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**SUTTON AND BRANSHOLME
METHODIST CHURCHES
NEWSLETTER JULY 2018**

Dear Friends,

As I write this I find myself looking back over the holiday in France which Phil and I have just returned from. Three glorious weeks away from the routine of our everyday life. Time to relax with old friends, space to travel to unknown places, opportunities to meet new people and have fun trying to understand each other when you don't speak the language. But as I reflected I also thought of how hard it is sometimes when the routine has changed to spend time alone in the quietness and stillness of God. And how hard it can be to still our minds in prayer when there's so much to see and do.

As I reflected, some words of Frank Topping came to mind, words which I'd like to share with you entitled 'Time to be Still':

Holidays should be refreshing, restoring, renewing. Holidays should recreate us; that's what recreation means. Yet so often they exhaust us. We come back in need of a rest, making jokes about needing a holiday to get over the holiday.

But sadly, it's not really a joke. We really are unrested. Is it because we do not know how to relax, how to be calm, how to be still? We seek out quiet and beautiful places; but quietness around us does not mean quietness within. Even in silence our minds are chattering, arguing, planning.

'Be still, and know that I am God.'

If only we could be still in our minds, if only we could, truly, ‘rest in the Lord.’

Lord,

teach me how to still my racing thoughts.

Help me to come to you arguing nothing, pleading nothing, asking nothing, except to be still in your presence.

Give me the faith that will enable me to lay my burdens at your feet, and to leave them there

in exchange for the peace which passes all understanding.

Wherever your holidays take you this year I hope you have a wonderful time and pray God’s blessing and peace be with you as you rest in him.

Every blessing

Deacon Sue

PASTORAL CONCERNS

We continue to pray for Brenda who is recovering very well, Barbara and Dave, Christopher, Jean and Richard, Dennis and Brenda, Eileen, her husband, Eddie, and her daughter, Judith, and Susan’s dad.

We pray for Kathy’s son, David, who is terminally ill, and also Helen who is terminally ill.

We remember those living in residential homes, Ron and Doreen, Vera and Ian.

We pray for those who are unable to come to worship due to ill health or mobility problems, remembering Vanessa and Christine.

ALSO PRAY FOR

Debbie, our Minister, the needs of the Circuit, the Circuit Staff, Circuit Stewards

and individual churches in the Circuit. Special prayers for Rev Colin and Frances as they move to pastures new, and also Rev Thomas Parker and family who will be joining the South Holderness Methodist Circuit in September.

THANK YOU

Firstly, we say a special ‘Thank You’ to Helen and Robin for organising the concert on the evening of Saturday 23 June. Those who attended were delighted by the music performed by ‘The Wedding Belles’, a group of six very talented lady singers, and also ‘Answers on a Postcard’, a group of barbershop-type, largely a cappella, male singers. For two separate halves of the concert the Potterill Room was filled with wonderful singing. Delicious interval refreshments were served in the Primary Room. One audience member was heard to comment, “That was the best five-pounds-worth I have spent for a long time.” Well said! Thank you too to Ray and Julie for all their preparation and hard work in the kitchen. The evening raised £270 for Church Funds.

Secondly, we say ‘Thank You’ to Ray and Julie for their continued maintenance of the Church gardens. They always look colourful and very neat and tidy, and passers-by do notice how well kept they are. The reality is that in order to keep the outside area of the Church Premises looking neat and tidy, Ray and Julie spend several hours a month, especially in the summer when things grow quickly. Cutting the hedge and tidying up afterwards takes between four and five hours! We do appreciate the time and effort from you both, Ray and Julie.

SUMMER EVENTS AROUND THE CIRCUIT AND IN THE CITY

Saturday 7th July - Fundraising for Sutton Methodist Scouting Group

If anyone would like to donate items for the Tombola Stall at the Northpoint Shopping Centre, or can offer support on the day, please see Fiona.

Saturday 14th July 2pm – 4pm STRAWBERRY TEA In the Community Room at Withernsea Methodist Church

Admission £2.50 Music by Richard Raffle

Sunday 15th July, Farewell Service for Rev Colin and Plenderleith at Portobello 6.30pm

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Thursday 12th July

We start at 7am with breakfast and a good catch up and then someone leads us in a reflection before we pray together for the city, our communities and our own situations. It is open to women across the city and we would welcome others to join us in what has become a precious, encouraging and inspiring space. The Prayer Breakfast takes place at The Annex, Community Enterprise Centre, Hull HU5 2DH (access is at the end of Ventnor Street, off Newland Avenue).

THE BIG PICNIC

Believe in Hull are organising a BIG PICNIC on Sunday 15th July 1.00pm – 3.30pm in Queen's Gardens. Bring a picnic for you, or to share. Invite others. Enjoy food, music, crafts and activities. FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS!

OPEN THE BOOK – HULL EVENT – MONDAY 16th JULY

Open the Book is a programme where teams from local churches take Bible Stories into schools and present them in a fun, interactive and exciting way. Over 780,000 children in England and Wales are hearing Bible Stories this

way in their schools. We have schools waiting for teams. It's fun and it's easy. Come and join the fun.

TIME: Doors open for registration at 9.30am for 10am start. Finishes at 3pm.

VENUE; The Annex, Community Enterprise Centre, Hull HU5 2DH (access is at the end of Ventnor Street, off Newland Avenue)

COST: Free

HOW TO BOOK: For more information and to book please contact Jon

Please contact the South Holderness Methodist Circuit or visit one of our churches to find out how to book.

REFRESHMENTS: Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a packed lunch.

PRAYING WITH PROPHETS Wednesday 25th July 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Jeremiah with Sam. A gathering for prayerful thinking and deep listening to what God might be saying to the church in Hull, using the ancient prayer technique of Lectio Divina (or Holy reading). All welcome.

Venue: The Annex, Community Enterprise Centre, Hull HU5 2DH (access is at the end of Ventnor Street, off Newland Avenue)

Sunday 5th August **CIRCUIT SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE IN EAST PARK 2.00pm.** Lansford says: "Thank you for the tremendous support from all the churches last year. Please pray that lives will be touched and people may come to know Christ through the 2018 East Park Songs of Praise Service."

Saturday 1st September **WELCOME SERVICE AT PORTOBELLO CHURCH 2.00pm**

The South Holderness Methodist Circuit welcome Rev Parker and his family.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13 – 19 May

Ruth would like to thank everyone who helped during Christian Aid week with the door to door collections, the Coffee Day, the cake bake or gave donations, the total raised was £1570, with Gift Aid to be claimed on £236.00 – all the hard work was worth it. Many Thanks

Ruth

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 very welcome, and very welcome to join the group.

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 0000 000000 (Use the contact page on our Website on the [Messy Church page](#) or contact us using FaceBook)

EXPLORING CRAFT

This is a friendly group where people come and work on their own projects, learn something new or just come along for the company.

Meetings are held once a month at Ings Library and Central Library, both 10 am to 12 noon.

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

We can make things to order, and do alterations and repairs on request.

Please contact Linda for information (you can also contact us via our [FaceBook page](#))

THE CHURCH LIBRARY ...

will be open every Sunday I am in church, during coffee time after the Service.

Books can be borrowed; just put your name, book title and date in the notebook, and put the date in when you return the book(s).

Also available for sale are books, Greetings Cards, occasionally produce when available, and sometimes other goods.

Have a look when you are getting your drink and cake.

All money raised from these sales is for Sutton Church funds.

KNITTING continues to be wanted for the Baby Unit, and the Mental Health Services continue to need Twiddlemuffs.

Any questions/queries about these to Linda please.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES.

I have a quantity of hats suitable for children and young adults, and a few pairs of girl's novelty socks.

They are striped and have individual toes. Please let me know if you want some for your shoeboxes.

I know it's a bit early, but the earlier we start the easier it is on our time later.

Linda

THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER 40 YEARS AGO July/August 1978

Extract from Rev Arnold Johnson's letter: 'We are glad to have received a number of new people into our congregation and if you are one of them, please make a request for a Newsletter to be delivered. You will find a sheet in the chapel entrance for Newsletter requests. Also, please collect one of our folders, "Thinking of You" from the chapel or hall. Perhaps everyone can take a few to give to any newcomers into the area whom you know of. Already I know that some are doing this.'

Comment on this extract: We may not currently have some of these systems in place, such as the Newsletter request sheet or the "Thinking of You" folders, but if you do know anyone who would appreciate a copy of our bi-monthly Newsletter please let Sue or Wendy know. The request could be for a paper copy or an electronic copy sent through by email. Also, we are currently checking up on how many of the weekly notices sheets are left over each week. Obviously we do not want to print more than is necessary as that would be wasteful of paper. However, it would be good to realize that we need to print a few more because folks have decided to take one or two extras to give to family, friends or church members who happen to be away on any particular Sunday. So please do use both the weekly notices sheets and the Newsletter as ways of reaching out to others to let them know what's going on in our Church and Circuit.

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Sutton Flower Rota

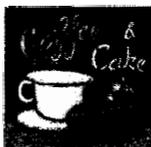


2 July

9 July

16 July

23 July



Coffee Rota

2 July

9 July

16 July

23 July

30 July

6 Aug

13 Aug

20 Aug

27 Aug

**Please set out the chairs and cups etc before church and if you
are unable to do the date allocated please arrange a swap**

Cakes as per rota.



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AT BRANSHOLME

Sunday Services at Bransholme

July 1st	Local Arrangement
July 8th	Mr Ogle
July 15th	Mr Clayton
July 22nd	Local Arrangement
July 29th	No Service - East Park
Event	
August 5th	No Service – East Park
Event	
August 12th	Mrs Gray
August 19th	Mr Munson
August 26th	No Service

Bransholme Women’s Fellowship

Bransholme Women’s Fellowship meets twice monthly on a Tuesday. Please contact Audrey 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 for the next two months are:

July 10th

July 24th

August 14th

August 28th

Details of speakers or activities are not available at the time of writing.

New members and speakers always welcome

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 Nicola for details.

Bransholme Weekly Diary Church Activities

Tuesday:

**9.30am
Table Top Sale**

1.45pm

Women's Fellowship

**(twice monthly) Taking a summer break
from July.**

Wednesday

**1pm – 2.30pm
Baby Soft Play**

during school holidays)

(Closed

**4.30pm -6.30pm
month)**

Messy Church (Once a

Thursday:

**9.30 – 11.30am
Parent and Toddler
Group**

during school holidays)

(closed

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