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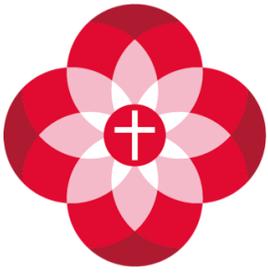
May 2021

Looking back I suppose it all began with our Christmas Tableau. Alison, our minister, wanted us as a church to show that although unable to worship in our building during lockdown, we were still an active church community behind the scenes, and by using our 'shop window' – the meeting room – we could share the Christmas Story with the village.

So the first scene evolved, with the manger, and baby Jesus as the central focus, with Mary and an angel overlooking this special baby, together with a lamb brought by the shepherds and the wisemen's gifts. Several stable animals were added to the familiar scene-including a very nonchalant chicken, and an owl that turned out to be a penguin! All overlooked and lit by a splendid star specially made by John.

Twelfth night arrives, Christmas is over, and Rosemary used the window to promote the District's 'January Light' initiative, which was much needed at this dark time. A splendid lighthouse was produced which overlooked a watery seaside scene, a panorama which changed weekly with the additions of a sailing boat, a drowning man, a crawling crab, seagulls flying above, etc. The accompanying cards sent out brought 'January Light' to many and were much appreciated.

Still in the middle of lockdown the season of Lent began, so out came our cross with the appropriate symbols, crown of thorns, purple robe, bowl and towel, whip, thirty pieces of silver, bread and wine, and finally hammer and nails, all added weekly, just as we would have if we were having live services. The cross, symbols and the Easter Garden, with a tiny tomb, all featured in the village children's Good



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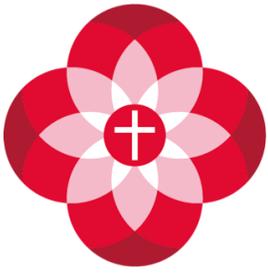
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Friday Easter Trail, organised by the Churches Together in our villages, when those on duty at our church used these vivid visual aids to help tell the Easter story, which seemed to fascinate the young listeners. Easter Sunday was a glorious sunny day and the golden daffodils added to the cross by members and friends, again attracted passers by as we celebrated the risen Christ – this time outside our ‘shop window’.

The meeting room was empty for one week and then Rosemary had the idea that we should produce an exhibit to honour and celebrate the life and memory of The Duke of Edinburgh with another display. Joy dug out her flags, Rosemary ironed her white table cloth, I dashed to the florist, various books and photos were found and a prayer for the Royal Family on the occasion of the Duke’s death, compiled by the President of Conference completed our tribute, which was much photographed and became the centre of remembrance for the village.

We enjoy such a privileged position in our villages, and our window has given us the opportunity to evangelise visually to our village during a difficult year for us all – what next you may ask – watch that space!

JUDY WYNN



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2nd May Service at Church 10.45 am

Please book your seat by phoning Rosemary by the 29th April. This service will be a zoom service broadcast live from church to the rest of the circuit. It will be led by Judy Wynn. **Please note the 10.45am start time.**

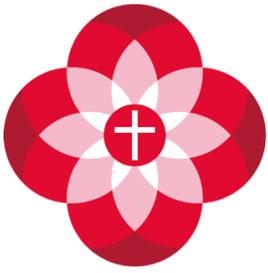
16th May Service at Church 10.45 am

Please book your seat by phoning Judy Houghton on 01223 690557 by the 13th May. **Please note the 10.45am start time. At time of publication this could be via a link to the Castle Street zoom service, as there are no available preachers.**

Zoom Meetings

We are warmly invited to join the Sunday services at 10:45am or the Wednesday Zoom Coffee Shop. Let us know on contact@histonmethodis.org if you would like to join.

Don't forget you can join by phone if you don't have access to the internet.



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A prayer contribution from Janet Houghton

Lord guide my hand in times of writing,
Guide my words in times of speaking,
Guide my mind in times of thinking,
And guide my heart in times of loving,
As you have guided those who came before me,
And will continue to guide us for evermore.

Amen

(from The Leys School)

Contributions for the June Newsletter would be appreciated.

Please send them in by May 30th to contact@histonmethodist.org

Thank you.