



Histon Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER February 2019

Regular Activities

Sunday	Morning Worship	10:30am
Monday	Craft Club (alternate weeks, see diary for dates)	2pm to 4pm
Wednesday	Community Coffee Shop	9:30am 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

At the time of writing we are still only a few weeks into 2019—though Christmas seems like a distant memory, and our New Years resolutions may have already receded far into our collective rear-view mirror!

The fleeting nature of some of life's most special experiences—and the apparent difficulty in sticking to important decisions we try to make to improve our lives—makes me ever grateful for the discipline of the Methodist Covenant Prayer, which some of us will have prayed during January. It is good to begin a new year considering once more what really matters in life, what we want to give our life to, and to choose again to give ourselves once more to the journey of following Christ.

For me, I also find it really helpful to continue to reflect on the Covenant Prayer as the year progresses:

"I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering;

let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you;

let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing;

I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

It is not simply a one-off prayer to be prayed and forgotten, but a posture we adopt in relationship to God—and so to reflect on it month-by-month as we journey through 2019 could be something some or all of us find helpful.

I have one friend who has a part of this prayer tattooed on his arms, a daily and constant reminder of his faithfulness and trust in God. Of course—I'm not suggesting that we all go out and get tattoos (although maybe we'd get a group discount if the whole church went?!) but I do think there is something in his attitude which is to be emulated.

And so as we push on into this new year, with all its challenges and opportunities, it seems vital that we continue to carve out spaces for encountering God: the times and places where we can reflect on what it means to live our lives for Jesus; to ask what God might be calling us to, day by day, week by week and onwards through the year—and who knows where we'll be by this time next year? But, when we get there, it will be good to know we have trusted it to God.

Simon

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Diary for February

Sun 3 Feb	Preacher: Revd Barbara Garwood	10:30am
Mon 4 Feb	Craft group	2pm
Tue 5 Feb	Bible Study Group	2:30pm
Wed 6 Feb	Service at Bramley Court	2:30pm
Thu 7 Feb	Thursday group: Update from the Turning Point Trust	2:45pm
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Sun 10 Feb	Preacher: Revd Simon Oliver (Holy Communion)	10:30am
Tue 12 Feb	Bible Study Group	2:30pm
Fri 15 Feb	Games Evening (see notice)	
Sun 17 Feb	Preacher: Prof. Judith Lieu	10:30am
Mon 18 Feb	Craft group	2pm
Tue 19 Feb	Bible Study Group	2:30pm
Wed 20 Feb	Service at Etheldred House	11am
Fri 22 Feb	Country dancing	8pm
Sun 24 Feb	Preacher: Revd Simon Oliver (All-Age Service)	10:30am
Tue 26 Feb	Bible Study Group	2:30pm
Tue 26 Feb	Church Council (please note change of date)	7:45pm

Future dates for your diary

Fri 1 Mar	World Day of Prayer service at Histon Methodist Church	10:30am
Thu 7 Mar	Thursday Group: Growing up in a Lancashire village with Vera Dudley	
Sat 6 Apr	Spring sale (see notice)	

What's going on in Cottenham?

For anyone who might be interested in some of the initiatives Simon is involved with at the Cottenham Community Centre Coffee Shop, here is some of what's coming up:

Sun Feb 3rd: Community Cinema The Children Act (7 for 7:30pm, £4)

Includes introductory talk and the opportunity to stay on for a conversation about the film, life and faith at the end.

Our next Cinema will be March 3rd but we haven't decided what film we're screening yet!

Sun Feb 17th: The Roost (3-4:30pm) Communion from 2:45pm

A great, fun, family event exploring life and faith with arts, craft, videos, music and more...plus the Sunday papers, cake and more great coffee.

Now also including a short, informal service of Holy Communion at 2:45pm.

Besom

On behalf of Besom, a very big thank you for all your gifts. We were able to deliver 60 Christmas Boxes to people we have helped over the last year. It just shows what a difference we can make to so many people when all the Churches in our villages work together. We wish all of you, your families, friends & neighbours a very peaceful New Year.

Wendy

Food Bank Donations

The Staff at Cottenham Food Bank asked me to pass on to those who donate from Histon Methodist their appreciation for our support, and they look forward to our bi-weekly trip to the depot with the most recent donations.

Our donations to the Food Bank are taken regularly to the local reception depot situated at the Baptist Church in Cottenham. Items are sorted there and made ready for clients who have vouchers authorised by the local Social Services office. The depot is open on a Wednesday afternoon for items to be collected, and donations—such as those from Histon Methodist—can be delivered around midday, also on the Wednesday.

Items required include: milk and juices (both UHT treated); tinned fruit and vegetables; tea and coffee; and tinned meat, pasta sauces, and rice pudding.

Thank you for your continued support;

Derek J Slaymaker (Co-ordinator)

Holiday Club

29th July to 2nd August

This year the holiday club will take place at the Baptist Church as usual, from Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August, and we have been asked to provide lunches again for the helpers.

This is our church's contribution to the running of the club, which is a very worthwhile task and very much appreciated by the recipients. Before we

commit ourselves to say we will be able to do so, we need to ensure we will have enough help.

We have been organising this between us for a number of years now, and due to other commitments would really like someone else to take this on. We are both willing to help, but would prefer not to have overall responsibility.

Please have a word with us if you feel this is something you could do, or if you can offer help in any way.

Rosemary Watson and Judy Houghton

Development report

Phase 3 tenders were due back by the end of January and the development committee will be meeting with the quantity surveyor to review them. We hope to be in a position to discuss them at the Church Council on 26th February (please note change of date to accommodate this).

Various fund-raising events are planned; please see other articles in this newsletter.

Fundraising for East Anglian Air Ambulance

In the run up to Christmas, Joy Folley ran a number of stalls at the Coffee Shop selling East Anglian Air Ambulance Christmas cards, and merchandise, and knitted Christmas goods, which were very kindly made by Joy and her friends. It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of everyone at East Anglian Air Ambulance, to thank Joy for organising the stalls and to all who purchased the items for raising the amazing sum of £378.70.

East Anglian Air Ambulance began in 2000 and is a charity providing a helicopter emergency medical service to the people of East Anglia. Since our launch we have attended over 25,000 lifesaving missions saving the lives of many thousands of people.

In the early days EAAA provided paramedic cover by air just one day a week in Norfolk. Today, EAAA

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or hand them to Chris Whitworth

provides advanced clinical care 365 days a year to an area covering Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk from its two bases in Cambridge and Norwich. The doctor and paramedic teams attend patients with life-threatening or life-changing injuries and medical emergencies such as road traffic collisions and cardiac arrests.

We aim to raise over £12m a year to deliver and develop our lifesaving service. We rely on the generous support of the community and people like Joy, without whom we could not continue to provide our life-saving service.

Suzy Hall

East Anglian Air Ambulance

Spring Sale

Saturday 6th April (9:30am until 12noon)

Time to sort out your cupboards and put aside things in good useable condition in readiness for our Spring Sale!

Stalls will be in the church and refreshments in the hall as normal. Weather permitting there may be one or two stalls outside. Please book the date in your diary.

Items to sell can be left in church anytime after Sunday 31st March. Much help will be needed for setting up on Friday 5th April and on the day of the sale from 9am.

There will be a sign up sheet for offers of help nearer the time.

All proceeds to our Development Fund. Any other ideas and offers to organise a fundraising event most welcome.

Thursday Group

On the 7th February at 2:45 pm, Revd Jean Simmonds will be updating us on the work of the Turning Point Trust charity. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kathryn Coles

Games Evening

On Friday 15th February, we look forward to seeing you at 7pm for a fun evening of games old and new. So, come and try your skill at well-known

and not so well-known games. We will also be serving desserts and drinks in the interval.

Tickets: £7.00 for Adults and £4.00 for Children/Students are available from Kathryn Coles or the Community Coffee Shop.

Kathryn Coles

Country Dancing Club

Do come along on Friday, 22nd February at 8pm for a fun evening of friendship and dancing. We have live music and all the dances are called and walked through. All abilities are catered for so, whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced dancer, you will have an enjoyable time.

Kathryn Coles

A Service of Choral Evensong

We are invited to St Andrews Church Histon on 10th February for Choral Evensong from 6pm to 7pm.

Please join us for anthems by Henry Purcell and Thomas Attwood and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis of Herbert Brewer, as well as some of our favourite hymns!

World Day of Prayer

The annual event formerly known as the *Women's World Day of Prayer* has changed its name to *World Day of Prayer* in order to reflect a more inclusive approach—the event is still organised and run entirely by women, but is now open to everyone, and we warmly invite anyone who wishes to come.

This year's event will be on Friday 1st March at Histon Methodist Church. at 10:30am (not the usual 2:30pm; we hope this will make it accessible to more people). This year's theme, prepared by the women of Slovenia, is "Come—everything is ready!", and again reflects that inclusive message that God's invitation is to everyone.

Come, and join with people all across the world participating in this celebration of prayer and praise.