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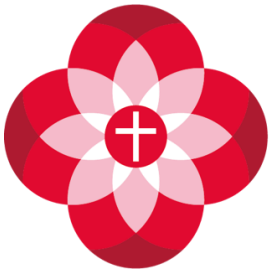
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Histon Methodist Newsletter

September 2021

Message from the Stewards

- From September 5th we will be having a service in church every Sunday. There is no need to book your place from now on.
- We have put the chairs back in rows so you may sit where you wish. However, please be aware that some will still prefer to keep a safe distance.
- Please continue to wear a mask whilst in the building, but we are pleased to be able to sing quietly whilst wearing them.
- We will keep a record of those who attend a service for track and trace reasons, and we are asking visitors to services to fill in a track and trace form.
- We will continue to ensure good ventilation so on cooler days you may need extra clothing.
- We are staying with the **10.45 am** start time.
- We will offer coffee & tea after special services; the first time will be after the Harvest Service.
- We are taking small steps at a time to make sure people feel safe in returning to church services.



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5th September Service in Church 10.45 am led by Miss Phyllis Salmon

12th September Holy Communion in Church 10.45 am led by Revd. Alison Walker

19th September Harvest Service in Church 10.45 am led by Mrs Judy Wynn & the
stewards

A service of celebration with readers, seasonal hymns, music, and prayers.

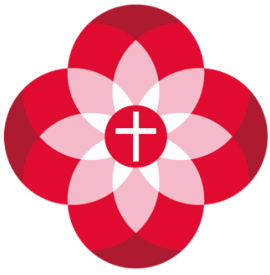
The church will be decorated for this celebratory season, and your gifts for the Foodbank will be gratefully received as you enter church, or whilst decorating is taking place on Saturday Morning.

26th September Service in Church 10.45 am led by Miss Joyce Goodall

HOLIDAY CLUB 2021 – ‘FACTORY ROCK’.

Organised by Churches Together in Histon and Impington this proved to be an action packed fun filled event in which to be involved, with lots of fun and frivolity on the surface, but with all those taking part being on a mission to share and show God’s love to all those who attended.

This year’s event was a slightly scaled down affair, largely held in an open sided marquee on the Baptist lawn, and over 3 days instead of 5. Between 50- 60 or so children attended with probably a similar amount of leaders and young helpers.



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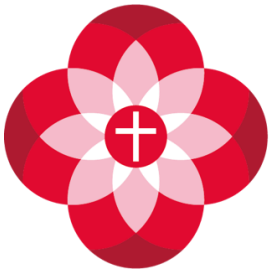
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Our own Kathryn Coles and Judy Houghton bravely led groups of children, whilst Anne Wyborn looked very fetching in a high-viz jacket as she helped with security – in good company alongside the vicar- and I helped with devotions and refreshments. The helpers were delighted with cakes provided by the members of our church and they were much appreciated at the end of a fairly hectic and demanding morning, when refreshment was much needed as they prepared for the next day.

Action took place in a sweetie factory with the core team consisting of factory manager Tim Blake, Ivan Goldchest, and cleaner Rachel Carr, Clara Cleanaloo, plus personal assistant, Sarah Davis, alias Penelope Penalot, all truly inspirational as they entered into their roles with such enthusiasm and zest. They gave their all as they led the entertainment and teaching, cleverly interweaving stories from the bible each day, the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal son.

The children made fantastic factory machinery from cardboard boxes, loo rolls etc., enjoyed a treasure hunt among many other exciting activities, and as the event was held during the Olympics, our own Wonky Donkey games were staged on the adjoining school field one morning.

I felt it was a real privilege and pleasure to be more closely involved with this project this year when it was probably needed more than ever. We laughed, we sang, we worshipped, we got to know others from local churches, but most importantly it was obvious the children involved in this worthwhile project would have witnessed the love of God expressed by the sheer energy, enthusiasm, and commitment by the willing helpers, of all ages, all giving what they could with the talents and abilities at their disposal. Leaders and helpers would surely have been rewarded by the knowledge that they have sown some seeds and provided vivid memories for all who took part.



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Judy Wynn

Rev Sonia Hicks, President of the Methodist Conference

I was delighted to hear of this appointment, as, along with Rev John Chamberlain, I was asked to adjudicate at the service when she applied to be a candidate for the Methodist Ministry. There was no doubt about it as she was eminently suitable!

Janet Houghton

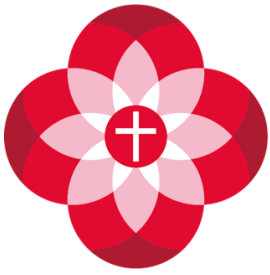
Sunday Services on Zoom

We realise some of our members and friends are unable or prefer not to return to worship in person at the moment, so we are continuing to provide a weekly service on zoom. Some will be from Histon and some from Castle Street Methodist Church.

Let us know if you would like the Zoom link
contact@histonmethodist.org

Wednesday Zoom Coffee Shop

Those who continued joining the weekly zoom coffee morning once restrictions were eased enjoyed meeting together in person at the end of July, before having a break during August. We plan to meet again on Zoom from **WEDNESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER at 10.30am**. Let us know if you would like the link. Everyone is welcome whether you have joined us before or if you fancy giving it a try.



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We are pleased to report that the Community Coffee Shop at Church is now running each Wednesday from 09.30am – 12 noon. We serve hot and cold drinks and home-made cakes. Payment is by cash donation. Each week we have seen more people from the village returning for a chat and a coffee, and everyone is delighted to be back. It is being run by volunteers, all of whom are asked to take a lateral flow test beforehand. If you would like to visit us we will be pleased to see you. If you would like to volunteer to help occasionally, please contact Judy Houghton.

Monday Craft Group

The craft group continues to meet fortnightly, the next dates are:

Monday 6th and 20th September.

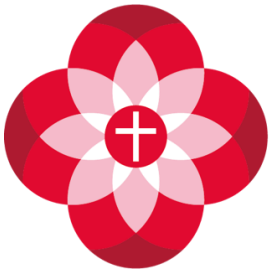
Future Diary Dates

Christmas Market Saturday 20th November

Christmas Tree Festival 11th and 12th December

A local community event in our church organised jointly with HI Friends.

We remember those who are still unable to join us in worship, and members of our church family who are finding life difficult for various reasons, we assure them all of our continued prayers.



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We are pleased to say that this is the last newsletter in this format and Chris Whitworth will resume editing and collating the newsletter now things are on a more even keel.

Contributions for the October Newsletter would be appreciated.

Please send them in by 19th September to
newsletter@histonmethodist.org Thank you.

Printed copies will be available to pick up at church from the October edition.

We will try to ensure all those who have been receiving printed copies during the pandemic but are still unable to return to church or coffee shop, have a copy delivered to them.

John will continue to send copies by email.