



SUTTON, BRANSHOLME AND KINGSWOOD METHODIST CHURCHES

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2017

From the Manse

Hello Everyone,

I am very pleased to begin working amongst you at Sutton and Bransholme and in the South Holderness Circuit. It is exciting to face a new challenge in ministry. The City of Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire are fresh areas for me to explore and I am anticipating the adventure with enthusiasm. I am settling into the manse at 31 Highfield and grateful to all those who have been helping me to feel at home. I have sensed the prayers of many and the gracious care of God in making this move to join you in the ministry here.

As I have been thinking of you in recent months, the words of the prayer in Ephesians 3.16-19 have come to mind: ‘I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have the power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.’

This prayer speaks to me of the assurance we have, as we hope in Christ, of being in the faithful, healing love of God through all the joys and sorrows of life. I know you have been guided by the power of the Holy Spirit in moving forward and we trust for such leading and discernment in the days to come. I want to offer special thanks to those who have been carrying the load and working hard to further the ministry of God’s people in all the churches of the Circuit. Clearly, they have been doing a wonderful job.

I am looking forward to meeting you and finding out what is important to you and makes life good for you. I thought I would give just a bit of background information about myself... I was born and bred in Derby. I spent time away at College in London, before returning to train and work in Derby and in Derbyshire for a while. Then I moved to Cheadle Hulme in Cheshire, to take up an appointment as a Lay Worker. I trained for ministry at the Wesley Study Centre in Durham. For my first appointment as a minister, I was stationed in the Gateshead and Jarrow Circuit and then moved to South Shields to serve in a variety of churches and projects. So, I come to you now from South Tyneside. My Mum resides in Derby and my sister lives in Beckenham, Kent with her family. I like walking and being out and about in the countryside. But you may be shocked to hear that I know very little about rugby – in any of its forms!

I have appreciated visiting Holy Island in recent years and reflecting on prayers from the Celtic tradition. As I begin this new chapter, in new surroundings, I share one such prayer, from David Adam's book: *Tides and Seasons*, entitled *Christ with Us*:

The love of Christ Surround us

The Light of Christ Lead us

The Peace of Christ Fill us

The Power of Christ Aid us

The Joy of Christ Thrill us

The Presence of Christ

Be with us evermore.

Every blessing for the days ahead,

Rev Debbie

PASTORAL CONCERNS

Please pray for Ron and Doreen Forth who have both recently been in hospital again and are now recovering in residential care;

For those who have spent time in hospital due to planned surgery or unexpected health issues, thinking especially of Lois Thomas, Ian Grant, Shannon Gray, Doreen Hampshire and Brian Hampshire;

For those who are unable to come to worship due to ill health or mobility problems, remembering Eric and Doreen Hunter, Jean Clark, Vanessa Hughes and Brenda Robson;

For our members living in residential homes, especially Vera Hutchings and Ian Hodgson;

For Gwen Turner, Alan Bays and Connor McKervey who all need our prayers.

GIVE THANKS FOR AND PRAY FOR

The prospect of good health for Ian Hodgson's baby great niece;

Xander and Olivia and their families following the baptisms of Xander and Olivia during two of our recent morning services;

The recent marriage of Amy, daughter of Vanessa and Michael, to Tristan;

The marriage of Susan Grantham and Kevin Jones, held in our church.

ALSO PRAY FOR

The needs of the Circuit, the Circuit Staff, Circuit Stewards and individual churches in the Circuit;

Our new minister and Circuit Superintendant, Debbie Lucas;

Deacon Denise Creed, also newly appointed to our Circuit.

WASTE WATCHERS – HOLIDAY CLUB

Our annual summer holiday Holiday Club was held over three days at the end of July. Well over twenty children attended at different points during the sessions, the youngest, Poppy, being only a few months old! The contemporary theme of 'Recycling' was woven in with the biblical promise that God can turn 'Nothing to Something' as demonstrated through the story of Creation, the story of Jesus turning water to wine at the wedding

feast, and God, through the Holy Spirit, transforming darkness to light in the lives of individuals.

On the first day two members of the Hull City Council Recycling Team visited the Club to encourage the children (and adult helpers!) to think about correct recycling of our rubbish. An on-screen presentation was followed by hands-on activities and the giving out of some recycled pencil cases containing more recycled stationery items.

On the second day a role-play wedding was staged. This took place in the church and was led by Deacon Sue. The children were involved in lots of preparation for the wedding, including learning songs and making hats, table decorations and a wedding cake. Many of the children dressed up for the occasion and Julie and Angie prepared the hall in a proper wedding reception style with a top table, white cloths and table decorations.

On the third day the children continued practising a memory verse and learning the theme song. They also continued with a myriad of craft activities that they had been involved with on the first two days. Dancing, singing, jumping about and ball games were on offer every day for those who felt energetic and competitive!

The Sunday morning service was well attended by those who had taken part in the Holiday Club and it was followed by a Faith Lunch in the hall. Special thanks go to those who led the service and to the adult helpers and parents who attended the Holiday Club. Even more thanks go to Angie, Julie and Julia who put in many hours of preparation in order for the Holiday Club to take place.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Methodist Women in Britain Yorkshire North and East District

‘Called to Proclaim – Dare to Speak Out’

Introduction of Janice Clark as District MWiB President at Trinity Norton Methodist Church YO179 9JA.

Thursday 21 September 10.30 with Preacher Rosemary Wass.

Pm: Godly Play with Rev Tanya Short.

Coffee from 10.00 am. Bring & Share Lunch

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 1st October at 10.45 am. The service will be led by our own minister, Rev Debbie Lucas. It is hoped that the uniformed organisations will be with us on this occasion so it will be a Parade Service. Harvest offerings for the work of the Open Door Project will be gratefully received.

For the LA (Local Arrangement) Service on the morning of September 24th congregation members are going to be asked to suggest a hymn/song or a reading that is particularly significant to them and to say a few words as to why it is significant. This 'choice' section of the service will take place in the church and use approximately half of the worship hour. The second half of the hour will take the form of discussion in the Primary Room, being a follow up to the previous discussion Service in May. The format for this LA will be announced on the previous two Sundays in order to encourage congregation members to prepare their choices.

THE GIFT

Please put the date of Saturday 2nd December in your diaries. On that evening, we are planning a production of The Gift, a preparation for Christmas through music and song. Members of our church, past and present, are collaborating to make this a very special Church Family occasion. In the coming months' the singers will be practising the songs and, meanwhile, instrumentalists will be studying their parts in order to give us a live band for this performance. Many of the songs are quite familiar and are sometimes used in our services so you will be able to sing along. We are keen that we have a good congregation for this event in early Advent. The gathering will help us all to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas.

WATCH OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS!

SINGING PRACTICES FOR THE GIFT

Anyone is welcome to join our singers who are going to practise for the Gift. Rehearsals will take place on the Thursdays in October (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th) and the Thursdays in November (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th) at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

A Christmas Tree Festival will be held in our church on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December. Please put this date in your diaries too! This weekend has been chosen because it coincides with the annual Church Street Christmas Fair. The theme of our Christmas Tree Festival will be 'The Church Community and Sutton Village Community'. Church groups and village enterprises will be invited to decorate a tree in a way that is representative of that group or enterprise.

Preparations are already underway for this event as there are various aspects to the planning that need to be established sooner rather than later. If you have a small artificial Christmas tree (4 foot high maximum) that you are able to loan to the church for the duration of the Christmas season then please let Robin or Helen or Wendy know.

If you have spare Christmas decorations these may also be useful for one of the groups or for general decoration around the church. Thank you.

BARN DANCE

We will be holding our annual Barn Dance on Saturday 30th September from 7-10pm. The ticket price of £5 per adult and £2.50 per child includes the usual 2 course supper and the evening's entertainment will be provided by the fantastic Hayrider's Ceilidh Band playing live on stage in the church hall. The following day we will be holding our traditional Harvest Festival service at 10.45am in the church. Do come and join us for this celebration of God's bounteous harvest.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

We will be collecting shoeboxes for Real Aid again this year and would be grateful for either made up shoeboxes or items/money to make them up ourselves. For information on items please see www.realaid.org.uk or contact Helen Siddle on 712814. These are usually collected around the middle of November so we need to try and have them ready toward the beginning of November as there will be a service about this subject on Sunday 5th November.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This is an advance notice of the Christmas Fair which will be held on Saturday 18th November. If you have any items suitable to sell please could you either leave them on the stage or contact Robin or Helen on 712814 to have them collected. We find that people are often looking for Christmas gifts so if you have anything at the back of the cupboard that you got last Christmas and haven't used, perhaps now is a good time to pass it on. We will also be having a cake stall at this event. Once again we would like help setting up before and selling on the day and more details will follow nearer the time.

Helen

MESSY CHURCH AND CRAFT CLUB

The group is into its 9th year and will shortly be starting up again after its summer break. More support and help is needed at our very popular sessions. Both messy church and craft club runs during school term on two Thursday afternoons per month between 4-6 pm. Any -one who is able to come along and have some fun whilst helping at these sessions would be made very welcome and their time would be very much appreciated. No experience is needed, just willingness to come along and meet and make the families from our community welcome. It doesn't matter if you are not crafty, it's just as important to mix and chat to the families. So I encourage you to write these dates in your diary and we'll look forward to seeing you.

Dates as follows;

Messy Church Thursday 21st September

Craft Club Thursday 5th October

Messy Church Thursday 19th October

Craft Club Thursday 9th November

Messy Church Thursday 23rd November

Craft Club Thursday 7th December

Christmas Craft Afternoon Sunday 17th December followed by Carol Service.

For any further information don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank You

Julie Lloyd

York and Hull District Methodist Women in Britain Conference

Dear Friends,

I enclose details for the Conference next February. The Conference takes place from Friday 23rd February to Sunday 25th February 2018.

We are delighted to welcome, as our leader, Mrs Sandra Goodwin, who is the new Connexional President for Methodist Women in Britain. The theme for the weekend will be "Water of Life, Water for Life" and I am sure that we will have a rewarding weekend.

The booking arrangements are similar to last year. The cost will be £167.00. We have decided not to add anymore on to the cost this time as we don't want to stop people coming. We hope to cover the expenses out of general funds. I hope that Circuit Secretaries will be able to distribute forms in time for the meetings in September and that everyone who wishes to come to the Conference will have the opportunity.

I do recommend the weekend to everyone. The fellowship is great and it is always good to meet old friends and make new ones. The cost has risen yet again but we are very well looked after. I hope that you feel that it is money well spent. You are advised to have insurance cover in case of late cancellations.

For further details and a booking form please contact Deacon Sue Langdale.

York and Hull District Methodist Women in Britain Conference

Residential Conference at Cober Hill, Cloughton, Scarborough, YO13 0AR

Tel. No. 01723 870310

Arrive Friday 23rd Feb for evening meal and depart Sunday afternoon, 25th February 2018.

The leader of the Conference will be Mrs Sandra Goodwin. Her theme is “Water of life, Water for Life”. I am sure that we will have a rewarding time together.

The Conference takes place in the Joseph Rowntree Centre again with some rooms in Cober Hill House. There are single rooms available but, if you feel you can share, it makes arrangements easier.

Please could you indicate on your booking form if you find stairs difficult.

Please return your booking form as soon as possible and no later than Oct 20th.

The cost will be £167.00 for the weekend which includes full board, en-suite rooms, morning and evening drinks, tea/coffee making facilities in rooms and use of Conference rooms. We have opted again for the light lunch on Saturday. We have not put any extra on for expenses this year and if necessary we will have to do some fund raising to cover costs.

A deposit of £41.75 (£10 for day visitors) is required with the booking form and should be sent no later than October 20th please as I have to send numbers and non-returnable deposits to Cober Hill by the 31st. Please send as early as possible

My e-mail address is jetbev2@gmail.com (please note change of email address) so if you are able to and wish to make contact this way that will be fine.

In the event of a cancellation, the approximate following charges will be made (these exclude VAT):

Up to 16 weeks	Deposit only	
16 - 8 weeks	Deposit + 50%	£52.18
8 weeks to 4 weeks	Deposit + 75%	£78.28
4 weeks to day of arrival	Deposit + 100%	£104.38

Day visitors are very welcome. Again, please book by 20th October.

Final payments for full board and day visitors should be sent to Elaine by Mon.8th January 2018. All cheques should be made payable to: York and Hull District MWiB

Please keep this sheet for future reference and send in the booking form on the first page along with your deposit.

Contact through Deacon Sue Langdale

THE KNITTED BIBLE

On July 15th to 17th Holderness Road Methodist Church displayed 33 knitted scenes from the Bible. This exhibition was on loan from St George's Hartlepool and has been travelling around the country since 2008. It arrived in a transit van from Bamber Bridge Lancashire and went onto Llandudno N Wales after us. The exhibition is booked up until September 2019!!

Scenes started with creation and ended with the breakfast on the beach after the resurrection. Each scene was different and needed close examination. Two rats entering the ark, three lions in the lions' den, a large very grumpy camel in the nativity scene, the tiny lost black sheep, all the individual fish in the fishermen's nets.

Thank you to Holderness Road for hosting this excellent exhibition. Its well worth a second look if it comes back locally.

Elaine and Phil Plumb

THANK YOU

Eric and Doreen Hunter wish to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and offers of help after their falls. It really helped as it has been a long slow process but we should be with you again by now.

CHURCH GARDEN

Many thanks to those of you who support the church garden by monetary contributions or by donating plants. It's that time of year when we think about planting spring flowering bulbs. If any one would like to take advantage of the supermarket offers and donate any bulbs it would be very much appreciated to make the garden more colourful in the spring.

Many Thanks in anticipation.

Ray Lloyd

HOLIDAY CLUB

Hello Everyone

First of all, I would like to say a big thank you to Angie, Julie, Ann, Julia, Phil, Wendy, Brenda, Keith, Eileen and Mabel. It has been fantastic. We had a pretend wedding with Phoebe and Melody getting married! We all found it hilariously funny. I would also like to thank Sue for being the vicar, as she seemed to make it feel real. All the singing and dancing was great. We all enjoyed 'ball in the barrel'. It has been amazing since the first minute we came on the Wednesday till the last minute on Friday!

I will remember this holiday club forever! I will miss all my friends' including adults for the rest of the summer holidays! Hope everyone has a great summer. Thank you for reading.

Isabelle Lumb Aged 9

KNITTING FOR OUR HOSPITALS

Knitted baby items continue to be needed for the Baby Unit. Jackets, booties, mitts, blankets and hats.

Also Twiddlemuffs continue to be needed for dementia patients. As ever, if you can knit them, I am happy to add the "twiddles".

I recently took the latest collections of knitting for the Dementia wards, and to the Baby Unit where the only person to pass them on to was a doctor. He opened the bags and was impressed with the things he saw. He expressed his gratitude on behalf of the staff, the babies and their families and asked me to thank you all for your kindness and your beautiful work.

EXPLORING CRAFT GROUPS

meet on the 2nd Wednesday each month at Ings Library, 10am to 12 noon,

and on the 2nd Thursday each month at Central Library 10 am to 12 noon. People come and work on projects they choose, extend their skills, or learn something new, whilst enjoying being with other crafters. All welcome.

A CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL will be part of our Christmas events this year, and I would like your help to make knitted, crotchet and stitched tree decorations. Baubles, stockings, candy canes, snowmen, stars, teddies. or any other idea you want to make, and help to create something different!

Linda Whitton Tel: 783517 or speak to me in Church.

WIVES and FRIENDS

meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings each month at 7.45pm in the Potterill Hall. There is a programme of speakers and group events. Any ladies are welcome to come along and see if this is a group you may like to join. Talk to Pat Dyson for more information.

CHURCH LIBRARY

This is open every Sunday morning I am in church. There is no charge for borrowing books, just write your name in the notebook and the date they are borrowed. Then note the date they are returned.

A Biography of the Rev, John Wesley

There is a new, small, book in the Church library donated by Geoff Beecroft.

It is a "Biography of the Rev. John Wesley, as depicted pictorially by Gluk Rosenthal in 1850".

The script portrait of the Rev. John Wesley which took 3 years to complete, is depicted on the front cover.

If you would like to see it or borrow it, please come over to the Church Library bookcase on Sunday morning.

Linda Whitton

CALLING ALL KNITTERS -
Christmas

Please give an angel a home this

This Christmas we would like to display ANGELS outside the church for the public to take home but we need your help. Start knitting angels now and let Sue Langdale have the completed ones to store ready for Christmas. The pattern is as follows:

ANGEL BODY - Any colour double knitting wool

ANGEL

Using 3.25mm or 4mm needles cast 48 sts
CHRISTMAS ANGEL 27sts

Cast on

1. Knit row

1. Knit row

2. Purl row

2. Knit row

**3. K2TOG, K10, repeat until end
each end (Knit)**

3. Decrease at

4. Purl row

4. Knit

**5. Knit row
at each end**

5. Knit 12 rows, decrease

6. P2TOG, P9, repeat until end

cast off

7. Knit row

attach to body

8. Purl row

9. K2TOG, K8, repeat until end

10. Purl row

11. Knit row

12. P2TOG, P7, repeat until end

13. Knit row

14. Purl row

15. K2tog, K6, repeat until end

16. Purl row

17. Knit row

18. P2TOG, P5, repeat until end

19. **Knit row**
20. **Purl row**
21. **K2TOG, K4, repeat until end - 20sts**
22. **Purl row**
23. **Knit row**
24. **Purl row**
25. **Knit row**
26. **Purl row**
27. **Knit row**

At this point you can change your colour to create the face if you want.

28. **Purl row**
29. **Knit row**
30. **Purl row**
31. **Knit row**
32. **Purl row**
33. **Knit row**
34. **Purl row**
35. **K2TOG - repeat until end**
36. **Purl row**
37. **Knit row**
38. **P2TOG - repeat until end**

Using a darning needle, thread the end of the yarn through the stitches and tighten to create the top of the head. Turn the angel inside out and sew up the head and the body. Around the neck, take a small amount of stuffing and place at the top of the head, then thread some yarn between stitches and pull loosely together.

FORTY YEARS AGO – THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 1977

HARVEST FESTIVAL AUSTERITY LUNCH A time when we rejoice in our plenty which highlights the poverty and hunger of others. So after the morning service (Sunday September 18th) stay for lunch and give what you save to Christian Aid. Envelopes will be available for everyone to make a generous donation whether you have lunch or not.

THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER 40 YEARS AGO OCTOBER 1977

NEW FEATURE IN OUR SERVICE The stewards and the minister are asking those who attend worship to spend two or three minutes in prayer before the services begin. The preacher will then enter and begin the service in a quiet and prayerful atmosphere. One of the stewards will come into the church to introduce the preacher and ask for your prayers.

We have one or two spaces in the rota. If you would like to have flowers in remembrance of someone, please speak to Pat or Ann who will be pleased to receive your donations

Sutton Flower Rota



3 Sept	M Bettley
10 Sept	B Berry
17 Sept	J Gay
24 Sept	Vacancy
1 Oct	Church flowers
8 Oct	C Davis
22 Oct	Vacancy
29 Oct	F Dearing

Coffee and Cakes As per rota



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2017 at BRANSHOLME

Bransholme Weekly Diary:

Church Activities

Tuesday: 9.30 am Table Top Sale

1.45 pm Women's Fellowship (twice monthly)

Wednesday: 1.00 to 2.30 pm Baby Soft Play (closed during school holidays)

4.30 -6.30 pm Messy Church (once a month)

Thursday: 9.30 – 11.30am Parent and Toddler Group (closed during school holidays)

Preachers at Bransholme for September and October:

3rd September Local Arrangement

10th september Rev C Plenderleith

17th September Mrs B Gallant

24th September Rev D Lucas

1st October Local arrangement

8th October	Rev G Smethurst
15th October	Mr M Cox
22nd October	Mr J Munson
29th October	Mrs S McDonald

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 dates and speakers for the next two months are:

Sept 12th	T.B.A
Sept 26th	Peter Ogle
Oct 10th	T.B.A.
Oct 24th	Sue Langdale

New members and speakers always welcome, please ring Audrey Daniels on 01482 831986 for autumn meetings

Bransholme Harvest Festival

The Church Harvest Festival will be on Sunday September 24th and help is wanted on Saturday 23rd for setting up.

Baptism at Bransholme

We have a Baptism booked for September 24th during the service which will be led by our new minister, Rev Debbie Lucas. Please come and welcome this child into the fellowship.

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

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.

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 and coffee morning will continue as normal throughout the summer.

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 Hannah Edgar for details.

Articles for the newsletter can be emailed to J Gay –

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