



**Histon  
Methodist  
Church**

**NEWSLETTER**  
**February 2020**

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### 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	9:30am to 4:30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Thursday Group (1 <sup>st</sup> 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

Dear All;

I will keep it brief this month, but I just wanted to share more widely—for those who didn't hear my news at our January All Age Service—that I will be starting a new job as Chaplain at Addenbrooke's Hospital on 1st April. This means that I will no longer be the Minister of Histon Methodist Church. I will write more next month and share more with the congregation and wider community over the coming weeks, but for now I will just pass on the message from the Senior Circuit Steward which is also being shared with the other churches in the Circuit:

*"The Revd Simon Oliver has been appointed as the Methodist Chaplain to Addenbrookes effective April 1st 2020. The implications for pastoral cover for Histon have yet to be formalised.*

*Following his taking up his new position Simon has committed to continuing to work towards a transition or positive ending of The Roost and other aspects of Cottenham ministry. We wish Simon every success in his new role."*

**Simon**

### Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who filled or contributed to a shoe box for the Link to Hope Appeal. 37,400 shoeboxes were distributed by the charity to families and elderly people in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria who really valued and appreciated the gifts.

With your extra donations, many people not only benefitted from your shoe boxes but also received wood to see them through the winter, food parcels, and necessary house repairs to keep them warm, safe, and fed.

Have a look at the display in the hall, or visit their website—[www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk)—to see the Shoe Box Delivery Diary, which gives more details about this campaign.

**Naomi**

### Carols by Candlelight Offering

The offering from our Carols by Candlelight service in aid of Methodist charity *Action for Children* raised a sum of £325. Many thanks to all who were able to contribute.

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## Diary for February

<b>Sun 2 Feb</b>	Preacher: Revd Dr John Barrett	10:30am
<b>Mon 3 Feb</b>	Craft Group	2pm
<b>Tue 4 Feb</b>	Study Group	2:30pm
<b>Wed 5 Feb</b>	Service at Bramley Court	2:30pm
<b>Thu 6 Feb</b>	Thursday Group (see notice)	2:45pm
<b>Sun 9 Feb</b>	Preacher: Revd Simon Oliver (Holy Communion)	10:30am
<b>Fri 14 Feb</b>	Country Dancing (see notice)	8pm
<b>Sun 16 Feb</b>	Preacher: Revd Dr Brian Beck	10:30am
<b>Mon 17 Feb</b>	Craft Group	2pm
<b>Tues 18 Feb</b>	Study Group	2:30pm
<b>Wed 19 Feb</b>	Service at Etheldred House	11am
<b>Sun 23 Feb</b>	All-age Worship led by Revd Simon Oliver	10:30am
<b>Tue 25 Feb</b>	Study Group	2:30pm
<b>Fri 6 Mar</b>	World Day of Prayer Service (Impington Parish Church)	10:30am

### Kenya Project

The jar collection in aid of Nyambene Synod Youth Centre, Kenya, raised £30. Many thanks to all who contributed.

### Prayer

*Let us run the race that is set before us in the royal road of love.*

*Let us keep an even pace rooted in the faith of the saints.*

*Let us be grounded in the true catholic love, until we are consumed by the fire of your grace forever. Amen.*

**John Wesley (1703–1791)**

### Easter/Spring themed fund-raising

As last year, Joy Folley and I are presently busy knitting chicks, hedgehogs and other items to sell the few weeks before Easter to raise money for the church development fund. Some of these are intended to cover a creme egg or similar, and we would be very grateful if anyone would be able to donate some eggs, or give us a donation to buy

some. Please kindly pass on your contribution to either Joy or myself. Thank you.

**Anne Wyborn**

### Thursday Group

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 6th February, at 2:45pm. Our speaker will be Alison Giles on “Cambridgeshire in the First and Second World Wars”. Alison is the Education Officer at Burwell Museum, and formerly Duxford Imperial Museum, and will be bringing along some memorabilia for people to look at. Everyone most welcome.

**Kathryn**

### In the Recorder

Two articles on the same page of a recent Methodist Recorder captured my interest. The first was about a special service, held recently at Leigh-on-Sea, to celebrate the contribution of older people. Quoting Job 32:7—

*“Age should speak! Advanced years should teach wisdom.”*

The second article was about The Whitechapel Mission, in London's East End, which recently had its 143rd Anniversary. They served 108,398 breakfasts last year from 6am with the help of 5,200 volunteers. Also available are showers, fresh clothes, warmth of welcome, dentistry, other health care, addiction and debt counselling, support in getting housed and back to work. Most of the above were dear to John Wesley's heart.

Please pray for the Mission and similar work undertaken by other groups and churches in different parts of our Great Britain. You can find out more at their website: [www.whitechapel.org.uk](http://www.whitechapel.org.uk)

*Janet Houghton*

## Food Bank Donations December 2019

The staff at Cottenham Baptist Church have asked that their thanks be passed on to all Food Bank contributors connected to Histon Methodist.

I also wish to thank contributors for the groceries and other goods that have been placed in our collection basket.

Donations were a little heavier during December, and this meant that I made an extra journey during the month to pass on these gifts. Staff were very busy when I made the extra visit!

Donations are taken every 2 weeks and may include money if you find that more convenient. Food bank staff are able to use financial donations to buy items that are in short supply.

*Derek J Slaymaker*

## East Anglian Air Ambulance

East Anglian Air Ambulance is extremely grateful to Joy for selling our Christmas cards, and various other EAAA merchandise, as well as her wonderful handmade Christmas items.

We are also extremely grateful to the Church and the ladies who organise the Coffee Shop for giving Joy the space to sell these items.

We rely on the generous support of the community, without whom we could not continue to provide our life-saving service.

*Suzy Hall, East Anglian Air Ambulance*



Thank you very much to Simon, Rosemary and Judy Houghton for letting me have the stalls, to Celia Williams for helping on the stalls, to Pat Fordham for knitting gloves, mittens and other items, and to all who supported the stall. The monies raised by Histon Methodist totalled £490.50

*Joy Folley*

## Country Dance Club

If you are not going out for a romantic meal on Friday 14th February, why not come along to our next dance evening? Our caller will be Peter and he will walk and talk all the dances through so, even if you have two left feet, you will be catered for! We will have music by our resident band.

Jane and I look forward to seeing you, so do come along and have a go.

*Kathryn*

## Hope Again

Hope Again is a village wide initiative intended for anyone in the community who has been bereaved either years ago or more recently. The course focuses on particular aspects of the journey of loss and bereavement as well as offering practical support and advice.

Volunteers to help support those attending the courses are needed, for which training is needed and provided.

The next training sessions are at St Audrey's Community Centre on Monday evenings at 7:30pm on 3rd, 10th, and 17th February. The training will also include Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults training, which is essential to comply with current regulations.

The initial intake of Volunteers were trained in early 2018 and since then a few have had changes in circumstances leading to reduced availability for our twice-yearly bereavement support programmes. These run for 6 weeks each Spring and Autumn, and are now well established in our community. Interest in attending comes additionally from people living in neighbouring villages so at each programme we can expect around a dozen people who have a range of personal bereavement circumstances. These training dates are necessary for all volunteers so that we can offer the best possible support to everyone attending.

For further details or to register for the the training, please contact Peter Garside at [peter@pgarside.co.uk](mailto:peter@pgarside.co.uk).

## **To The Development Team**

Now that we have been using our beautifully refurbished buildings for a couple of months, I would like to say a big thank you to the members of our Development team who have worked so hard and through a variety of unforeseen circumstances to see this project through. I think few of us realise how much time and sheer determination all the members of the team have given.

Christine Pooley, of course, led the team, and her vision and endless patience dealing with the architects and builders, will always be remembered with great appreciation and these refurbished premises are a wonderful tribute to her memory. The other members, who all had different, but equally demanding roles to play are:

- Judy and Ray Wynn
- Michael Simmonds
- Rosemary Watson
- Robin McCombie

Simon attended meetings whenever other commitments allowed and was always encouraging and supportive, which was much appreciated by the team. Thank you all for your love and dedication to our Church.

***Judy Houghton***