

**Regular Activities**

<b>Sunday</b>	Morning Worship	10:30am
<b>Monday</b>	Craft Club (alternate weeks, see diary for dates)	2pm to 4pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Community Coffee Shop	9am to 5pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Thursday Group (1st Thursday in month)	2:45pm to 4pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Community Coffee Shop	10:30am to 11:30am

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**Minister's Message**

As I type, we are in the midst of June's epic heatwave. The temperature in my office has tipped over 32C. It is extremely humid. Despite every window and door being open, there is nothing so much as resembling a breeze! And the air conditioning on my car has broken! As someone who is sun-averse at the best of times, I am finding it close-to-unbearable; what I would really like to do is hibernate until autumn. Or crawl into one of those ice baths that professional sportspeople get into after a hard workout! Alas, neither are really possible as I've got meetings to attend, people to meet, newsletter articles to write, events to organise—as well as the usual household tasks and family responsibilities which of course need attending to, and which won't wait until things cool down. The cumulative effect of the heat plus everything I need to get done means that I end up being very hot, bothered and grumpy! It also leaves me short tempered and intolerant of others around me, and not as patient or kind as I ought to be.

As we at Histon Methodist remain tantalisingly close to our new building, we enter another month of Sunday morning worship in the hall. There have actually been lots of positive aspects to

worshipping in a different space. But it is not an ideal situation, presenting various logistical problems and there is the potential for some (or all!) of us to be getting a somewhat fed up and impatient.

With that all that in mind I have had Paul's words to the Ephesians running around my head these last few days, particular the line about bearing with one another in love:

*"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*

And so I want to encourage us all to continue to bear with one another in love during the coming weeks and months, as we continue to pray for and work towards this exciting next stage in the ministry of this church.

And on behalf of all of us who benefit from their efforts, I also want to thank the stewards and many others for their ongoing efforts in the setting up and packing down of the back hall for worship, and to Naomi and her emerging team of helpers as they develop our new Sunday Club and Families Corner.

**Simon**

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## Diary dates for July

<b>Sun 2 Jul</b>	Feast Sunday	
<b>Sun 2 Jul</b>	Preacher: Mr Elliot Carmichael-Harris	10:30am
<b>Mon 3 Jul</b>	Craft Group	2pm
<b>Wed 5 Jul</b>	Service at Bramley Court	2:45pm
<b>Thu 6 Jul</b>	Thursday Group: Matchboxes with phillumenist Martin Hudson	2:45pm
<b>Fri 7 Jul</b>	Country Dancing (see notice)	8pm
<b>Sun 9 July</b>	Preacher: Revd Simon Oliver (Holy Communion)	10:30am
<b>Sun 9 July</b>	Cottenham Community Cinema: Hidden Figures	7pm
<b>Thur 12 Jul</b>	House Group	2:30pm
<b>Sun 16 Jul</b>	Preacher: Revd Dr Stuart Jordan	10:30am
<b>Mon 17 Jul</b>	Craft Group	2pm
<b>Wed 19 Jul</b>	Service at Etheldred House	11am
<b>Sun 23 Jul</b>	Preacher: Revd Simon Oliver	10:30am
<b>Thu 27 Jul</b>	House Group	2:30pm
<b>Sun 30 Jul</b>	Preacher: Rev Jean Simmonds	10:30am
<b>Mon 31 Jul</b>	Craft Group	2pm

### Future Dates

<b>17 Sept</b>	Harvest Festival led by Rev'd Dr John Barrett
<b>15 Oct</b>	Church Anniversary, to be led by Rev. Peter Graves.
<b>2 Dec</b>	Christmas market

### Cottenham Community Cinema

This month we will be showing the highly acclaimed 'Hidden Figures' on Sunday 9th July. Doors 7pm for 7:30pm start, with optional conversation afterwards.

Tickets available at the Cottenham Coffee Shop, from Simon or [www.picatic.com/hiddenfigures](http://www.picatic.com/hiddenfigures). See [www.facebook.com/CottenhamCommunityCinema](http://www.facebook.com/CottenhamCommunityCinema) for more details.

### Country Dancing

Jane and I look forward to seeing you at the last country dancing of term on Friday, 7th July at 8.00 p.m. We should have live music provided by Heather (violin), Mike (button accordion) and Alison (recorder) and our caller is Spikey. We shall also be

having Strawberries and Shortbread in the interval. Do come along.

*Kathryn*

### Thank you!

I was pleased to be invited to update the Thursday group about the Turning Point Trust, a charity working primarily in Nairobi amongst the very poor who live on Kibera, the biggest slum in Africa. The two storey, brick built school made possible by a huge and unexpected legacy is doing amazing work with the children and their grades are higher than many of the state schools!

Although they are currently a small group, the members of the Thursday group were very generous in giving, in buying the bead animal key rings sold

for the charity and in their care about those whose lives are lived in unimaginable poverty and conditions that should not exist any where in today's world.

Thank you all very much. I was pleased to send £70 to the charity on your behalf and they have acknowledged it with gratitude.

*Jean Simmonds*

## Prayer manual

Prayer manuals for 2017-18 will be available in August. This year's is titled Jesus the first and the last. Please see Christine if you would like to order one.

## Christian Aid Week 2017

Thank you very much to all our collectors and supporters. £525 was raised through our church, and the total for the two villages was £3818. Special thanks to Helen and Paul who have counted our church's money again.

## Development group

We have a new architect on board, Freeland Rees Roberts, who have worked on both Castle Street and Chesterton Methodist Churches. They are keen to progress the work quickly and are meeting regularly with the builders. The new electricity supply is now fitted.

Michael gave some figures to the recent church council. The sum in hand, or promised, is £609,000 which should cover phases 1 and 2. There will inevitably be some extra fees with the change of architect but they are already finding savings on the building costs.

Many thanks to Paul and Helen for their summer evening entertainment which we were able to have in their lovely garden. Lots to keep us busy and £200 was raised for development funds.

## Church Council

Resumé of Minutes of a meeting held on 20 June 2017. Anyone requiring further detail is invited to speak to one of the Council members.

*First Friends* toddlers group has ceased to meet temporarily but hopes to start later in the year, probably on Wednesdays.

*Liz Davis* has retired from the position of worship

leader and was thanked for past work.

*Circuit:* Owing to illness, secondment and sabbaticals, there is a strain on Circuit staff at present.

*Property:* Various items have been attended to but work is limited due to the refurbishment.

*Development Committee:* The meeting confirmed the appointment of Freeland Rees Roberts as new architects for the scheme. A paper was submitted indicating substantial grants from Methodist and various other sources (see separate report). An application is to be submitted for the Methodist Insurance Church Community Award scheme.

*Finance:* It was reported that our Circuit Assessment will not increase for 2017/18. Kathryn Coles has kindly agreed to take over from Jenny as Church Treasurer and the meeting approved the appointment with thanks. They will work together during a change-over period.

*Sunday Club* is now taking place on a regular basis and Naomi was thanked for all the work she is doing on this, with others helping.

*Community Coffee Shop* is going well under the 'new regime'

*Big Issues:* A planning meeting will be held on 29 June and support to help this work was encouraged by Simon.

*New Logo:* Work is progressing and it is hoped to launch this in the September Newsletter.

*Safeguarding:* The meeting accepted the safeguarding policy for the coming year.

*Mugs:* It is hoped to introduce new mugs soon, some for sale and some for church use.

*'Toilet Twinning':* Our disabled toilet is now twinned with one in Uganda. (Rosemary had details of this scheme).

## Prayer

O Holy Spirit, giver of life and light, breath of all creatures, purifier of all souls and healer of all wounds; be fire to our heart, light to our path and friend for our journey; and this for your own love's sake. Amen

*Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)*