



SUTTON, BRANSHOLME AND
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FROM THE MANSE.

*“Lift up your heads, O gates...that the king of glory may come in” (Psalm 24 verse 7
NRSV)*

Dear Friends,

The instruction to “Lift up your heads” automatically gives the impression that the Psalmist is speaking to a people who are walking around with their chins on their chests; a people who are downtrodden, depressed and dismayed at what is happening in the world around them. Psalm 24 is written at a time when the people need some stirring news to encourage them in their journey of faith with God – and what a stirring event is now happening in their midst!

The setting for this Psalm is likely to be David’s bringing of the Ark of the Covenant (see 2 Samuel 6 and 1Chronicles 15 and 16) back to Jerusalem. The Ark of the Covenant was a gold plated chest which contained the stone tablets of the law, and signified the presence of God among his people.

Today, I believe one of the things God is saying to his people is “Lift up your heads” and take a good look around you. Look around at the circumstances and the needs of the people among whom you live, and I suspect like David we will see many people who are walking through life with their chins on their chest; people burdened by unemployment, family breakdown, homelessness, abuse and a whole catalogue of other difficulties.

So at the same time as we “lift up our heads” and see the needs around us, God also says “lift up your heads” and see what I am doing across the circuits of Withernsea and East Hull. “Lift up your heads” beyond the boundary of denominations and see what God is doing in the churches of our neighbourhoods and be encouraged because God’s presence is still to be found among His people. The King of Glory still wants to enter the lives of many people and by His Spirit he is touching and speaking into people’s circumstances even as I type.

Someone once said that as Christians we have a tendency to pray, “Lord bless what we are doing.” The truth is that God is already at work in the church and the world around us and what we ought to pray is “Lord, help us to do what you are blessing!” If we are not careful, we in the churches can get bogged down into a “woe is me” mindset as we become aware not only of the needs of others, but of the needs within

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our congregations. At those times, we need to “Lift up our heads” and call upon the living God to fill us anew with his Spirit of hope.

You know two very small words can make a big difference on the way we view things and those two words are ... “but God.” In Ephesians 2 Saint Paul tells us,

- We were dead in sin BUT GOD made us alive in Christ
- We were captive to Satan BUT GOD set us free through Christ
- We were children of wrath BUT GOD will spend eternity showing us the immeasurable riches of his kindness in Christ.

This is the God we call upon and who we trust. This is the stirring news we have to share with the communities around us. These are the words of grace that our friends, neighbours and loved ones need to hear, that they too might lift up their heads, hearts and voices as they invite the King of Glory into their lives.

May the power of the Holy Spirit move within each one of us

Rev. Peter Barnett

NAME THAT CIRCUIT

As you know, the Withernsea and Hull East Circuits are in the process of combining and the new united circuit needs a new name. Just to make things simple, the new name should not include either “Withernsea” or “Hull!” If you have any inspired ideas about what this name should be, please let either myself or Margaret Grant know.

Rev. Peter

NOTICE BOARDS

One or two of our notice boards seem a little cluttered, with some notices overlapping others which make it hard to read about everything that is going on. If notices are out of date, let us remove them from the boards. If the notice board is full of current notices and we have something new to bring to people’s attention, perhaps we could blue tack the new notice as close to the board as possible.

Rev. Peter

MONTHLY BAPTISM SERVICES

Please note that from January 2012, our monthly baptismal services will commence at 12.30pm. Hopefully this will encourage more church members to join the small and dedicated team who regularly organise and attend these events. As a church we

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do make important promises in this service, so it would be good if more church members were present at what is an important part of the mission of this church. As discussed at our recent church council meeting, we will also be using an amended liturgy from January, which reflects more accurately the place where many of the parents and godparents are at in terms of their knowledge of the Christian faith. For further details or a copy of the new liturgy, please see me.

Rev. Peter

ADVANCE NOTICE – MINCE PIES AT THE MANSE

We are holding an open house on Tuesday December 13th from 10.30am onwards. Please feel free to drop in and join us for refreshments throughout the day. Hopefully this will be an opportunity for us to get to know more people in a more informal setting.

Rev. Peter & Alison

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Thursday 3 rd	Craft Club	4pm	Church Hall
Friday 4 th	House Group	1.30pm	18 Ramsgate cl.
Saturday 12 th	Safeguarding	10am – 1pm	Portobello
Wednesday 16 th	House Group	7.30pm	Woodleigh Dr.
Thursday 17 th	Messy Church	4pm	Church Hall
Wednesday 23 rd	LCT	11.45am	St. James
Sundays	Service	Time	Preacher
November 6 th	Holy Communion	10.45am	Rev P. Barnett
		6.30pm	Rev J. Staton
November 13 th	Remembrance	10.00am	@St. James
	Memorial	3.00pm	Rev. P. Barnett
November 20 th	Shoebox	10.45am	Deacon G. Agar
		6.30pm	Deacon P. Ogle
November 27 th		10.45	Rev P. Barnett
	Circuit	6.30pm	@ Hedon

SHOE BOX APPEAL

We are now collecting items to fill shoe boxes and donations of money to help with the transport cost.

Suggested items to include:

A colouring book and crayons, notebook/exercise book. pens & pencils, chalk, small notebook, skipping rope or ball, soap & facecloth, toothbrush & paste, brush or comb, small first aid kit or plasters, new underwear, jewellery, puzzle or small toy (no batteries), small jigsaws, hats and gloves and stocking fillers. 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.

Real Aid request that we donate between £1 or £2, per box which would be most welcome to help towards the transport costs. Or if you prefer please make a donation.

We hope to fill the boxes on Wed 9 or Wed 16 November. Anyone willing to help please see Barbara.

**Thank you.
Barbara Berry.**

SUTTON WIVES & FRIENDS

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7.45pm in the Groves room Church Hall.

Speakers for November are:

9 Nov Jim Morrell “Old Age”

23 Nov Linda Mills “Gift Wrap Service”

And in December on the 14th there will be carols and mince pies.

SUTTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre will be held in the church hall on Saturday 3rd December from 10.00 to 2.00 pm.

Lunches will be served from 12.00 pm and refreshments and mince pies available during the event.

If you can help in any way – with donations for stalls, help setting up and help on the stalls, all these things would be appreciated.

Please see Barbara B.

FROM ST. OSWALDS RETREAT.

“I'm going on a retreat”! Say I.

"A retreat says my colleague, retreating from what”?

"All the cares of my life and worries of the world, says I.

"And what do you do”?

"We eat and sleep and read and walk in the gardens, oh and pray a lot”

"Well you can do all that at home at the weekend.”

Pause.....

"I suppose it's the utter silence, you have time to stop and listen, not just to the birds and the steam train from Whitby, the wind in the trees and the crunch of falling leaves. The meditation and words from the Sisters, and time and space to listen to the Holy Spirit.

“Oh creepy, I'm off to Blackpool for the weekend”.

Pat Dyson

THANKYOU

To everyone from church who came up to the chapel on Saturday 1 October to share in our marriage ceremony.

....for the numerous wedding cards and best wishes received

Our wedding day was made more special by having our friends from Sutton share in the occasion.

Thank you from Elaine and Steve.

Thank you to everyone who has been so kind and supportive following my bouts of illness and hospitalisation in recent months. It's good to know people care.

Linda Whitton

Thank You, again to all the knitters who give me baby things for the special care baby unit. The Unit staff are very grateful for all the work done for them. I have to pass on my thanks through the Church Newsletter as I never meet many of this merry band of lovely people!

If anyone would like to help care for sick babies this way, please let me know and I will give you details and patterns.

If any of the knitters or anyone else, feels able to knit small toys for the staff to add to a small parcel for each baby in the unit at Christmas, I will be pleased to accept these and take them with the other knitted things. Any questions? contact me in church or on 783517.

Linda Whitton

What is Halloween?

Most church people disapprove
and so do not celebrate.
One of our oldest holidays,
In fact most people hate
HALLOWEEN

It is many thousands years old
and was first the Celtic New Year.
But then along came the Romans
who said have no fear
HALLOWEEN

Pomona was a Roman goddess
of fruit and gardens
.So we can thank the Romans
for "dooking for apples"
HALLOWEEN

Years ago the church celebrated
"all Souls day" to honour the dead.

people marched through villages
as ghosts, devils, angels,
filling people with dread.
HALLOWEEN

The church created Halloween
but now they say it is the devil
Most children still like to dress up
yet the church believe it is evil
HALLOWEEN

So now we have gone full circle
and gone back to Celtic ways
worshipping nature and seasons
On this October day
HALLOWEEN

Doreen Hampshire

TREATS FOR FEET & BODY

Treats for feet has grown! It is now body treats and has soothing, restful massage treatments for head, face neck, shoulders, arms, hands, and back neck to waist. Cost from £5.

Contact me in Church or on 783517

Linda Whitton

Following the success of 'Sutton's Got Talent' in October 2010, I am pleased to announce another variety show this year...

'SUTTON'S GOT MORE TALENT'

on: Saturday, 26th November 2011

at: 3pm to 5pm approx.

in: Sutton Methodist Church Hall

Refreshments will be available

Free entry, but donation dishes will be available.

We may have to pay *you* to stay!

Lots of variety; old standard songs, pop songs, gospel songs, classical music, poetry recitals, numerous funny sketches involving adults & children alike, then the finale, as last year, a popular musical theatre song. Compare Keith T. will be back to compare this years show. If you enjoyed last year's show, tell your family & friends to come too.

You won't be disappointed.

From: Ian Hodgson - Jack of all trades!

FORTY YEARS AGO – THE NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 1971

Methodism in Hull makes interesting reading again this month* – but what about Methodism at Sutton – Bransholme – and Wawne today. What young married couples could do then, can be done again. Don't turn from the Church to express your concern for your fellows but through the Church, channel your concerns to where they are needed most. If you are reading this Newsletter for the first time, here is a challenge to you to come in and join us – you will be welcome. If you have already joined us – come in further and share to the full the life, work and witness of the Church.

Mrs Coster and Rachel join me this month in saying thank you for the kindnesses shown to us on the arrival of Leah Ann.

David W, Coster

**This is a reference to the history of Methodism in Hull which was appearing monthly in the Newsletter and which this month referred to Joseph Rank, T.R. Ferens and Alfred Gelder.*

NOVEMBER AT BRANSHOLME

BRANSHOLME WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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:

1 November	Dominoes – men welcome
8 November	Rev Peter Barnett
15 November	Gerald Barley (Lithuania)
22 November	Audrey Hall
29 November	Joint meeting at Holderness Road
6 December	Members' Christmas afternoon

The fellowship will then be closed until January. Check future newsletters for the date of the first meeting for 2012.

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT BRANSHOLME – 10.45am

6 November	Rev L Penn-Timity
13 November	Mr J Morrell
20 November	Rev P Barnett (Communion)
27 November	Local Arrangement – details to be confirmed

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

FLOWER ROTA SUTTON



6 Nov	J Wood	13 Nov	M Brooks
20 Nov	J Wood	27 Nov	Advent
4 Dec	J Wiles		

CAKE ROTA SUTTON



6 Nov	Joyce, Julie	13 Nov	Ruth, Angie
20 Nov	Helen, Fiona	27 Nov	Brenda
4 Dec	Ann, Edward		

COFFEE ROTA SUTTON



6 Nov	Siddles Family	13 Nov	Ann, Bill, Elaine P
20 Nov	Lois, Ruth, Elaine C.	27 Nov	Phil, Andrea, Brenda
4 Dec	Siddles		

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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