

# Queen Street Methodist Church Horncastle

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Notices/Newsletter - May 2026

Welcome : Friendship : Community : Kindness : Inclusive

It's good to see you. We hope that you will stay for tea or coffee after the service. New to the area? Please let us know, we won't push but may introduce you to what's on offer here so that you are free to choose



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May is a significant month in the Christian calendar with  
**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

May 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

10am - May 10<sup>th</sup> - Joint at St Mary's  
(further details in these notices)  
And for Methodists in particular

**WESLEY DAY - MAY 24<sup>th</sup>**

3pm at Raithby

## ~~~~~ WHAT'S ON HERE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS?

May 9<sup>th</sup> - 9am-12.30pm : Bikers' Breakfast - lots of choice, various prices - come along!

June 20<sup>th</sup> - Summer Coffee Morning

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☕ **COFFEE** 🍰 **CAKE** 🗣️ **CHAT** 😊

Tuesdays 10-11.30am : £1.50 donation - tea/coffee cake - friends, quizzes, crafts

Call Connect - Phone 0345 234 3344 : website [www.lincsbus.info/callconnect](http://www.lincsbus.info/callconnect)

## ~~~~~ QS WALKING BUDDIES

Fortnightly walks followed by refreshments, when "non-walkers" join in

Speak to Stewart, email Marion [marion@mmhome.me.uk](mailto:marion@mmhome.me.uk)

## ~~~~~ TRAVELLING GUILD 2026

Key:- **CS** Christian Service : **C** Cultural : **D** Devotional : **S** Social - All 2pm unless noted  
Summer break

## ~~~~~ NB - TIME AND VENUE OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE

ST MARY'S AT 10<sup>am</sup> - SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY - DO COME ALONG

Lead by Rev Charles Patrick and Ms Marion Manson

The local Christian Aid Group tries to deliver a donation envelope to every house in the town, but we need help. If you could deliver, even to just a few houses near you, it would be a huge help. There is an option to collect those envelopes too if you wish. If you aren't a regular deliverer, please contact Sheila Freeston on 07591 549473 or [sheilafreeston5@gmail.com](mailto:sheilafreeston5@gmail.com), or speak to Helen Marshall or Jo Woodhouse if you are able to help. A very big thank you to those who already offer regular help

## ~~~~~ VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are always needed for:-

basic gardening (no grass cutting) - some stewarding - coffee rota - flower rota

Please speak to Wendy if you'd like to help with *absolutely anything* - see her report at the end of these notices - think about the garden, coffee, flowers, some stewarding



## SERVICES

(10.30am start *unless otherwise noted* - in order that we see a good variety of clergy and local preachers, *times will vary* - please note *variations* on your calendar)

April 26th - **2.30pm** - Rev Richard Mottershead - **2.30pm**

May 3rd - *Local Arrangement, with Mrs Wendy Turner*

10th - **10am** - **Christian Aid** - United at St Mary's - with congregation members from each church taking part

17th - Rev Ian Kemp - **HC**

24th - **NO SERVICE AT QUEEN STREET ....**

24th - **Wesley Day - Raithby - Rev Sue Wilkins - 3pm** followed by tea

31st - Mrs Julie Close-Mitchell

June 7th - *Local Arrangement, with Ms Marion Manson*

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## Wesley Day May 24th

*Notice from the Raithby Newsletter....***WESLEY DAY** - Sunday 24th MAY - **3pm**

*Revd Sue Wilkins has kindly offered to return to us to lead this service*

*We hope that many of her friends will come to greet her and stay for tea*

*John Wesley preached at Raithby and it's because of Lady Brackenberry's benevolence that he was able to take Methodism further afield and ultimately around the world*

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## ECUMENICAL

### CHURCHES TOGETHER

<http://www.ctal.org.uk/index.html> Horncastle Matters Community Magazine

### PRAYER BREAKFAST

Costa Coffee - 9-10am (3rd Saturday of month) Open Prayer, fellowship – all welcome

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## CIRCUIT

- **Wragby** : Monthly Coffee Morning : Fridays 10am
- **Coningsby** : Weekly Coffee Morning : Saturdays 10-12
- **C'by** : Fortnightly : Tuesday Fellowship : 2pm

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## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2026 is May 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

*'Faithful action'* - Christian Aid - non-discriminatory organisation, supporting people in need through injustice, climate change, poverty and deprivation throughout the world and we reflect *that* faithfulness in *our* lives. **Beacon of Hope** is Christian Aid's partner in Kenya. Urban farmers Fridah Moraa and Belinda Kasudi - 'I was wondering, where can someone farm here in Nairobi?' They received tools, seeds and training to grow vegetables in small city spaces. Now they sell produce at market. Even more farmers, living in Nairobi, Kenya, grow their own vegetables. Life's precarious with inadequate housing, no reliable access to running water and few opportunities to earn an income. Hunger is a constant threat, families face heartbreaking decisions on how to feed their children.

*'Now I can plan. I can buy this, I can buy that, I can help my family.'*



## CONTACTS

General - <https://www.lincolnmethodist.org.uk/contact.html>

Notices/Publicity - [marion@mmhome.me.uk](mailto:marion@mmhome.me.uk) June notices by **21st May** please

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## LINKS

Find out what's happening and where by opening these links Home page

<https://www.lincolnmethodist.org.uk/>

Plan

<https://www.lincolnmethodist.org.uk/lib/file-996345.pdf>

Monthly news/events

<https://www.lincolnmethodist.org.uk/news/monthly-events.html>

Queen Street chapel, Horncastle

<https://www.lincolnmethodist.org.uk/churches/horncastle.html>

Circuit churches

<https://www.lincolnmethodist.org.uk/churches.html>

Map of the circuit and where it is in the county

<https://www.lincolnmethodist.org.uk/circuit-map.html>

## OTHER LINKS

- Lincolnshire Methodists

<https://www.lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk/>

- The Methodist Church

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/>

- Churches Together in All Lincolnshire

<http://www.ctal.org.uk/index.html>

- Daily prayers

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/prayer/prayer-of-the-day/>

- Pray as you go, daily prayer podcast in the Ignatian style

<https://pray-as-you-go.org>

- The Vine

<https://theworshipcloud.com/view/store/discipleship-and-the-people-called-methodist-kindle>

- The World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

<https://wfmucw.org> : <https://mwib.org.uk/>

<https://cdn.mwib.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Annual-Review-2022-2023.pdf>

- Bible Society

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/> (Benefits from the book table donations)

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↓ Shirley's 75th birthday celebrated at CC&C



Louth - Keddington & Alvingham walks ↓ Afters →



## WHY RURAL CHAPLAINCY? ...

<https://lrac.org.uk/>

*Rural stress, isolation and high rates of suicide are familiar issues associated with farming*



The industry pressures continue with large, one-off disasters (avian flu, flooding and climate change being just a few) along with the volatility of global markets. The pastoral care provided by the chaplains is an essential 'listening ear, walking with the agricultural community through difficult times'.

The role of Agricultural Chaplain has been undertaken for over 25 years by Rev. Canon Alan Robson. During this time his chaplaincy has become an integral part of the fabric of the Lincolnshire rural community. The role has broadened beyond pastoral and spiritual care of the agricultural rural community to promotion and participation in projects to benefit their resilience and wellbeing;

provoking ethical debate about countryside and agricultural issues and connecting many organisations around the County.

A chaplain strives to act as a **Comforter**, **Catalyst**, **Champion** and **Connector**.

**Comforter** ... consoles – brings relief in affliction

**Catalyst** ... precipitates change

**Champion** ... fights and argues for a cause

**Connector** ... creates the link between organisations and people

If you wish to speak to a chaplain you can contact them by email: [Chaplains@lrac.co.uk](mailto:Chaplains@lrac.co.uk) or call the **LRSN** helpline on 0800 1381710 Thank you for your ongoing support with this appeal

*"The one word I am going to use to celebrate chaplaincy over the past 25 years is gratitude*

## The Wesleyan Ethos

DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,  
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,  
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,  
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,  
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

JOHN WESLEY

*John Wesley's principles in the 18th century...*

### *A Political Manifesto for Today?*

- ~ Reduce the gap between rich and poor
- ~ Seek to ensure full employment
- ~ Introduce measures to help the poorest, including a living wage
- ~ Offer the best possible education
- ~ Empower individuals to feel they can make a difference
- ~ Promote tolerance
- ~ Promote equal treatment for women
- ~ Create a society based on values and not on profits and consumerism
- ~ End all forms of enslavement
- ~ Avoid engaging in wars
- ~ Avoid narrow self-interest and promote a world view
- ~ Care for the animals with whom we share our planet



## Letter from your Senior Steward - Wendy Turner

I took advantage of the last Church Council Stewards' Report to say 'thank you' and appeal for extra help. Sadly, Church Council doesn't attract a huge audience so here is a flavour of my report.

The Stewarding team remains small but dedicated. Occasional extra help to cover Sunday's stewarding would be very much appreciated, even if you don't feel able to take on full stewardship, this would enable Andrew and Wendy, particularly, to more often arrive and leave with everyone else; participate in worship and fellowship rather than being first to arrive, last to leave, and keeping an eye on things in between.

The new Circuit Plans have given us some new preachers which is always interesting, I like to think, for preachers and congregation. We are grateful to Rev Kemp for taking monthly services and for advice and support on an ad hoc basis, it is good to stay in-touch.

After a vote, following a regular Sunday service, it was decided, almost unanimously, that in the Summer our once-a-month services will be at the later time of 3pm – unless we are having an Own Arrangement in which case there is no point having an afternoon service as we haven't been allocated a clergy member, the whole point of the deviation of time once a month.

Thank you to our diligent organists and for the way they support each other ensuring we have music to assist our worship.

The Plan from May to August has an alarming number of gaps. Thank you to Marion for her arrangements and all those who participate in services Wendy takes from various Methodist resources. If anyone would like to lead one, or has ideas of a special service we can plan, please speak to Wendy. Thank you to all those who contribute to running the church and making it a welcoming place for people to come, on a Sunday and in the week.

We have had some lovely flowers displayed in church on a Sunday and then moved into the foyer for our building users to enjoy in the week. There is always room on the **flower rota** for more volunteers. The arrangements don't have to be flamboyant, special skills are not required, the beauty is in the flowers - ask the bees! June holds a small fund if you'd like to put your name down but hesitate about the cost.

Our **Sunday Coffee Rota** can always do with more names, especially when regulars are not available. Milk and biscuits are the cost - reclaimable from the donations if required - and your time. Please think about adding your name - get trained up before Sam and Gary go away for a few weeks in the Autumn - leaving a lot of Sundays to be covered.

Thank you to the fundraising team for the varied programme of events which have and will happen.

**TWO** Bikers breakfasts this year!

Thank you to Marion for keeping up with advertising; designing and producing posters and fliers, and for ensuring events and activities are included in our own Newsletters and the Circuit newsletters. If you have any ideas, or a burning desire to be involved, speak to one of the team.

We must thank Gary for the work he has done as our Safeguarding Officer ensuring we are compliant. The Property Team (and Tracey) work so hard to keep our building in good, clean condition and it can sometimes feel like pushing treacle uphill. Remember, if you see something that needs attention don't assume it is in-hand, bring it to our attention – better be told twice than not at all.

Thank you Andrew for all the work you do keeping the books right and managing the money - not an easy task, or one anyone will fight you for - especially when Lloyds decided to close when you had spent ages getting everything changed over - and for having a Stewarding role too.

Again, and again people say we are a friendly church which is testament to the Welcomers on the door and what they find on the inside. May God continue to provide ways that we can work together, meet people where they are, and find the words to spread the Good News.

Amen