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FROM THE MANSE.

Read 1 Peter 2 verses 23 – 25. *“He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross...”*
(Verse 24)

Dear friends,

This week I went with my daughter to see the new X-Men film, “Days of future past.” The central theme of the story is whether or not it is possible to change something that happened in the past so that the future will not end in a catastrophic war.

In real life, we do not get to change the past no matter how much we might want to. No matter how much we might want to take back something we said in the heat of the moment, no matter how deeply we may regret something we did or didn’t do, we do not get the chance to go back and put things right. We may have hurt others and we ourselves may have been hurt by past events but does that mean we must always carry the pain of those events throughout our lives?

Not according to Saint Peter and the words he offers us in the short passage I have suggested at the top of the page. First of all we are reminded that when Jesus hung on the cross he bore our sins. Therefore we can be forgiven for those things we said and did in the past that brought sorrow and pain to others by confessing those things before him.

Secondly we are reminded that because of Jesus’ self- sacrifice, we are able to live lives free from sin – and from the guilt of sin. Once we have confessed our wrongs to God, we are forgiven – even if others will not accept our apologies. What we have done in the past need not have a negative effect upon our future.

By the same token, we are told that we no longer have to carry the scars of the harmful things people have done to us as Saint Peter asserts, “by his wounds you have been healed.” We do not need the ability to travel back in time in order to ensure that we

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can have a peaceful future in God. Because of the historic, once and for all sacrifice of Jesus on the cross we can know that our past is forgiven, our wounds are healed and our future assured in him.

May you know God's forgiveness, love and peace.

Every blessing

Peter

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

An amendment is to be made in the Finance section of the Annual Report which should have read "We need about £50,000 to pay our way and our income is about £48,000. Just under £32,000 of the £50,000 goes to the circuit to pay our church Ministers etc." We also give £2,000 a year to various causes. The remaining £16,000 or so pays for all our gas and electricity, water and insurance. Cleaning costs a further £2,000.

THANKYOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the Spring Fair, especially Robin and Helen for organising it, the Spring Fair year raised £420 to go towards church funds.

VOICES OF AFRICA MUSICAL CONCERT

28 June 2014 at Sutton Methodist Church Hall, tickets are £5 available from Bransholme, Bilton Grange or contact Lansford and Grace. The funds will go towards Bransholme and Bilton Grange community projects and Send a Child to School.

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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CHURCH LIBRARY

The library is open every Sunday morning in the back room during coffee after Sunday morning service.

Books may be borrowed, just put your name and book title in the note book.

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, June 1974

RECEIVED into MEMBERSHIP The new members mentioned in the minister's letter are :

Lynne Morgan Colin Attenborough

Pat Knowles Andrew Beecroft

Ann Jarvis Colin Stathers

Alison Jarvis David Turner

Elaine Stathers

Michael Winfield

FAMILY FUN DAY

11 am till 3 pm Saturday 15th 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

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June at Bransholme

Bransholme Women's Fellowship

Bransholme Women's Fellowship has been closed for a while now. It will begin again at some point in June 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.

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

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Lansford Penn-Timothy

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. 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 June

June 1 st	Mrs M Grant
June 8 th	Mr G Hall
June 15 th	Mrs B Gallant
June 22 nd	Rev L Penn-Timothy
June 29 th	Mr J Morrell

Reflections of our Family and Children's Worker

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Can you believe it we have now been working together for 6 years! As the summer approaches I'm left reflecting on yet another successful year in my working life at Bransholme Methodist Church. This is not me blowing my own trumpet but is born out of God moving and touching the lives of people with whom we work. People week by week are seeing the love of God being shown through the fellowship found in Monday and Thursday Toddler groups and Messy church. Many people find that coming to these groups is their version of church as they do not feel quite ready to come through the door on a Sunday yet they feel comfortable enough to come and share discuss their lives help each other out with problems and support each other in the ups and downs of life.

Many of the people who I come into contact with have started asking pertinent questions at messy church, talking to their children about the stories when they go home. Asking questions about the Lenten cross about the true meaning of Easter and Christmas and asking for prayer. God is at work! Whilst we do not see these families every Sunday is this what church is about? Bums on seats as they say? Or is church about meeting our community where they, supporting them how we can and showing them the love of God each time we see them.

Breakfast church has started to link the gap between the church and my parents whilst we have only done one this was a success and both you the church and the parents said you felt it was a success and would like it to continue. More are planned I will let you know!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers it is very much appreciated.

Julia Sheard

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.

The next edition of the newsletter will be a joint July and August 2014. If you have any items for the newsletter the deadline will be Monday 23 June 2014.

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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Flower Rota



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1 June	Wives & Friends
8 June	F Conman
15 June	D Forth
22 June	A Daniels
29 June	D Hampshire
6 July	W Winfield

Cake Rota



1 June	Helen & Fiona
8 June	Joyce & Julie
15 June	Ann & Brenda
22 June	Ruth & Angie
29 June	Helen & Fiona
6 July	Joyce & Julie

Coffee Rota



1 June	Siddles Family
8 June	Ann, Elaine C, Phil
15 June	Elaine P, Alison, Margaret
22 June	Ruth, Andrew, Andrea
29 June	Ann, Ruth, Elaine C

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6 July Siddles family