



Histon Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER November 2017

Regular Activities

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

Minister's Message

A very simple thought this month: Let's pray!

There was a book which came out a few years ago called *Too Busy Not To Pray*, but at the time thought I was too busy to read the book, let alone pray! But now I think I get the point.

In the midst of busy times it is very easy for prayer to get pushed to the bottom of our 'to do list', but I know from personal experience (and I suspect others do to) that when we devote time to prayer it very seldom feels like time wasted. I also find that slowing down and pausing to spend time with God in contemplation and prayer can help to put the rest of life into perspective, reminding me of what is really important.

I suspect there are as many ways to pray as there are people on the planet, and finding something that suits your personality and spirituality is really important. It is also great to ask others to pray with us when we are facing particular personal challenges or crises—and coming together to pray

for important matters at particular times can be a positive way for the church to minister to one another and to others. In the last couple of years we have come together to specifically pray for those facing serious health problems and also for peace and understanding in the wake of the divisive referendum campaigns. And in the coming weeks I would love it if we could come and pray together for both the future of the church and particularly for the completion of our building scheme. We have not settled on a date yet but will let everyone know as soon as we do!

And can I also draw everyone's attention to our prayer box and prayer cards: whether you are a regular at church or our community coffee shop or any of our other activities here please make use of them. They can be anonymous or you can put your name on it, and we will always commit those prayers to God during our weekly 10:30am Sunday service.

So let's pray!

Simon

Sermon Recordings

Just a reminder that sermon recordings are available both as CDs to borrow at the back of the church, and from the church website, where you

can listen to and download sermons dating back many years.

Visit: <http://histonmethodist.org>

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Diary dates for November

Wed 1 Nov	Service at Bramley Court	2:30pm
Thu 2 Nov	Thursday Group: Quilting—my absorbing hobby - Mary Easy	2:45pm
Sun 5 Nov	Preacher: Rev'd Colin Smith	10:30am
Wed 8 Nov	Planning meeting for Christmas market	2:30pm
Thu 9 Nov	House Group	2:30pm
Thu 9 Nov	Big Issues: Seeing Salvation—images of Jesus through the centuries - Helen Bryant	7:30pm
Fri 10 Nov	Country Dancing	8pm
Sun 12 Nov	Preacher: Rev'd Simon Oliver (Holy Communion)	10:30am
Mon 13 Nov	Craft group	2pm
Wed 15 Nov	Service at Etheldred House	11am
Sun 19 Nov	Preacher: Mrs Judy Wynn	10:30am
Thu 23 Nov	House Group	2:30pm
Thu 23 Nov	Big Issues: Arts and faith and our new sculpture - Jayne Ruffell-Ward	7:30pm
Fri 24 Nov	Beetle Drive (see notice)	7pm
Sun 26 Nov	Preacher: Rev'd Simon Oliver	10:30am
Mon 27 Nov	Craft Group	2pm

Future Dates

2 Dec Christmas market

Beetle Drive

Our next fundraising event is a Beetle Drive, which will be held on Friday 24th November at 7pm.

Tickets are priced at £6 which includes delicious desserts and coffee, and are available from Rosemary Watson or one of the stewards.

There is a sign up sheet on the bookcase near the door in the hall, if you are able to provide a dessert. Please do join us for what promises to be a fun evening, suitable for all ages. Please speak

to Rosemary if you need a lift. All proceeds to our Development Fund.

Samaritans Pure Shoebox Appeal

Leaflets are available on the notice board in the hall if you would like to fill a shoebox.

If you prefer to give a donation of money this can be handed to Judy Houghton or Rosemary Watson. Filled boxes will be received during our morning service on Sunday 5th November. Your support is much appreciated.

Christmas Market

Saturday December 2nd 2017

Never fear, Christmas is near

Be assured our market will cheer.

You will be aware, as members prepare

That you will find gifts most rare,

And that we need your presence

So do come and buy your presents!

There will be a planning meeting for this annual event in our church calendar on Wednesday 8th November at 2.30pm in the Parsons Room—do come along if you can contribute in any way.

Judy Wynn

Christian Aid: Helping Those in Need

If you give to the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal between 6 November 2017 and 5 February 2018, the Government will match every pound you give, meaning that the lives of even more people living in poverty can be transformed.

You can go to christianaid.org.uk or phone 08080 004004 or write to: Christian Aid, P O Box 100, London SE1 7RT.

Thank you for your support.

Development Committee Report

Work is continuing apace on phase 1 (the church) and the builders are still on schedule to finish this phase later this month. There will then be an audio-visual system to fit, a communion rail (removable), and carpet for the stage area, while the builders continue with phase 2 (new foyer and kitchen).

We are very grateful for personal donations of over £9000 last month, mostly gift-aided. One donation was specifically towards new double-glazed windows for the church hall and these are now on order.

We were pleased to be presented with a cheque for £1250 from Histon Feast at the presentation evening on 5th October. This has been added to our Development Fund and will be used towards equipment for our new kitchen.

There is a list in the hall of other items that are needed if anyone wishes to contribute. There is still a long way to go, however, before we can continue with phase 3.

Michael Simmonds continues to work hard at applying for grants, but all contributions, or suggestions for fund-raising, gratefully accepted. Please see notice about Beetle drive this month.

Operation Orphan

Several young people from this village and other local areas ran from Hull to Freetown in West Africa as part of a mission trip and to raise funds for Operation Orphan.

Michael Scott will be showing a 25 minutes film about this trip on Saturday 4 November during our coffee morning, from about 11am.

Prayer

We offer you our hands, O Lord, to do your work; our lips to sing your praise; a life to proclaim your glory and a heart to serve our neighbour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

Country Dancing

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday, 10th November, in the Church Hall at 8.00 p.m. for another fun evening of country dancing. Beginners, intermediaries and advanced dancers most welcome.

See you there.

Kathryn

Christmas Gift Suggestion!

Bone China mugs depicting two scenes of our villages, Histon Green and Impington Windmill, will be available later in November.

They are being produced as a limited edition of 360 by Chown China of Cornwall, the company who produced our Church Centenary mugs in 1996, and will be priced at £7.50 each.

If you would like more details and wish to order in advance please speak to Rosemary Watson. When they're gone, they're gone!

Tuesday Group

We are continuing our informal Tuesday evening meetups through November—this month we will meet on the 7th and 21st, at 7:45pm. Venues to be confirmed, but we're aiming to alternate between the Red Lion and someone's house. Please speak to Simon for further details.

Sunday Club

Sunday club, creche and other children's activities will continue to be available each week during the service—please speak to Naomi or Simon for further details.

Cottenham Community Cinema

A monthly opportunity to enjoy great movies and explore life and faith.

Sun Nov 5th *Fences*, starring Denzel Washington. 7 for 7:30pm.

Tickets are available from www.facebook.com/CottenhamCommunityCinema, from the Cottenham Community Centre, or from Simon.



Please email items for the December 2017 newsletter to
newsletter@histonmethodist.org
or hand them to Chris Whitworth by 26th November