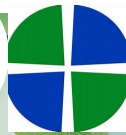




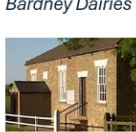

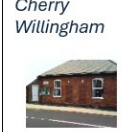




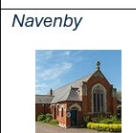












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Circuit Letter

I started Easter Sunday with a sunrise communion by a pond, the moon providing what light there was until dawn. As the moon slipped away and the sun grew brighter, the service came to an end, and we were reminded that the crew of Artemis were circling the moon at that very moment.

I also learned that the first food and drink consumed on the moon was the bread and wine of Holy Communion, taken by Buzz Aldrin on 20th July 1969. Aldrin intended it to symbolise gratitude for the safe landing, but later acknowledged in his memoir that, while deeply meaningful, it might have been better to mark a more inclusive moment for all humankind.

In a way, that is what Easter is all about: an act by one man intended for all humanity. It is central to the Christian calendar and is followed fifty days later by the celebration of Pentecost. This occasion is considered by some to be the birthday of the Church.

This year, that celebration falls on 24th May, the same day Methodists give thanks for one of their founders, John Wesley. It was on this day that he had an experience he later described as his heart being “strangely warmed,” a moment when God became more real to him. Strikingly, his brother had a similar experience three days earlier, describing a “strange palpitation of his heart.”

The verse of scripture that Buzz Aldrin read to himself on the moon came from the Gospel of John, where Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.” It simply emphasises that Christians are to rely on Christ in order to develop their character. Buzz kept it simple on such a momentous journey.

The early Church grew rapidly from a few hundred people that day to over 2.5 billion across the world today. The Wesleys played their part 1,700 years later, enabling social reforms that changed this country. They, too, kept it simple with their general rules: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God.

Perhaps this Pentecost, we should keep it simple too—and make a difference as we celebrate the Church’s birthday.

Rev Richard
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Compiling each Circuit News is a big but exciting job. It is really important that we celebrate all the good that is happening in the Circuit and would like feedback on our newsletter. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us; we welcome your thoughts. Please email: lincolnmethodist1702@outlook.com

Material for the **Autumn 2026** edition of **Circuit News** must be with the Circuit Office by Wednesday, **12 August 2026**. Any material received after this date will not be included in the September edition.

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News from our Churches

Bailgate Methodist Church



Coming to church on Lincoln's historic Bailgate may be a privilege, but its popularity means it also has its disadvantages. The three months of roadworks has been an example of the latter. While nearly 50,000 blocks were re-laid on a stronger mortar base, we experienced some inconveniences. However, thanks to the helpful organisation of the council workers, there were only 3 days when we were unable to access our car park. The much-needed mammoth project, now almost completed, is a great improvement.

We had a well-attended Parade service on the 8th March with Rev Juliet Wrigglesworth and look forward to the next one on 5th July.

During Holy Week we had epilogues in the evenings of Monday to Wednesday and a Maundy Thursday service with Rev Canon Alan Robson. The Good Friday service was led by Rev Margaret Doughty followed by the Walk of Witness into town. Rev Juliet took our worship on Easter Sunday when the empty cross was beautifully dressed with spring flowers. We also enjoyed an Easter Praise service with Rev Alan Barker singing all the favourite Easter hymns we hadn't sung over the Easter period.



Seven of us went to the Methodist Women in Britain weekend at Swanwick in Derbyshire from 10th to 12th April. We had a lovely time catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. We danced at the Praise disco, attended various workshops on the Saturday afternoon and attended a service of Holy Communion on Sunday morning. We enjoyed a pleasant, relaxing weekend with friendship and good food. (Have a look on You Tube for some of the sessions.)

We had a party to celebrate the considerable achievements of our friend Moss – Mussiwa Takavarasha, who not only passed his local preacher's exams but also graduated from Lincoln University as a Doctor of Philosophy.

The Night Light Café on Wednesday evenings continues to go well. We are grateful that the contract with Acts Trust and the NHS has



recently been renewed. However, we are always looking for new volunteers to help at the café.

The Bailgate Buddies dementia café, which meets once a month on Thursday afternoons, will be holding a coffee morning to raise funds and awareness of dementia on Saturday 23rd May from 10am to 1pm. We also open our Well for the Bailgate Parkinson support group café. On 8th April Judith and Scot Prentice cycled a round trip of 53 miles alongside Dirk Terjung, a Parkinson sufferer. Dirk was on his power assisted Trike. He has so far raised nearly £3,000 for Parkinson UK research through 'Just Giving,' and cash donations.

Our minister of some years ago, Rev John Squares has been invited to lead our Chapel Anniversary service on 7th June. Now a minister in the Durham area, we look forward to welcoming him back to Bailgate for this special occasion.

At Bailgate we are engaging in Bible month in June, when our Sunday services will be focusing on Philippians.

We are hoping to hold another craft, coffee and cake afternoon at Bailgate on Saturday 13th June in the church lounge. Come and join us.



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden illness and passing of our senior steward Chris Matthews, in the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham. He will be greatly missed at Bailgate and around the circuit for his many contributions and as a local preacher. We think of Christine and the family and hold them all in our prayers.



Bardney Methodist Chapel



In early March, the children from Bardney junior school had asked to visit both the Chapel and St Lawrence's Parish Church (which is about 50 yards from the Chapel) to help them with some religious education.

They visited the Church one morning and 2 days later came to the Chapel. They were due to arrive at 1.30pm but they weren't on time. I had arranged light refreshments for them because I'd been told children are always hungry, even though it wasn't so long after lunch. I stood outside the Chapel and after about 20 mins I could hear the chatter of the children walking up Church Lane, the noise was quite loud and it did make me laugh, it was beautiful to hear so many children chattering. They eventually walked the mile from the school to the Chapel and my first question to them, whilst they were all standing outside, was how old was the Chapel, compared to the Church. There is a plaque on the Chapel wall saying 1903, but none of them noticed, only to say that they thought the Church could be older. Actually, the Church was built in the 15th Century and replaced a former Church. Bardney Abbey was dissolved in 1538 and there are many relics held in the Church. The Church was renovated in 1873-79 and given Grade 1 listing in 1966.

So, considering there was so much history in the Church, the children were quite amused to find out that the Chapel was so 'new'.

I was able to get the children settled into the Chapel and told them about John Wesley and the family connection to Epworth. They hadn't heard of the Wesley's so next came a short talk about them.

They were interested in the different ways that the Anglicans and Methodists worship, and I tried to give them a talk about the difference between vicars and how we have ministers and lay preachers.

They asked a variety of questions, many of them I hadn't realised I knew the answers to! After about 40 mins of chatting, they were introduced to the biscuits and soft drinks to which they devoured, now I know children are always hungry! The teachers were very impressed by my presentation, and they were very happy that the children were so well behaved. Both teachers and children now know all about the Methodist way of life, as they took loads of badges, stickers and cup mats,

When the school broke up for Easter in April, Bardney Methodist Hall was transformed into a cinema by some very talented volunteers from the Threshold Church, based in Bardney. The hall's walls were covered in black curtains, there were staged platforms so that it looked like a cinema inside, a projector and screen were added later when some of the comfy chairs from Chapel were brought in (no one wants to sit for 90 mins on hard chairs).



There was popcorn available and 3 films were scheduled throughout the week. Tickets were advertised at £5 per person and the first film was sold out. Feedback from the paying public was phenomenal, the hall will definitely be putting on another film week.

BARDNEY DAIRIES METHODIST CHURCH

A cordial invitation is extended to the whole circuit and beyond to join us for evening worship – the only evening service in the circuit. A very simple act of worship based on a set theme, we have searched in the bull rushes and found Moses, share in the election of Mathias and are now making the journey with Ruth and Naomi. A fitting and mediative end to the week, but at the same time preparing us for the challenge of the week ahead. Just 3 well sung hymns and appropriate reading and well prepared deeply sincere prayers. Come and join us! B1020 twist Wragby and Bardney, 6.15pm don't be late to get a good seat, come in good voice the singing goes well. Excellent car parking and a warm welcome, what could be better for a traditional Methodist Sunday night. We gain strength and confidence being in the company of Christian friends.



Central Methodist Church

Greetings from Central Methodist Church.

We have been very busy here at Central. Planning Own Arrangements has been challenging but by doing so we have seen and felt the moving of God. Always a welcoming and close church family I feel we have worked well together, and we continue to reach out to our community with our drop-in, now called Chat and Snack. This takes place on a Monday morning. We also continue to support our food bank on a Thursday morning a much-needed resource. A group of us joined Rev Juliet for a Lent Bible Study and we have decided to continue with this in the future. We look forward to hosting the Circuit Service on the 7th June and sharing worship with you all.

Cherry Willingham

Reflecting over the recent days, as spring has given way to our summer and thinking of the forthcoming outdoor events and opportunities to share the gospel in new or different ways!



While the number of seasonal wildlife returning to our part of village for the summer has been in decline year on year, our Church events have slowly but surely been on the increase. So, prompted by the 'Thy Kingdom Come' challenge, and as discussed with the 'Christians together in Cherry Willingham' it was agreed to hold a series of events in May. The garden of Wendy and Eric, residents living in the centre of the village, was made available on 3 days over a 10 day period, with the back-up of an 'indoors' should the weather not be kind! Their colourful garden was divided into 5 themed areas identified as follows: - **Peace, Burdens, Love, The Cross**, (complete with a large cross) & **Coming to know Jesus**, with the opportunity for a place to pause, for contemplation, prayer, sharing of life issues, etc at each.

Our Sunday worship continues to be supported by a mixture of appointed preachers, worship leader and others making an appreciated contribution. We now have a large banner placed on the outside wall for our 'home' services.

Looking Forward to the events over the next few months. As part of the 10 year celebrations of Cherry Fields, on the weekend of July 4th and 5th Melanie Carroll, the Forest Church leader will lead 2 events; on the Saturday 4th at 10.00am a family Wild Church session, and on the 5th at 3pm a Forest Church walk. Both have a duration of approximately one hour.

The Prospects service for adults with learning disabilities at Washingborough MC on 3rd Sundays in the month @ 3pm, but NOT in August. and prayer meetings twice a month and again not in August. Zoom meetings have been discontinued for the time being.

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Coningsby UMC.

Title: Traditions

According to the dictionary the word "Tradition" means a long-established custom, belief or behaviour passed down through the generations. Here at UMC we have an Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday that has been a tradition for approximately 30 years. It is a full English cooked breakfast before our morning service cele-



brating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. This year 24 of us enjoyed this UMC Easter Tradition.

Also, in the service we had another centuries old tradition, a member of our congregation's granddaughter was christened.

Many thanks.

Linda Kirk



News from Queen Street Horncastle

Times are changing - we now vary the times of Sunday services in order to ensure that we see a variety of preachers, especially clergy. Please consult the **Plan** for times. These are also displayed on our own notice boards and monthly notices. The church itself is an important community space, with rooms to hire. The worship area has a sound system and a welcoming atmosphere.

WALKING BUDDIES GROUP

'**QS Walking Buddies**' is an informal and mixed group of walkers. The walks range in difficulty and we don't get put off by the weather! They're not route marches, just to get to the end, they're to take in the surroundings, points of interest and to enjoy each other's company. Walks are about 4-6 miles and 2-ish hours. An unexpected highlight is that we meet 'non-walkers' for post-walk refreshments. Any member of the congregation or friends may join in this opportunity to get together, and from anywhere in the circuit.



Some unwritten 'rules' seem to have evolved i.e. that we finish the walks near an eatery, at around 12-12.30pm. This again developed so that those members of the congregation and friends, who were now unable to join the walks, would join us for 'après-walk' refreshment. It may be a church, with or without refreshment facilities where we take a picnic; cafeteria; pub; inn and has even been at members' homes.

Walks we've enjoyed (nearly 90 at the time of writing) are varied. The coast; Wolds; villages; towns; many local walks, including the Riverscape Trail at Horncastle, where we've been delighted to see the work being undertaken to ensure clean rivers and their banks. Wild verges are flourishing, attracting insects and encouraging wild flowers, cowslips now in abundance. We also have some new walks to look forward to. The plan for the walks is circulated a week or so before each walk and a report sent out after the walks, with photos from Tony. This is circulated to everyone on the mailing list and serves to also give 'non-walkers' stories and views of each walk.

If you would like to know more please email - marion@mmhome.me.uk - subject 'QS walks'

COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT

This important Outreach is held on Tuesdays through the year, with very few breaks

Except - No meetings in August

For a donation of £1.50 we offer a hot drink and a wide choice of cakes

Board games : quizzes : company : friendship : a well stocked bookcase : quiet areas

SOCIAL EVENTS

These continue with the ethos established here over many years, to bring 'strangers' into church as well as entertain the congregation and circuit members. These events serve to raise AWARENESS OF WHERE, WHO, WHAT we are as well as helping to raise vital funds to support the building and continuing life here.

The **Bikers' Breakfasts** have proved to be very popular and we aim to continue with 2 a year for the foreseeable future. **Coffee mornings** are always good outreach occasions and raise worthwhile funds. We really enjoyed hosting **Comedy With a Conscience** with Graeme Coulam. We look forward to planning another evening of belly laughs with him in the future!

We have a **Summer Coffee Morning** on June the 20th, 10am - 12noon. A **Musical** event on July 4th, details and times tbc. Next **Bikers' Breakfast** is August 8th, 9am - 12.30pm

Contact for further information on any of these events - marion@mmhome.me.uk



WHAT'S ON HERE?

Dates for your diary

Summer Coffee Morning

June 20th : 10-12^{noon}

Usual stalls + Books + Raffle

♪♪ Summer Concert ♪♪

July 4th - all details to be confirmed

Publicity will be circulated around mid-June

Bikers' Breakfast

August 8th: 9am - 12.30pm

Breakfasts from £5 - £9

Refillable hot drinks - £1

(Cash only please)

BIKERS, CYCLISTS, WALKERS, & YOU!

Methodist Chapel
Queen Street
Horncastle
LN9 6BD



TRAVELLING GUILD

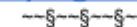
With the John Wesley ethos of travel and inclusivity, the meetings are held at different churches in the circuit in turn. Speakers are chosen, with the proviso that they comply with the guidelines of:-

CS Christian Service : **C** Cultural : **D** Devotional : **S** Social

The autumn/winter season will start again, after the summer break, in October and the new program will be available to read in the next **Circuit News**

The **Guild** is hosted by different churches in the circuit and is open to *all* of our Circuit churches We hope that you'll be able to come along. Would you like your chapel to be a host for the Guild?

Contact - Eileen Kelsey e.kelsey221@btinternet.com 'TG' in the subject line



Room hire (per hour) : Main Hall - £13 : Youth Hall - £11 : Wesley Room - £9



Contact number for all enquiries - 01507 522045

Please leave a message with your contact details
Queen Street Methodist Church, Horncastle LN9 6BD



Monks Road

After last year's successful event, Monks Road church is holding an Indoor Garden Party again on Saturday, 25 July: 10-11.30am. Everyone is welcome. We shall be and have been sowing and planting to fill our plant stall; there will be the usual well stocked cake stall and a bric-a-brac stall along with jigsaws; drinks and fancy biscuits will be available also. Come along and join in our garden party fun.

We may have mentioned before that our monthly church newsletter always has an item relating to the environment. Since early Spring we have been encouraging folk to have a jug or two by the sink. Washing vegetables can waste a lot of water – washing them over a jug can mean the water will be available for your plants and garden. There are many ways we can save water and having a jug by the sink is a good reminder not to let the water go down the drain. Do you turn off the tap when cleaning your teeth or washing your hands? Even water that vegetables are cooked in can be used in the garden. As well as thinking about climate change, saving water can also save us money on our water bills which can only be a good thing. We send good wishes to all our circuit friends for a happy Summer.

Navenby Methodist Church



Spring has been a very busy time at Navenby. A service with Communion was held on Maundy Thursday, the Walk of Witness through the village followed by a service on Good Friday and Easter Sunday service. This was all followed by the church's 100-year anniversary celebration weekend on 25th/26th April. A great time was had by the village as a whole on Saturday, and Rev David Lawton led the service and gave a wonderful message to a packed church on Sunday. As is the Methodist way plenty of cake was provided and consumed. It was good to see faces old and new. Monthly Tea & Cakes are good times of Fellowship and Fun. At present Pentecost bible study continues as we strive to move forward with Hope.



Reepham



We had good services over Holy Week and Easter which included fellowship with our Anglican friends and from the Vine during Holy Week. We had a good congregation on Easter Sunday with a joint service with Cherry Willingham. We continue to enjoy our joint services, and our congregation numbers are beginning to increase.

The hall which is used Monday to Friday by Reepham Pre-School was redecorated during the Easter holidays and has new flooring, making it look more attractive and appealing to young families. New radiators should be installed during half-term which means we have a good set of premises for the future.

Worship Leader Course



A new worship leader course will be starting on Tuesday June 2nd in the Wesley Room at Washingborough Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m. The course will be 8 – 10 sessions, probably meeting fortnightly.

Anyone who is involved or likely to be involved in leading worship in their church is welcome.

For further details please contact Margaret Roe. Tel. 01522 751596 or margaret.roe@methodist.org.uk.



Skellingthorpe Methodist Church

Having just re-read the report from the Spring edition of Circuit News last year I've realised that all the new officers appointed have now been in post twelve months and everything has settled down very well. We've got used to some new ways of doing things in spite of some teething troubles. The good news is that there is still a Methodist witness in Skellingthorpe!

Following the decision to hold a review of all the churches, Skellingthorpe's 'conversation' took place towards the end of February. Most of the regular congregation were able to come and a fairly lively and informative discussion took place. We're told this is only a first step and that further meetings will follow.

Our regular monthly coffee morning for April (in aid of roof repairs) fell on Easter Saturday so the room wasn't quite as full as normal. However, the new idea of a box full of 'surprise parcels' in green stripy bags priced at £1.50 each proved a great success. It was repeated again in May when 14 out of the 19 parcels in the box sold so really a 'good little earner'! Coffee mornings continue to go well and the new banner to advertise them is a great success. It was good to wel-

come friends from other parts of the circuit in May and they joined in the 'parcel' fun. £105 were raised for the Smile Train charity.

The service on Easter Sunday was a lively one as Ian Hardcastle again brought his guitar. The steward on duty was certainly tested in the days before the service as Ian had asked whether Skellingthorpe had the required copyright licence for the song we'd requested from when he last preached. Some people could remember that the Church Council voted not to renew the licence but thankfully the treasurer had forgotten that and automatically renewed it. Phew!

We have enjoyed meeting some different preachers in recent weeks and are fortunate to have two local preachers among our membership, especially as there are now so many local arrangement appointments to fill.

Numbers at the card craft group have dwindled but some ladies bring their knitting and join in the chat so if you'd like an afternoon out on the first Tuesday of the month please come along, even if it's just for a chat, you don't have to make a card and the kettle is always on.

Craft 4 Charity is what it says on the tin and recently lots of small garments have been passed on to the Baby's Basket charity which is now run from the Bridge Central community hub. In addition, a bag full of small knitted and crocheted teddies were sent to Lincolnshire Police for use by patrol cars attending traumatic incidents where children are involved. The lady who coordinates the scheme is hoping to come and speak to us in the autumn by which time we hope to have another bag full for her to take away.

Whilst we are not particularly good at going out knocking on doors to make new disciples, our mission to all those who pass through the front door is noticed and appreciated in the village. Who knows what the results of the Circuit review will conclude but meanwhile God is with us in Skellingthorpe.

Pat Robinson

St Columba's LEP

1 st August 12:30pm	Community Lunch: £8 per person; 3-course lunch followed by tea/coffee. Raffle
6 th August 10:00am	Summer Fun: Activities for all ages. All children and an accompanying adult are welcome to join us. Come and enjoy the fun! (12:00 noon finish time)
15 th August 10:00am	Coffee morning
3 rd October 12:30pm	Community Lunch: £8 per person; 3-course lunch followed by tea/coffee. Raffle
5 th December	Christmas Tree Festival
6 th December	Carol Service

St Giles



Krystal Selmi and her team are full steam ahead organising our Summer Fayre which is due to take place on July 25.

The daffodils, planted by Springwell Academy, were in full bloom during April. We have just planted a rhubarb root and some assorted flower seeds in another of the planters and we are waiting for nature to do its stuff.

Our coffee mornings on Wednesdays and Fridays, part of the Warm Rooms initiative, are proving popular with free bacon butties and toast provided. Community Larder is open at the same time. Jayne from the City Council offers advice as well as representatives from CAB and CAP so the church can get very busy.

Bible Study has restarted in its regular Wednesday morning slot with Juliet providing some thought provoking material.

Quids In Thrift Shop is back up and proving to be very popular in their new Monday and Tuesday mornings slots.

Boys Brigade and Scouts, whose numbers are increasing, meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings. The Scouts are full with 75 children attending and have a waiting list.

The Indian Orthodox Church continue to be regular users of our church having their main worship once a month on a Saturday and Bible Study on a Sunday evening. They had several services in the run up to Easter.

The church is also becoming a popular venue for birthday parties etc with several bookings in the coming weeks.

The local elections, which were cancelled at one point, have just taken place helping to ease our financial position as the City Council pay us to be a polling station.



STONES PLACE

Having dealt with plumbing and building issues at the beginning of the year, staff had to deal with the main lift being out of service and the upper floor residents faced with using the stairlift individually. Well done to everybody for adapting to the new situation for the duration of the problem.

Coffee mornings are held on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30-11.30. Residents without relatives living nearby are always pleased to see local visitors. We took the information booklets and order of service for the World Day of Prayer held on the first Friday in March and several residents took copies for their personal devotions. Other copies were left for the staff, as the majority of the overnight carers

are Nigerians, who we hope will want to connect with a service prepared by Christian women in Nigeria.

Worship materials for MHA Sunday are now available on the website. Please make use of these when a Local Arrangement service is planned for your church. If paying donations direct to MHA, please send an email on the same date as the donation, quoting the Circuit number 1702 so that the gift can be recorded as coming from the Lincoln Circuit. Contact details for staff member to be informed at MHA: Hedy.

Dates:

- 18th July Stones Place resident Eileen Field 100th birthday
- 15th August Stones Place Summer Fair 2.30-4.30pm

Rae Perkins MHA Circuit rep.



Swallowbeck

During our Easter Day service we removed the symbols placed at the cross during Lent then the whole congregation covered the cross in flowers which we then placed outside as a witness to all those passing by our door on the busy Newark Road during the following few days.



We were pleased to have a visit from Andy Housam at our Local Arrangement service on 19 April and were encouraged to hear how the Joy Foundation's work in providing Christian worship in 24 local primary schools is appreciated.

For Local Arrangement services on 3 May and 14 June we used the worship resources provided by Christian Aid and MHA, along with gift envelopes for each of the charities. Monday evening Bible study on Zoom completed a 6-week course of material provided by Embrace the Middle East, then 6 weeks considering the importance of finding your security, self-worth and significance. The 10-minute video presentations followed by questions were very helpful in stimulating discussion and the sharing of our experiences. We have been joined by hospital chaplain Rev Ruth Midcalf, the daughter of our former minister Rev Richard Temple. Ruth kindly offered to take a turn in leading some sessions while she was off work recovering from surgery. The Zoom technology occasionally proved challenging, though we mastered it eventually apart from one brief blip where we abandoned and did another way.

We have been looking at ways to make our building as welcoming as possible and are greatly indebted to our property stewards for all they do in gardening, de-

cluttering storage space, improving lighting and accessibility.

We have welcomed a new hirer providing chair-based exercise classes on Thursday mornings, so, along with our monthly lunch club and circle dancing, we can offer activities to people who might feel isolated without the opportunity of socialising.

Jackie

Washingborough



In April we bade a fitting farewell to one of our long-standing members at the age of 98. A lovely funeral service was held for Lily Amery who some of you will have known.

In May another 12-hour Prayer Day was held in chapel for people to spend some time in silence. Prayer stations around the Church helped people to spend some time in prayer.

On the evening of Wed 24th June at 7pm the chapel will host a new event as part of an outreach programme. Rev Jamie Mackay invites you to come, see, sing and listen and find out more, at an evening entitled 'Let it Be, The Gospel According To The Beatles'. This will feature videos of songs by secular artists and how they have been influenced by the Bible and Christianity. For further information, contact Rev Jamie Mackay:

Tel: 07946 054218 email: revjamiemackay@btinternet.com

Like all of you we have been dealing with the challenges of the May-Aug Circuit Plan which at short notice had our musicians planning the first service of the new plan on 3rd May. I think all the intended notes were played but not necessarily in the right order or key!

Our Gospel singing group have undertaken to lead worship on the morning of Sun 28th June when we will be joined by our friends from Cherry Willingham and Reepham.

If you are looking for somewhere to pop in for a coffee, then do call in either on the first and third Saturdays of the month or the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month between 10am and 12 midday. No charge but donations gratefully received.

Other activities – Prayer Group, Fellowship Group, Blokes Who Sing, Bible Study continue.

Keith Swann



Welton and Dunholme Methodist Church

We began our Easter celebrations with a traditional Agape meal on Maundy Thursday. Friends from St Mary's Church joined us for this simple meal of soup, bread, cheese and water and Rev Richard led us in Holy Communion. He also led a short time of devotion on Good Friday, and we ended with Holy Communion on Easter Sunday led by Rev Alan Barker. Altogether a wonderful few days.

We will be very much involved in the village May Fair on May 4th. We are opening the chapel up for light refreshments and there will be stalls outside with books, jigsaws and a Teddy tombola. This is an excellent opportunity for us to reach out to the village and welcome people, just as we do at our regular coffee mornings and film club.

Our attendance continues to be good (averaging 50 each Sunday) as does attendance at our regular weekly and monthly events. Our last film club for this season will be on May 7th, and we thank Linda and Peter McCree for all their hard work in organising the films and afternoon tea. We will resume in the Autumn.

We are lucky to have 4 worship leaders, Elva, Elaine, Peter and David and we thank them for preparing services for us when required and also leading the services prepared for us by our friend Rev Martin Amery.

Finally, may I thank our band of many volunteers who help in many different ways to make sure that our chapel runs smoothly.

WRAGBY METHODIST CHURCH

**STRAWBERRY TEA -
Saturday 27 JUNE 2.30 - 4.30pm**
Beech House, Silver Street, Wragby, LN8 5PJ
Cakes, Strawberries & Cream



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY & GIFT DAY

Sunday 30 August 10.30am
Rev. Cannon Alan Robson
Join us to Celebrate 132 years

A shared canvas: living our joys and sorrows together

I write this while walking in Navenby village on a gorgeous Spring afternoon. I returned to role from compassionate leave today following the sudden death of my sister, Sue.



I've been enjoying the company of those who attend the Being Creative session at Navenby Methodist Church. (We meet every Monday between 1 and 3pm). I am understanding afresh how important it is to be connected.

Loss has a way of stripping the colour from our world. When we lose someone we love, a home, a job or a season of our lives, the landscape can suddenly appear grey and silent. In these moments, the instinct is often to retreat into that silence. However, as a community, we are called to a different response: the act of 'creative grieving'.

Community is not just a passive safety net; it is a shared workshop where we help one another rebuild a life that has been broken. When we face life events together, we engage in the ultimate act of creativity, taking the shattered pieces of our hearts and, through shared support, begin to craft something new in and around loss.

This creativity of care might be found in the quiet, tangible ways we show up for one another. It takes imagination to know what a grieving neighbour might need before they even ask. It might be the creative way a friend shares a memory that makes us laugh through the tears, or the way we come together with others to remember. In these acts, we are literally creating comfort where there was only void.

My sister worked in radio drama but since taking early retirement, took solace in many forms of creative writing, crochet and embroidery. I can't help but think of a community as a great tapestry. When one thread is pulled away, the fabric feels weakened and the pattern incomplete. But rather than leaving a hole, the community gathers to weave new threads of connection.

I've tried not to see any of the many arrangements I've had to make as chores (even though I usually loathe administration) but creative expressions of love that move us forward.

Creativity allows us to express what words cannot. Often, the weight of loss is too heavy for simple conversation. In a community, we find creative outlets for this heavy energy. Whether it is through the soaring music of our choir, a shared craft afternoon, or simply the art of listening, we provide one another with a canvas to express our sorrow. By witnessing each other's grief, we validate it, turning a private tragedy into a shared story of resilience and hope.



I believe in a Creator God who can make all things new. When we support one another through loss, we are participating in that divine creativity. We are helping one another to imagine a future that we can't easily see. We hold the light for each other until we can find our way ourselves.

Let us not fear the messiness of our lives but treat it as raw material for a deeper, more colourful compassion. Let us look for creative ways to be with one another. By weaving our lives together in times of loss, we create a masterpiece of belonging that no sorrow can ever truly destroy.

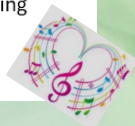


Deacon Helen Gardner



"Holding onto joy through storms and waves of sorrow." AI Illustration by Jessamyn Rubio

Music is a quiet companion that cushions both joy and sorrow. In bright moments it amplifies laughter, turning small pleasures into celebrations; in dark ones it holds space, giving voice to feelings that words cannot reach. A familiar melody can summon memory, soothe a restless mind, and stitch together fragments of a day. Rhythm steadies the heartbeat; harmony offers perspective. Shared songs build bridges between strangers, while private playlists become lifelines. Whether exuberant or elegiac, music translates emotion into something tangible, reminding us we are seen, understood, and not alone. Its comfort is simple, profound, and endlessly renewing every day.



Praying Together



- 1** God of all nations, help us sow seeds of peace across the world, that understanding and kindness may flourish wherever there is discord. **Amen**
- 2** Loving God, bless all those sitting exams, granting clarity and calm as they show their knowledge and skills. **Amen**
- 3** God, bless everyone starting a new job or career; fill them with confidence and joy as they embark on their professional journey. **Amen**
- 4** Gracious God, we celebrate Volunteers, honouring those who give their time in service; bless their efforts and multiply their impact. **Amen**
- 5** God of families, bless Father's Day celebrations with gratitude and love, strengthening bonds between parents and children. **Amen**
- 6** As days grow longer and brighter, fill our hearts with gratitude for the beauty and blessings of summer. **Amen**
- 7** May harmony bloom this summer, uniting communities and hearts in friendship, so that together we create a world of compassion and hope. **Amen**
- 8** As students approach the end of the school year, fill them with pride in their achievements and hope for what lies ahead. **Amen**
- 9** May those entering the workforce find welcoming mentors, supportive colleagues, and opportunities to grow and succeed. **Amen**
- 10** May the spirit of volunteering fill our hearts this summer, inspiring acts of kindness that transform lives and communities. **Amen**
- 11** May parents be honoured for their guidance, care, and encouragement, and may all families find joy in togetherness. **Amen**
- 12** Lord, may sunshine remind us of your steadfast love, encouraging us to share kindness and hope wherever we go. **Amen**

13 Lord, grant us wisdom to listen and courage to forgive, so peace shines brightly in every corner of the earth.

Amen

14 We pray for wisdom and encouragement for those awaiting exam results; may they trust in their gifts and find the right path forward. **Amen**

15 Lord, inspire courage and resilience in those beginning their first job, that they may thrive and discover their purpose. **Amen**

16 Lord, in Refugee Week, guide us to welcome and support those seeking safety, ensuring compassion and understanding shape our response. **Amen**

17 We pray for safe travels and restful holidays; let this season be a time of renewal, laughter, and cherished memories. **Amen**

18 Let every summer day be a new opportunity for joy, connection, and growth within ourselves and our communities.

Amen

19 Spirit of peace, guide our leaders to seek justice and reconciliation, and let this

season be a time of healing for all nations. **Amen**

20 Lord, accompany those leaving school, guiding their steps into new beginnings and opportunities that nurture their passions. **Amen**

21 We pray for fresh starts; may each new role bring fulfilment, connection, and positive change within communities. **Amen**

22 We pray for unity among diverse cultures and backgrounds, that all may find belonging and hope in their new homes. **Amen**

23 Lord, grant peace and happiness to those embarking on summer adventures, that every journey brings delight and discovery. **Amen**

24 We pray for strength to embrace change, courage to follow our dreams, and faith to believe in brighter tomorrows. **Amen**

25 God, inspire peace, unity, and love throughout our world, so that this summer becomes a season of transformation and joy for all. **Amen**

26 Gracious God, we thank you for the dedication of our Ordained and Lay Ministers and Worship Leaders. Grant them wisdom, strength, and compassion as they serve your people. May your guiding hand be upon them always, and may they continue to be a light of hope and love in our community. **Amen**

27 Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing on LCHC and all chaplaincies serving in hospices and care homes. Grant wisdom, compassion, and strength to chaplains as they bring comfort and hope to those in their care. May Your love shine through their words and actions, bringing peace to patients, families, and staff. **Amen**

28 Gracious God, we give thanks for our local agricultural chaplaincies and the support they provide to all who work on the land. Bless their ministry, grant them wisdom, compassion, and strength, and guide them as they bring comfort and hope to our farming communities. Through your love, may they be a light to all in rural life. **Amen.**

29 Heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessing of community and the opportunities to reach out and serve others. We pray for your guidance and protection over our outreach efforts, especially the Nightlight cafes. May they be places of warmth, hope, and welcome for all who enter, and may your love shine brightly through the hands and hearts of those involved. **Amen.**

30 Gracious God, unite us in spirit and truth as we journey together with friends of all faiths and traditions. Let our hearts be open and our minds respectful, that we may build bridges of understanding, compassion, and peace. Bless our efforts in ecumenical and interfaith relationships, and give us courage to walk side by side, honouring every person's dignity and seeking harmony in Your love. **Amen**

31 Gracious God, we thank You for the Lincoln Circuit and the wider Lincolnshire District. Bless our communities with unity, wisdom, and compassion as we serve and worship together. Guide our leaders and inspire us to share Your love with all. **Amen**



Calendar Dates - Summer 2026

Monday-Tuesday	1st-30th Jun	Month of prayer for Toddler Groups
Monday-Sunday	1st-7th Jun	Volunteers Week
Thursday	4th Jun	Corpus Christi
Saturday	13th Jun	Faithwalkers - Metheringham
Monday-Sunday	15th-21st Jun	Refugee Week
Saturday	20th Jun	King's Official Birthday
Sunday	21st Jun	Father's Day
Sunday	21st Jun	June Solstice
Saturday	27th Jun	Faithwalkers - Tealby
Sunday	12th Jul	Sea Sunday
Thursday	30th Jul	International Day of Friendship
Thursday	6th Aug	Hiroshima Day
Wednesday	12th Aug	International Youth Day
Thursday	13th Aug	A' level Results Day
Saturday	15th Aug	Assumption of Mary
Thursday	20th Aug	GCSE Results Day
Sunday	23rd Aug	International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
Monday	31st Aug	Summer Bank Holiday



Summer Fun

St Columba's Church, Brant Road
Lincoln. LN5 9TR
Thursday 6th August 10am-12noon

Come and join in the fun.
Activities for all ages

Fishy activities, making boats,
weaving, singing.
make Lego models plus many
other activities and refreshments

Adults are to accompany children all the time.