oct	Siddles Family	9 Oct	Elaine P, Bill, Elaine
16 Oct	Ruth, Elaine C. Elaine P	23 Oct	Ann, Andrew, Andrea
30 Oct	Brenda, Phil, Lois	6 Nov	Siddles Family

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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