



SUTTON, BRANSHOLME AND KINGSWOOD METHODIST CHURCHES

NEWSLETTER MAY AND JUNE 2017

Later on, Jesus showed himself again to his disciples on the shore of Lake Tiberias, and he did it in this way.’ (John 21: 1, JB Phillips; New Testament in Modern English)

Dear Friends,

We know from the gospel accounts that after his resurrection Jesus showed himself to his disciples on a number of occasions and in different ways. On the road to Emmaus he appeared to the two as they walked along discussing the things that had recently happened. Twice he came and stood among the disciples as they gathered behind locked doors. And in the passage mentioned above we’re told he appeared to the seven on the shore of Lake Tiberias as they were fishing.

Sally Foster-Fulton in her book ‘Step Gently in the World’ suggests that there may be more to these appearances than just being an ancient account often used as proof of the physical resurrection. She says that if the disciples were really to be the ones who would follow in his footsteps; if they were really going to have the courage and patience and wisdom to forge new roads for him is there something more deeply symbolic, something foundational, that they needed to understand at the core of their beings and, is there something we as his disciples today need to understand at the core of our beings, all these generations later?

‘He showed himself again to his disciples; and he showed himself in this way’...

Time and time again Jesus shows himself in a myriad of faces and voices - sometimes bursting into our lives or more often slipping in so quietly that we don't even notice him, until he taps us on the shoulder, smiling gently. Sally Foster-Fulton asks: Is his plan - to inject himself into everyone and everything; to keep showing himself to those who want to follow?

When I gave my testimony a few weeks ago I mentioned that there have been times in my life when I just knew Jesus Christ was standing right in front of me...

The question is: Do we recognise Christ when he comes?

Do we recognise him when he stands in front of us during those times of deep emotion in our own lives? When he comes embodied in those who have hurt us, and ask us to be forgiving? Do we recognise him standing in the shoes of our enemies saying, 'I am your brother or I am your sister?' Or when he stands in front of us with an empty swollen stomach and empty hope?

Over the past few months I've seen Christ in the failed Asylum Seeker and the addict crying out for help realising that those suffering brothers and sisters are Jesus.

'Later on, Jesus showed himself again to his disciples on the shore of Lake Tiberias, and he did in this way.'

Is there more to this than just an ancient account often used as proof of the physical resurrection? I think so and pray that we too will know Christ when he shows himself and have the courage as his disciples today to follow in his footsteps of loving service.

May the love of Christ shine in our hearts and keep us in His way.

Every Blessing

Deacon Sue

PRAYERS

BAPTISM

Please pray for the family of:

Iayla Rose and Dexter Richard, children of Cory Moulson and Fallen Henderson as they prepare for their baptism on 4th June, and for Deacon Peter Ogle who will conduct the service.

MARRIAGE

Please pray for Lindsay Pearce and Andrew Roberts who are to be MARRIED on 20th May at 3.30pm and for Rev Peter Barnett who will be taking the service.

PASTORAL CONCERNS

**Please continue to pray for Deacon Judith Ireland still in the hospital;
For those who are unable to come to worship due to ill health or mobility;
For those now living in residential homes remembering Vera Hutchins and Ian Hodgson.
For the Circuit - staff, stewards and churches as they seek God's wisdom in a difficult situation.**

SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Please remember in your prayers the following scouting activities taking place in MAY AND JUNE:

MAY 12-14 Sixer and Seconder Weekend at Melton (cubs)

19-20 Young Leader Training (Explorers)

20 Day Trip (Beavers)

JUNE 17 or 24 Raft Race at East Park (Scouts and Explorers)

30 County Beaver Sleepover at Driffield Showground

Circuit Away Day 18th March at Hedon

A number of us attended the recent away day to start discussions on the future of the South Holderness Circuit. I was particularly interested in the financial state of the circuit and this article covers some of the ground on this important subject. I know some people find discussion of church finances either boring or completely undecipherable but please bear with me and try to read this, if not corner me at coffee after worship. For those of you who don't know who I am I am a big tall guy with a beard who is not Mike Winfield!!

The circuit has a major crisis, it is currently spending £40,000p.a. more than it is receiving in income.

The main source of circuit income is assessments.

The main items of circuit expenditure is on ministerial stipends, national insurance, pensions, manses (repairs, insurance and council tax), travelling costs, District and Connexional levies.

There are 3 ways we can remedy this situation, we can either cut costs (i.e. the number of ministers we employ) or we can raise funds or we can try to implement a strategy of cutting cost and raising income.

Cutting costs

I spent my working life as an accountant in the motor trade and I was always challenging my managerial colleagues to keep their cost under control. If someone left they always had to justify a replacement by proving that the work that the person leaving was doing could not be done by someone else, was it really necessary, or could we find a better way to do this. In the circuit we can cut our cost by reducing the circuit staff but if we do who is going to do the work?

I have considerable experience of manse life and I know how hard these guys work. As a teenager, I spent many happy times living with my sister Pat and her husband Rev Arnold Johnson. I saw at first hand the hours

Arnold put in to a vocation he loved despite the inevitable difficulties he encountered on the way. Later in life as my wife candidated for the Diaconal ministry I saw the hours of study she had to undertake then as she moved into circuit in Barnsley and latterly Edinburgh her working life started to invade more and more into our personal time.

So, what do ordained ministers do?

They preach and lead worship, this is done after hours of preparation.

Presbyters preside over Holy Communion.

All ministers are tasked to enable, encourage and empower their congregations.

They lead meetings

They have legal responsibilities for ensuring that we are observing legislation on things like safeguarding, health and safety etc.

Pastoral Care

Evangelism

Rites of passage i.e. Baptisms, weddings and funerals.

They have district and connexional responsibilities that need to be undertaken

They may have ecumenical responsibilities.

They are recognised by the church to have a representative role in the wider community.

I know Arnold and Sue spent a great deal of time in trying to resolve conflict.

Chaplaincy etc.

I am sure there are lots of things I have missed out.

So please think if we do reduce these costs how are we going to do the job of ministry ourselves? You may feel that some of the jobs listed are unnecessary..... fine, but I fear that church membership will continue to decline then instead of currently having 4 ministers we drop to 3, then 2, then 1, then????

One other aspect of cost cutting we could consider is by amalgamating churches, or as a first step having joint church councils. This may be necessary as we are finding it more and more difficult in the wider church to get people to become church stewards, property stewards, treasurers etc.

What about raising income?

Well £40,000 is an awful lot of money to raise, isn't it? Or is it?

We currently have a circuit membership of 510, so the deficit per member is actually £78.43 p.a. or £1.51 per week.

Are you a tax payer? Do you gift aid? This enables the church to increase the value of your giving by 25% at no expense to us. If you want to know more about gift aiding please speak to Andrew Bettley.

Now I am hoping that some of you having got this far without falling asleep may think, well I could afford to give more to the church to help close this gap? I do appreciate some people give as much as they can afford, but please think what is the church worth to you?

Phil Langdale

Robin Hood – The Pantomime

The Sutton Methodist annual pantomime was performed just a few days before the last newsletter went to press. In the weeks leading up to the performance tension rose as actors struggled to memorize their lines and rehearsals were blighted by people trying to cope with winter illnesses. Would it all come together in time? Of course it would! Robin (Siddle, not Hood) and Helen worked their socks off producing scenery, costumes, props and lighting, whilst liaising with those who were going to manage the sound and lighting, music, refreshments, raffle and front of house arrangements. Lesley Brown and Sally Barnaby stepped in at the eleventh hour to fill two gaps in the cast and the old stalwarts, who were thinking maybe they wouldn't be up for this again next year, enjoyed themselves so much that by the Saturday evening they were asking, "Which panto shall we be doing next year?"

The pantomime raised £835.59 for church funds. In addition, the raffle raised money for the 'Send a child to School' charity which is supported by the Circuit.

The Jumble Sale – more excellent fund raising!

A jumble sale was held on Saturday 1 April. On the face of it this was a simple event to stage, but again Robin and Helen put a lot of ‘behind the scenes’ work into this, appealing for unwanted items, collecting goods, advertising, preparing the Church Hall, dealing with the left over goods when the event was over. A big ‘thank you’ to Robin and Helen.

The jumble sale raised £370 for church funds.

A little bit of maths reveals that the Pantomime and the Jumble Sale together raised over £1200! BRILLIANT!

LOVELY TO SEE A FULL CHURCH!

When was that? Recently the church has been almost full on two occasions. The first occasion was Thursday 6 April. By 10 o’clock in the morning Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from Cavendish Primary School had assembled in our church. The children were accompanied by about twenty members of staff and there were also eight church members present. Using a CD for their accompaniment, the pupils sang two Easter songs. Four church members performed a short Palm Sunday sketch and Margaret Grant told the Palm Sunday story from the perspective of the donkey. Then Peter Barnett gave the children an opportunity to ask questions. The children asked all sorts of questions about the church with regard to the building, the organ, and the life and ministry of the church family. Lots of good thinking going on! The children were given a palm cross each to take home. We aim to maintain the contact we have with the school through similar events at special times of the year.

The church was also very full on Palm Sunday morning. This was Rev Peter Barnett’s last morning service at Sutton before the beginning of his three-month sabbatical and then moving to pastures new in the summer. The service was a Parade Service and was well attended by members of the uniformed groups. In addition to the regular congregation members we

were also pleased to welcome two baptismal families. The downstairs pews were full and many of the upstairs seats were occupied too.

Easter Crafts Afternoon – Messy Church

From 2 o'clock to nearly 6 o'clock on Thursday 13 April the Church Hall was very busy when over thirty children and around twenty parents/grandparents/carers attended this special event. Angie and Julie had organized many activities. The afternoon started with craft activities related to the Easter story. Then, during a break, preparations were made for an Easter Egg Hunt, which of course was very popular. The children did not have to go off site for this as the eggs had been hidden round the back of the Church and the Church Hall. Next the children were presented with secular Easter craft activities featuring the usual chicks, rabbits etc. The next break gave the children an opportunity to decorate a bun. Then Keith Thomas led Easter reflections in the Church for all the children and adults. After almost three hours of busyness the children were ravenous for one of the typical Messy Church meals. At the end of all the clearing up the church member helpers were fit to drop, but a good time had been had by all! We say a big 'thank you' to Angie and Julie for all their planning and preparation, which included the sending out of invitations before the event.

Easter Day Services

For those of you who were away over Easter it is good to report that we had two lovely services on Easter Day. The morning service was led by our friend Joan Richardson. She delivered a very positive Easter message and she chose hymns that were sung enthusiastically by the congregation. The singing was led by ten members of the singing group who also sang an introit at the beginning of the service and an Easter song during the decorating of the cross. Although the church was far from full on this occasion there were some visitors amongst the regular congregation members.

The evening service on Easter Day was a Circuit Service to say farewell to Rev Peter Barnett. This was also a Communion Service. Peter preached the sermon and other staff members and circuit stewards helped to lead the

worship. At the end of the service there was an opportunity for anyone to thank Peter for what he has done for the Circuit, his own churches and individuals during his six years with us. We prayed for Peter's imminent sabbatical and his future ministry.

Churches Together – Holderness Road Group

The Churches Together Group for Sutton and Bransholme has not yet been reformed, so we have supported some of the activities at the Holderness Road Group.

The Walk of Witness on Good Friday was a success, led by Rev Aion McPherson with the Cross. Music was played on a drum. The Bishop of Hull, Rev Alison White, also attended. The Walk concluded with refreshments at St Columba's Church.

FUTURE EVENTS PLANNED INCLUDE:

'A Year of Prayer' Prayer Walk around the old town- city centre on the first Monday of every month in 2017

Starting at Trinity Square at 12noon and finishing around 2pm. Everyone is invited to join together to pray for our city and its people.

Just turn up or contact Deacon Jill Taylor Tel 442461
deacon@taylor63.karoo.co.uk for further information.

Saturday 13 May – Holy Trinity to be rededicated as Hull Minster. Archbishop of York will journey down the River Humber on board an historic rowing boat.

Sunday 4 June – Musical Evening (4pm) at St Columba's

**Saturday 17 June – Feeding of the Five Thousand at Pickering Park (?)
11am – 3pm**

Friday 14, Saturday 15 July – Knitted Bible at Holderness Road Methodist Church

19 July – Songs of Praise at St Margaret's Church, Longhill

**Saturday 23 September – Flower and Craft Festival at St Columba’s
Church**

Watch Out for more details from Pat Dyson

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14 – 20 May 2017

Ruth Harker is seeking volunteers to deliver and collect Christian Aid envelopes during Christian Aid week. Sutton Methodist Church has supported Christian Aid in this way for many years and Ruth needs your help to continue this work.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE DAY

This will be held at The Hornbeams, Church Street, on Wednesday 17 May from 10am – 4pm. There will be the usual Cake Stall and Bring and Buy/Bric a brac Stall as well as refreshments. This event usually raises a grand sum of money in addition to the money raised from the envelopes collection.

ALSO

??? September Heritage Weekend Sutton Methodist Open to Public

30th September Harvest Supper/Barn Dance

1st October Harvest Festival

17th November Christmas Fayre

WIVES AND FRIENDS

This group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month, at 7.45pm in the Potterill Hall. There is a programme of invited speakers, entertainment and members’ activity evenings.

Any ladies who would like to come and meet this group will be made very welcome, and welcome to join the group.

Wives and Friends Programme for May and June 2017

Wednesday 10 May Members Night 'Old Photographs'

Wednesday 17 May Christian Aid Coffee Day at The Hornbeams

Wednesday 24 May John and Laurie Munson

Wednesday 31 May T.B.A.

Wednesday 14 June Meryn Nethercoat Yorkshire Wildlife

Wednesday 28 June The Work of International House

Wednesday 12 July Meal/Outing

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

Meetings are held every Thursday from 2pm mainly in the Potterill Hall, with group activities and occasional outings. New members are always welcome, men and women. Anyone is welcome to come to a meeting and see if this is a group they might like to join.

PASTORAL VISITING

If anyone who does not have a Pastoral visitor and would like one, please contact Pat Dyson or Margaret Bettley.

HULL METHODIST WOMEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

The Methodist Women's Luncheon Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Kingston Theatre Hotel, Kingston Square, Hull. We enjoy fellowship, a good meal and have a varied programme of speakers or musical entertainment.

If you require any further details, please contact Margaret Bettley Tel. 799512 (Circuit Rep)

MESSY CHURCH

More helpers are needed at our very popular Messy Church and Children's Craft activities run during school term times, on two Thursday afternoons per month, 4pm to 6pm. Anyone able to come and have some fun whilst helping at these events would be very welcome. No experience needed, just a willingness to help children and their families enjoy these fun sessions. Having more helpers would also mean more children could be welcomed into the sessions.

Any questions or queries please contact Angie on 01482 706525

Good Morning

I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help.

If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, DO NOT attempt to resolve it yourself. Kindly put it in the SFJTD (something for Jesus to do) box. It will be addressed in MY time, not yours.

Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it or attempt to remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem.

If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution.

Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child. If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.

EASTER PRAISE at Hull City Hall.

This event was back after several years break and was a brilliant event, with many singers from a number of churches in and around Hull. Sutton Methodist Church was represented by myself, Michael and Susan Sheard, with an audience, I was told, of around 600 people. A screen was set up for

the audience to stand and sing along, and the huge space was filled with a big, happy sound.

The sound checks and warm up took quite a while, and there was only half an hour for eating our packed teas, and have a prayer session before being back on stage by 6pm to be ready for the 6.30 start.

We sang beautiful hymns old and new, were entertained by a drama group and heard from a number of people of their own experiences and work in their churches. All inspiring, uplifting, happy and memorable. The hope is to hold it in future years, and that it will get bigger and better.

Linda

EXPLORING CRAFT

EXPLORING CRAFT groups will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at Ings Library, 10am to 12 noon

and at Central Library on the second Thursday of each month 10 am to 12 noon.

Also at Bransholme Methodist Church every Tuesday in the Coffee Morning/Table Top sale, 9.30to 11.30am.

People are welcome to come with a craft they do or want to extend their knowledge of, learn a new craft, or simply enjoy the companionship of other crafters.

KNITTING

There is still a need for people to knit Twiddlemuffs for dementia patients, if anyone can knit them I am happy to add the twiddle and deliver them to Hospital. Also, little garments for the Special Care Baby Unit, bootees, mitts, jackets, hats and blankets.

I can supply patterns to anyone who would like to help in making any of these items which are very gratefully received by the hospital staff, patients and their families.

Do you have building maintenance, joinery, brickwork, electrical, plumbing jobs that need fixing but can't find a relevant professional to look at them? There are 2 men who ran the Goodwin Centre Handy Van service, which recently has been stopped. So, the men set up a business called "Wood 'n Spoon" Building Services, (Mr Wood and Mr Spooner). Pleasant men, reasonable charges, no job too small. Free quotes. They can be contacted on Hull 795552 or mobile 07766096149.

FORTY YEARS AGO – The Church Newsletter May 1977

**JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY – 8TH MAY – THEME
'INVOLVMENT'**

This year we are attempting to break away from the rather old-fashioned, stereotyped Anniversary service and all the services will be held in the main hall. Our own minister, Rev Arnold Johnson will lead them at 10.45 a.m. and 6.30p.m. and the Junior, Senior and Young People's Departments will be involved.

In the afternoon, the Primary and Beginners' Departments have arranged a service at 2.3.p.m and Mrs A.S. Johnson will be in the chair.

Do come along and get involved in all or any of these services.

FORTY YEARS AGO – The Church Newsletter, June 1977

CHURCH ACT AND LOCAL TRUSTEES. In accordance with the new Methodist Church Act, from April 16th all Methodist Church properties were vested in a central trust. Local Trustees were relieved of their legal responsibility and from then on, members of the Church Council became managing trustees, although much of the work and responsibility of the former Trustees Meeting will now be done by the new Property Committee. A letter has been sent to all our previous local trustees, thanking them for all they have done over many years and this is sincerely endorsed now in our newsletter.

If you know someone who would like to receive the flowers from Church, please let Pat Dyson or Ann Borrill know.

Sutton Flower Rota



There is a new rota in the Primary Room

Coffee and Cakes As per rota





NEWSLETTER

MAY & JUNE AT BRANSHOLME METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers at Bransholme Methodist Church during May and June:

7th May: Local arrangement service based around fair-trade.

14th May: To be confirmed

21st May: Rev Lansford Penn-Timity (Holy Communion)

28th May: Mr Bruce Taylor

June dates: To be confirmed – check the circuit plan

Children's groups at Bransholme

Baby soft play is now on a Wednesday afternoon. The time remains 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm. Although the group is aimed at babies, toddlers are also welcome. Please come along with your little ones for the babies to play and for parents to socialise. We now have a breastfeeding peer support worker as part of the group if anyone needs advice or support with breastfeeding.

For those with children a little older, parents and toddlers runs from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursdays.

Messy Church is a great way to keep your child entertained while learning the gospel. Again, it is a chance for parents to get together and have a chat.

For all of these activities, please contact Julia Sheard for details.

Bransholme Weekly Diary

Church Activities

Tuesday	9.30am	Table Top Sale
1.45pm		Women's Fellowship (twice monthly)
Wednesday 1pm – 2.30pm		Baby Soft Play (Closed during school holidays)
4.30pm -6.30pm month)		Messy Church (Once a
Thursday:	9.30 – 11.30am	Parent and Toddler Group (closed during school holidays)

Bransholme Women's Fellowship

Bransholme Women's Fellowship meets twice monthly on a Tuesday. Please contact Audrey Daniels for further information or if you are interested in speaking to the group or for details of the planned meetings. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month and are from 1.45 – 2.45 pm. We always welcome new members.

The activities for May and June are:

May 9th Tony Garrett

May 16th Holderness Road Church joining us (3rd week, not fourth for this month)

June 13th Linda Whitton

June 27th Sue Langdale

From July, Women's Fellowship will be taking a summer break.

New Speakers always welcome, please ring Audrey Daniels on 01482 831986

Dine and View at Bransholme

At Dine and View we have seen some great films and eaten some lovely food. We will be having Dine and View events on Monday 8th May (Vicar of Dibley) and Monday 5th June (film still to be agreed) at 12 noon for lunch followed by the screening.

There is no charge for admission but donations are requested for the lunch. There will be a Raffle at £1 per strip. Donations of items for the raffle would be appreciated.

It is essential to book if you are coming for lunch for catering purposes. Please ring Jean on 01482 836725.

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

Lansford Penn-Timothy

Bransholme Table Top Sale/Coffee Morning

Every Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am

EVERY TUESDAY, COFFEE MORNING AT BRANSHOLME METHODIST CHURCH.

Nearly new clothes, books, bric-a-brac, refreshments

We are still in need of items for sale. Anything except furniture.

The table top sale opens again after the Christmas break on Tuesday 10th January.

We look forward to seeing you there!

God's Route Map

With: faith, hope and friends

From: bullying and rejection

To: loving, self respect, fulfilment and stability

Achieved by: prayers

IT Skills?

Card Number = zero plus infinity

Password = faith

Personal security details = hope

Special security = love

Click twice and you are in heaven

Please remove your fears when talking to God.

Supplied by Ivy Gale

Facebook!

Bransholme Methodist Church has a facebook page. Please surf the web and have a look at it. If you have no idea what I am talking about, this is a way of telling the world over the internet what is going on at Bransholme Methodist Church and also allows people to communicate directly with the Church. Please note that you must search for Bransholme Methodist Church Hull for the official site.

Men's Fellowship at Bransholme

Bransholme Men's fellowship will no longer meet and is soon to be wound up. The vision of Steve Atkin in 1997, it was a very successful venture until there were too few men able to attend in 2015. Thank you to all that have participated in the organising and attending of the Men's Fellowship over the years.

