



Histon Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER May 2019

Regular Activities

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

Minister's Message

Over these past months we have journeyed together through the prayers and self-denial of Lent, into the intensity of Jesus' suffering and witness during Holy Week and Good Friday, and finally into that great Resurrection Hope of Easter Sunday itself.

That pattern of death and resurrection is one that has echoes in many other aspects of life.

It is perhaps particularly easy to see signs of hope and new life during spring as plants blossom and flowers bloom.

And it has also been encouraging over the past few months to see signs of new life here at Histon Methodist. The completion of two phases of our development project has made a real difference to the way the church connects with the wider community, with one lovely coffee shop regular commenting that it had now made us "the hub of village life". Please pray for the Development Team as they tirelessly seek to bring the project to completion. We are so grateful to them, and to so many others in the Church and beyond who have so generously supported the vision over the years, and who continue to do so.

It has also been great to see new people of all ages get involved in the worship life here, and we have great hopes about how we might continue to develop our All Age worship to include more new people in the church community in the coming year. Again, I am grateful for people's generosity of spirit (and patience) as we have experimented with slightly different styles of worship.

As most people know, I have been involved in developing new styles of worship at Cottenham too, particularly with our monthly event 'The Roost'. A number of Histon-ites have braved the wilds of the Fen Edge and come along to this fun, inclusive community to which we usually have around 50–70 attendees, many of whom don't have any other involvement in church.

Our next meeting is on Sunday 19th May at 3pm, and it includes the baptism of Wren. We would love it if as many people as possible from Histon were able to share with us in this special occasion. As well as being an opportunity to share in the prayers and promises of the baptism (and eat some great cake!), it could give more of us the chance to see how we might develop the worship here at Histon too.

And in this season of new life and hope it might give us a glimpse of what the future could hold...

Simon

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Diary for May

Wed 1 May	Service at Bramley Court	2:30pm
3-6 May	Quilt and Flower Festival (see advert)	
Sun 5 May	Preacher: Mrs Phyllis Salmon	10:30am
Thu 9 May	Thursday Group: Board games (see notice)	2:45pm
Sun 12 May	Preacher: Revd Simon Oliver (incl. Holy Communion)	10:30am
Sun 12 May	Easter Offering service at Castle Street	6:30pm
Mon 13 May	Craft Group	2pm
Wed 15 May	Service at Etheldred House	11am
Sun 19 May	Preacher: TBA	10:30am
Sun 19 May	The Roost (Cottenham Community Centre) - see Minister's Message	3pm
Sun 26 May	Preacher: Revd Dr Andrew Stobart (All-age worship)	10:30am
Mon 27 May	Family Walk (see notice)	11am
Fri 31 May	Country Dancing (see notice)	8pm

Future dates for your diary

- Thu 6 June** Thursday group garden party
- Tue 11 June** Church Council

What's Going On in Cottenham

Cottenham Cinema

Sun May 12th—7 for 7:30pm: *The Wife*

Critically acclaimed drama with a award winning performance from Glenn Close.

Each screening includes bar, introductory talk and the opportunity to stay on for a conversation about the film, life and faith at the end.

See www.revcoffee.net for more info.

The Roost

Sun 19th May, 3—4:30pm

Including Wren Oliver's baptism. All welcome!
Cottenham Community Centre, 250a High St,
Cottenham CB24 8RZ.

Spring Sale

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with our recent Spring Sale, when £435 was raised for our Development Fund.

Lent Project

The total raised for Water Aid during Lent amounted to £387, many thanks to all for being so generous.

Holiday Club Lunches

29 July—2 August

Having appealed in two previous newsletters for someone to take on the role of organising holiday club lunches this year, with no results, we have sadly had to say we are unable to take on this task.

I have contacted Eileen Milner, and told her we are so sorry we had to make this decision, and if she can find a volunteer from one of the other churches to organise them, we can supply some helpers.

Rosemary Watson

General Church Meeting and Gift Evening

The General Church Meeting and Gift Evening took place on Tuesday 2 April.

Reports of the work of the various church groups are still available from Michael Simmonds.

Stewards elected for the year are Julia Daft, Judy Houghton, Derek Slaymaker, Rosemary Watson, Judy Wynn.

Money from the gift evening raised nearly £4000.

Christian Aid Week 12–18 May 2019

Christian Aid Week runs from 12–18 May this year. Histon and Impington are no longer holding a house-to-house collection but there will be envelopes in the church on 12 May for those who wish to continue to give to this good cause.

Thank you

To Joy Folley, who, at her own expense, has helped raise money for the Church by buying small Easter eggs and knitting little chicks in which the eggs 'hide'. You will have doubtless seen Joy knitting away at the Spring Sale recently and also each week at the Community Coffee Shop. Thank you, Joy, for all your hard work and for the funds raised in this way.

Anne Wyborn has also been making little chicks with eggs and we are grateful to her as well.

These are lovely little gifts for smaller children at this time of year and, as a certain store might say: "Every little helps"! Thank you both.

Michael Simmonds

A note from Joy

As a supporter of the Wednesday and Saturday coffee shops, I was pleased to be able to sell my Easter egg novelties, in aid of Histon Methodist Church Development Fund again, this year. As always, the chicks proved to be the most popular.

I would like to thank, very much, Celia Williams, who helped with some stalls, and everyone who supported the stalls through purchases and donations,

A total of £213.65 was raised, which also included my donation of £70 for eggs and materials.

Joy Folley

Thursday Group

Owing to unforeseen circumstances when the programme was originally planned, Mary Easy will not now be able to tell us about her quilts on Thursday 9th May, but I hope that you will have been able to see them at the Quilts and Flower Festival from the 3rd to 6th May instead.

As a replacement, we shall be playing some old and new board games, so I hope you will come along on 9th May at 2:45pm for some fun.

Kathryn Coles

Country Dancing

Our next dance session will be on Friday 31st May, at 8pm. I do hope that you can come along and join in the fun.

All the dances are walked through, we have live music and a caller so all ages and abilities are catered for.

See you there.

Kathryn Coles

Are you connected?

Do help yourself to a copy of Connexion magazine, of which free copies are available around the church and hall. This magazine tells you what is happening in various other Methodist churches around the country. The articles are interesting and quite brief so you can quickly read through, and perhaps something will start you thinking.

Go on—give it a try.

Michael Simmonds

Family Walk

Judy and Chris Houghton invite you to join them on an approximately 3 mile family walk on Spring Bank Holiday Monday 27th May. We will meet at the church at 11am for a walk along footpaths to Girton and back, finishing with a 'Bring Your Own' picnic lunch in the Community Orchard. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on this occasion.

Cottenham Food Bank

Donations of Groceries are taken every 2 weeks (on a Wednesday) to the Food Bank collection point at Cottenham Baptist Church. If regular donations increase and take up increased space at the our Church, I might need to review the current system.

Some goods remain in short supply, and the Unit would welcome donations of **rice pudding, tea, coffee, biscuits, custard** and **tinned tomatoes**.

Items *not* required at present due to heavy quantities already in stock include **baked beans, pasta, soup** and **tins of meat and veg**.

The thanks of the Cottenham staff are sent to all who have helped and/or donated. The Easter Egg gift caused much happiness!

Derek J Slaymaker

Development Report

Following decisions made at the last Church Council, we now have a reduced scheme of work from CD Hood. With a few more deductions, it became a feasible scheme and the extraordinary Church council on 28th April voted unanimously to go ahead.

Now we have final figures, Michael can go ahead with formally applying for the loan from Chapel Aid, which has previously been agreed in principle.

It may be worth pointing out that quite a large sum in the scheme is for re-tiling the hall roof, as well as providing better insulation in the roof. We



declined to do half the roof in phase 2, and it was patched up where the new building joined the old—but there is no point in having a lovely new hall if the roof leaks.

GDPR

To comply with the EU GDPR (General Data Protection Legislation), we have published our Privacy Notice, audited how we store personal information and have a few planned changes.

In particular, if you would like us to stay in contact with you, then we need your consent; in addition, if you are happy for your contact details be included in the new Church Directory—to be shared only within the church community—we need your permission for this as well.

What do I need to do?

- Complete a Data Consent Form (available in the hall) and return it to Naomi Whitworth.
- Please read our Privacy Policy at <http://histonmethodist.org/about-us/privacy-notice/> or on the noticeboard in the hall.
- If you hold any personal information as part of your role in church, and you have not yet spoken to Naomi about how that data is stored or used, please get in touch as soon as you can.

What is personal information?

Personal information is *any* information identifying a living individual, or information relating to an individual that can be identified from that information. This can be factual (e.g., name, email address, location or date of birth, photograph, disability, health or ethnicity data) or an opinion about that person's actions or behaviour.

If you have any questions at all, please speak to me.

Naomi Whitworth

Prayer

Fill our hearts with your grace, O Lord, our souls with your love and our lives with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Dwight L. Moody 1837-1899