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SUTTON, BRANSHOLME AND KINGSWOOD METHODIST CHURCHES NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2014



FROM THE MANSE.

Philippians 4 verses 10 – 13

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (Verse 13)

Dear friends,

Every January people start the New Year with the best of intentions as they make their resolutions and genuinely intend to change their lives for the better in some way. If you haven't done this yourself, then I'm sure you know someone who has. Usually it is to stop smoking, to spend less, to drink less alcohol, or perhaps most common of all to lose weight and exercise more. For Christians, New Year's resolutions may include intending to read the Bible every day, to pray more regularly and to attend worship more often.

All of these things are laudable goals and yet I wonder how many resolutions remain intact by every February 1st? For Christian and non-Christian alike, resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation to stop or start that activity. For example, why do you want to read the Bible each day? Is it to grow spiritually and draw nearer to God or is it just that you heard someone say it was a good idea? Is the motivation of diet and exercise simply our own vanity or is it that we might honour God with our bodies?

In our passage (above) St. Paul says he can do all things through him who strengthens me. In the preceding verses Paul has spoken about being content whether he has much or little, whether he is well fed or hungry. These words remind us of our own Covenant service which many of us will have shared in by the time you read this article. For Methodists, the Covenant service is akin to our New Year's resolution as we once again promise to live our lives not for ourselves but for God. The Covenant reminds us that the God of the promise is our inspiration and motivation and that all we resolve to do springs from our relationship with him.

So often it seems that St. Paul had little or no concern for his own welfare. His motivation in spreading the Gospel was his own encounter with the risen Christ on the Damascus Road. From that point onwards, he resolved to spend his life in Christ's service, whatever that meant and wherever it led him.

Whether we have made New Year's resolutions or entered once again our Covenant with God (or maybe done both) we can be sure that our promises can only be upheld if our lives remain God centred.

With every blessing for 2014

Peter

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FUTURE EVENTS

PANTOMIME

The 2014 Pantomime is Treasure Island and will be performed on Saturday 8 February at 2pm and 7pm tickets are priced at £4 and can be purchased on the door.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY/FAITH LUNCH

We will be having a Faith Lunch on Sunday 16 February for the Church Anniversary when Rev Keith Borwick will be preaching..

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

The Christmas collections for Action for Children raised:

Carol Service £114.65
Christingle Service £50.00
Christmas Card £106.75

giving the wonderful overall total of £271.40

Huge thanks to everyone for their generosity

Mgt

RAFFLE & TOMBOLA PRIZES

Please could you save any unwanted Christmas gifts for raffle/tombola prizes for events during 2014. We are also planning another big jumble sale some time in March and would be grateful if you could search your cupboards for any clothes, bric-a-brac, small items of furniture or anything else that you think might sell at this event. If transport is a problem please contact Robin Siddle on 712814 and he will arrange collection. Many thanks for your support.

Thank you

Helen

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.

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PLACES OF WORSHIP IN THE CITY OF HULL 1750-1990

A new publication written by J.C. Watson and B. Noble. Price £15.00 Details available from E Robinson Tel: 701090.

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK

The Methodist Prayer handbook is now ready and available from Pat Dyson, priced £3.50 each

EXPLORING CRAFTS

EXPLORING CRAFT - February meetings are:

Ings Library Friday 14th from 10am to 12 noon

Central Library Wednesday 25th from 10 am to 12.30pm

Also at Bransholme Methodist Church during the Tuesday

Coffee Mornings/Table Top Sale - 9.30 am to 11.30 am.

Bring a project, learn a new one or just come and spend time with other crafters!

Donations of haberdashery items, beads, buttons, elastic, threads knitting wool etc,

and your old greetings cards, always gratefully received for use by the group, with many things made for charity fundraising, and knitting for the Special Care Baby Unit.

More details from Linda Whitton 783517

Once Again I have had lovely "Thank You" note from the Baby Unit for the knitted items taken in before Christmas, they filled 2 large bin bag! Please keep on knitting and passing the little garments, blankets and toys etc., on for me to deliver.

Linda Whitton

A new Musical- OMEGA &ALPHA - The end and the beginning, all proceeds will be for Dove House Hospice.

A new telling of the Easter story, Composed by Martin Emslie, with local singers and accompanied by the City of Hull Youth Symphony Orchestra.

At HULLCITY HALL on SATURDAY 1st MARCH at 7,30pm.

Tickets £5 - £12 from the Hull Box Office 10482 300300

(Jesus says ...Where will the future take us.. - .. Can I see it through?

The people ask...was this the finish, or was it the end of a life;

the end, or the start of something greater? How will we know when to believe?)

THE CHURCH LIBRARY is open in the Primary Room after Sunday morning services. Also books at 50p each, and a variety of greetings cards from 50p, are on sale for Church funds.

PRAYER BOARD

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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, February 1974

Part of the minister's letter: (Rev Arnold Johnson)

I comment on the national "crisis" situation (*which was a three-day working week to conserve electricity through industrial action by coal-miners*).

I think that, in the first place, the whole thing, though serious, is over-exaggerated. Certainly it is in terms of our own inconvenience in comparison with other people and countries. Colin Morris made this point forcibly in the Methodist Recorder recently: "Curse not our present predicament. Only reflect, the vast majority of the world's population would dearly love to be in it. They are not searching around for the odd gallon of petrol to run their car but for the odd crust of bread to feed their children. The only inflation they know is the swollen belly of the under-nourished." That certainly puts our complaint into perspective.

February at Bransholme

Bransholme Women's Fellowship

Bransholme Women's Fellowship remains closed until further notice. Please contact Jean Lunn for further details.

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

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 – weather permitting. Anyone is welcome to attend either of these groups. Please contact Jean Lunn on 836725 for further information.

Bransholme Preachers for February

2 Feb – Rev L Penn-Timity
9 Feb – Local Arrangement
16 Feb Mr G Hall
23 Feb – Rev L Penn-Timity

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Bransholme Weekly Diary

Monday:	4.00pm	Worship Group
Tuesday:	9.30am	Table Top Sale
	1.45pm	Women's Fellowship (monthly)
	Closed from 4th December till further notice	
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

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

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Flower Rota



2 Feb P Baslington
16 Feb B Lazenby
2 Mar J Lloyd

9 Feb V Hughes
23 Feb J Woods

Cake Rota



2 Feb Helen, Fiona
16 Feb Ann, Brenda
2 Mar Helen, Fiona

9 Feb Joyce, Julie
23 Feb Ruth, Angie

Coffee Rota



2 Feb Siddles
16 Feb Alison, Phil Andrea

9 Feb Margaret, Ann, Ruth
23 Feb Andrew, Elaine C, 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.

Newsletter printing & postage. To reduce these costs, we are now sending the newsletter to as many people as possible via email. If you would like to receive the newsletter "hot off the press" please supply your email address to the Editor at the email address below.

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