

Lincoln 1702
Autumn 2026

Circuit News

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A prayer for the seasons

Thank you, Lord, for the seasons.
As we come to the end of summer and
look forward to the winter,
as we come to the end of winter and
look forward to the summer.
As we come to the end of the dry season
and look forward to the rains,
to the end of the wet season, and look
forward to the dry.
Wherever we are in the world, Lord,
we thank you for this wonderful place
where we live, with all its changing life
and wonder.
Thank you for what makes our home so
special,
for the endless variety that you have
made in this world that we all call home.
Amen.

Bailgate 	Bardney 	Bardney Dairies 	Burton Road 	Central 	Cherry Willingham 
Coningsby 	Horncastle 	Monks Road 	Moorland Park 	Navenby 	Nettleham 
North Hykeham 	Reepham 	Scothern 	Skellingthorpe 	St Columba 	St Giles 
Stones Place MHA 	Swallowbeck 	Washingborough 	Welton & Dunholme 	Woodhall Spa 	Wragby 

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

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A Time of Joy and Affirmation!



We were delighted to share in Deacon Helen's joy and affirmation as she was ordained at St John's Methodist Church, Bloxwich on Sunday 28th June at 4.00pm. Helen had been received in to Full Connexion during a morning service, where she was presented with a cross (worn by Helen in the photo) as a sign of her membership of the Methodist Diaconal Order. The ordination service at 4.00pm was led by the Ex-President of the Methodist Conference, the Rev Richard Andrew and the preacher was the Rev Faith Nyota. Rev Nyota spoke to the ordinands about being ordained into a world of extraordinary need, which might appear overwhelming but we never serve alone. Isaiah reminds us that the Spirit of the Lord will provide strength and guidance. Rev Richard Andrew asked the congregation to declare assent to Helen and Samantha's ordination. With one loud voice we acclaimed: 'They are worthy' and 'We will uphold them.' This was followed with the ordination by the laying on of hands by Rev Richard Andrew and the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order, Deacon Karen McBride. After which there was a loud and lengthy applause. Well done, Helen!

Rev Juliet Wriglesworth.

A Season of Prayer and Discernment A Message from Rev Juliet Wriglesworth.



My five-year appointment in the Lincoln Circuit comes to an end in August 2027. After a time of prayer and discernment I have decided not to seek a re-invitation but to go in to Stationing this Autumn, ready to begin a new appointment in September 2027. I want to assure you that this has not been an easy decision. I have made it largely due to wanting continuity for Rebecca in her education and in her sense of home and belonging.

I will be taking my Sabbatical from March to May 2027 (inclusive) to help me prepare for the move. Please may I ask for your prayers in these coming months. I will be praying for the Lincoln Circuit going in to Stationing to apply for a minister to replace me. I look forward to serving in the Lincoln Circuit for the next year and sharing in ministry with you. God bless you all.

News from our Churches

Bailgate:

There is not a lot to report for the last few months. The luncheon Club and Uniformed organisations have all broken up for the summer holiday. Some activities such as The Night Light Café, Bailgate Buddies, the Prayer meeting, Warm spaces Coffee, House Groups and the Flower Club still continue.

Sadly Bailgate Preschool closed their doors for the last time on Friday 24th July. The Preschool had been meeting at Bailgate for over 40 years – we shall miss the children's happy voices and wish the staff all the best for the future in their new positions wherever they may be.



Laura and family held a craft and coffee afternoon in aid of church funds on 13th June. There were some delicious homemade cakes and we enjoyed learning how to do needle felting. The next event is 12th September at 2.30pm.

The Guides also held a coffee afternoon on the 4th July in aid of the Lincs and Nottingham Air Ambulance and raised an amazing amount of just over £500.

We are looking forward to welcoming a group of retired Scouters and Guiders from Norway over the weekend of 19th – 20th September. They are staying at the White Hart Hotel and hope to join us for our Harvest Festival on the Sunday morning along with all the uniformed groups.

It is always a pleasure to see Rev. Ian Brown and his wife Becky. He a former minister, now Group Captain and RAF Chaplain. He took a local arrangement for us in July with the interesting theme of Chaplaincy.

We are so sorry to be losing our minister Rev. Juliet Wriglesworth and Rebecca next year because of the changed circumstances within the circuit. We will miss them greatly.

Central Methodist Church



Greetings from all at Central Methodist Church. We are writing this on another scorching day. We are thinking of all the farmers their families and all who work on farms and in agricultural businesses. We thank God for the Rural Support Network and the support they give at times like this.

We continue to work together planning our local arrangement services. This has drawn our church family even closer with many offering support to the stewards. This last quarter we have enjoyed many styles of worship and are finding this very uplifting. Our senior steward Heather is taking part in the worship leaders' course. She is finding this very helpful and feels this is giving her a deeper understanding of the bible and a better knowledge of the history of the Methodist Church. If you are interested in strengthening your faith, please consider undertaking this course. We continue to look forward to what God has in store for us over the coming months and pray for our circuit as we go forward in faith.



Cherry Willingham

Reflecting over the recent days and events: - Back in 2016, Cherry Willingham Parish Council purchased farmland between the village and the river Witham with the intention of creating green space and woodlands for all to enjoy. And so "Cherry Fields" came into being. Since then, volunteers have planted more than 11,000 trees and shrubs, created accessible pathways, and added features such as a mini mountain bike track, a wooden castle, a scramble trail for children and an enclosed dog exercise area. Many members of the Cherry Willingham Methodist Church family have played - and continue to play - an active role in developing and maintaining this now much appreciated and well-used community space. To mark the 10th anniversary, the Cherry Fields team organised various special activities on the site over the weekend of 4th and 5th July. These included a Wild Church session on the Saturday, and a Forest Church walk on the Sunday, both led by Melanie Carroll, an experienced local Forest Church leader.

After the Sunday walk, one of our members wrote: "I can't remember when I last had a leisurely stroll! So, how lovely it was this afternoon to join in the Forest Church walk. It gave us all the opportunity to observe nature, much of which we could well have otherwise missed. It was truly relaxing and so interesting to find such a variety of little creatures. The most delightful area, though, would have to be the wildflower area that seemed to suddenly appear..... So good to be reminded of



just a small part of God's creation and to give thanks." Melanie told us afterwards that she thought that Cherry Fields was an ideal place to run Forest Church... so watch this space. We may just have started something new!

As part of the Churches Working Together group, we set up a gazebo with craft activities for children at the annual Cherry Willingham gala on Saturday 1st August. One of our members brought along his Fair Organ to play some cheerful music. After we had set up everything, nine volunteers got together to pray before the event started. God really did answer our prayers. There was a steady flow of children and carers throughout the whole day. Most of our activities had a Christian message, and we offered stickers saying that Jesus loved them. Some adults and children wrote prayers to hang on our prayer tree, and we had good opportunities for good conversations. It was an enjoyable and worthwhile day. We trust that, with God's help and guidance we have sown seeds that may result in people coming to faith.

Looking Forward to the events over the next few months. We have the community harvest scheduled for Sept 13th. This year it will be in the Vine rather than at Cherry Fields. And we will be doing our Pumpkin Fun as usual on 31st October.



Peter Good with the kind help of Jenny & Wendy



North Hykeham

It has been a Roller Coaster ride here at North Hykeham so far this year

It started in January when Babs Norman retired as secretary, she was long past retirement age and has given long and faithful service. This did leave us with a big gap. As we all know God is good at filling gaps. Sarah and Mark who recently 'found' our church willingly offered themselves this lead to me [Jackie Hunt] being able to retire from being the Booking Secretary. This was such a relief for both of us to know 'our jobs' are in good hands

In addition to Sarah and Mark, we are blessed as a Nigerian family who arrived One Sunday and now comes every Sunday. There are three of them; two adults and a baby. Their English is very limited but their smiles are wonderful and we are so blessed and pleased to have them.

In past years we have always been lucky with organists, having four people on call, but the years have passed and these youngsters are now in their nighties and have retired. A very big belated thanks to you all Dennis, Phillis and not forgetting Christine who died recently. Now we are reliant on Heather, with Mike in reserve with

his recorded music. We are so blessed to have them both, thanks.

When Derek turned ninety, he was in hospital, so the congregation posed for a photo to send with his card.

Go hopefully brighten his days I am pleased to report he is home now

Sheila our only full-time Steward has been carrying a heavy load just lately so we're all pleased when she went on a three week adventure to America traveling alone for the first time. With the tales we have been hearing she had a wonderful time. Elvi held the fort so well she is always so helpful and willing; all done with her lovely smile, she kept the wheels turning

This is a brief insight into our church life

A Rolla Coaster of a ride. Hopefully, things will settle down as we head into Autumn.

Gods Blessings to all

Jackie



Reepham

Our regular services continue with a variety of input for our Local Arrangement services. We enjoy the company of members from Cherry Willingham when we have united services and also at Washingborough on a 5th Sunday. We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival at the beginning of September which will be a united service with the Parish Church. We will also be having our usual Christian Aid Lunch organised with the Parish Church on Saturday October 10th to which everyone is welcome.



Two of our stewards, Richard and Jane Wills celebrated their 70th birthdays in June and July and whilst we have missed them while they have been away celebrating, we were treated to Jane's birthday Afternoon Tea with musical entertainment by Rachel and Emily Hill (Roy Jackson's daughter and grand-daughter).

We have a break from Fun Friday and our monthly fellowship in August but look forward starting again in September.



News from Queen Street Horncastle

Sunday services and more frequently being designated as **Local Arrangements**. This gives each chapel the opportunity/challenge of providing a suitable and enlightening service. There are many resources to help, so that the congregation may receive some spiritual fulfilment and an interesting and informative service. While continuing to maintain the high standards of content, maybe something a bit different too.

'QS WALKING BUDDIES'

Walks are about 4-6 miles and 2-ish hours. Recent walk, number **93**, was from Bag Enderby to Tetford and back on a circular walk. The church of St Margaret there is very welcoming and with the means of making hot drinks! Walk **94** to Thimbleby Mill. Walk **92** from Horncastle to Woodhall Spa along the Spa Trail. Several more walks in the pipeline, including the Louth area. We rather fancy a walk (on the lines described) in the Nettleham area. Any ideas? We finish the walks near an eatery, at around 12-12.30pm. This developed so that members of the congregation, who were now unable to do 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.

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. Like to know more? Please email **mari-on@mmhome.me.uk** - subject 'QS walks'

COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT

This important Outreach is held on Tuesdays through the year, with very few breaks
We meet 10am - 12noon. For a donation of £1.50 we offer a hot drink and choice of cakes
 Board games : quiz : company : stocked bookcase (donations for The Bible Society) : quiet areas

SOCIAL EVENTS

These continue with the ethos established here over many years, to welcome a variety of people into church, entertain congregation and circuit members, while continuing to raise awareness of WHERE, WHO, WHAT we are. We do, of course, also need to raise vital funds to support the building and continue an active 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 substantial funds.

Save the date:- October 8th, 7-9pm Jacqui Harris ('The Bidding Room')

"Something Truly Vintage"

Enjoy a fun evening while learning about all things vintage
 Contact for further information on any of our events - **marion@mmhome.me.uk**

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**** 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

Skellingthorpe Methodist Church



It was just a fleeting thought as three of us prepared to lock up after a Service and dash off home to do whatever pressing jobs awaited. Everyone is in such a hurry these days that we don't always have time to stop and appreciate the wonderful world God created. What about having something like a jigsaw puzzle on a table in the foyer with a request for everyone to pause and add a piece or two? Fortunately, one of our Stewards had the ideal puzzle of a quiet countryside and riverside scene and Psalm 104:14 was the perfect verse to go with it.

Several weeks later the jigsaw puzzle in the foyer is nearing completion, and we have learnt several lessons from this exercise. 1. Despite the doubters, many people using our premises have actually stopped long enough to insert pieces in the puzzle. 2. Not all of the pieces are in the correct places, even if they appear to fit. 3. The ducks were soon lined up, but it took some time for the correct row to be found. 4. When someone helpfully separated the remaining green grass pieces from the pale blue sky pieces, someone else came along and deliberately muddled them up again. (The writer of this report has apologised!) 5. When two pieces are found to be missing (and they will be because the muddler has hidden them!) perhaps people will call on God to fill the blank spaces in their lives?

Our Coffee Morning numbers had dwindled considerably after Easter with a resulting loss in takings, but the August event was packed and £190 was raised for Young People vs Cancer. Since most of our attendees are retired, we think they may have all been on holiday before the schools broke up! Unfortunately, one Coffee Morning had to be cancelled when no one was available to run it due to illness and holidays. This highlighted the fact that more volunteers are needed as a very small number of people run these mornings. We are still working on this issue.

We were saddened by the death of our friend Mrs Doreen Traves in May. Doreen was a valued and much-loved member of our craft groups and a regular Sunday worshipper with us for several years. Doreen's funeral service was very much a family celebration, but she also requested a Methodist element and so it was the greatest honour (and the most nerve-wracking) to be asked to read a bible passage familiar to most of us - 1 Corinthians: Chapter 13 verses 4 -8 & 13.

Our prayers have been needed this year for many of our church members who have been suffering ill health or who have had major operations. We believe many prayers have been answered, and we are confident that others are in the process of being dealt with.



St Columba's LEP

Every Tuesday 2-4pm	Tea and Cake Cafe. Homemade cakes to eat in or to takeaway. Unlimited refills of tea/coffee.
3 rd October 12:30pm	Community Lunch: £8 per person; 3-course lunch followed by tea/coffee. Raffle
5 th December 10:00am	Christmas Tree Festival: refreshments, handicraft stalls, Tombola and Christmas raffle plus entertainment.
6 th December 3:00pm	Carol Service, followed by tea.

St Giles

Our Summer Fayre took place on July 25 with most of the stalls being outside to take advantage of the sunny weather. There was a bumper turnout with over £1300 being taken for church funds. Well done to Krystal Selmi and her team.



Springwell Academy regularly attend their planter at the back of church which now contains a good selection of plants and flowers. The rhubarb plant now has a good growth, but we have to keep watering it in the current dry period.

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

Quids In Thrift Shop is proving to be very popular in their Monday and Tuesday mornings slots. However, they are having a summer break and then will return to Wednesday and Friday mornings in September.

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. They have now booked their dates for 2027.

The church is also becoming a popular venue for birthday parties etc with several bookings in the coming weeks. Due to increase costs, we are now having to charge £25 per hour rather than £15.

Night Light Café continues on Tuesday evenings providing respite care for both patients and carers in the area of mental health. However, cutbacks have meant that we are now open from 5pm to 8pm rather than 4pm to 8pm.

STONES PLACE



As we reflected upon the theme of hospitality in our MHA Sunday worship resources, we also considered the tools of communication that we have come to take for granted in recent years. Resident Mavis, who comes regularly to the Sunday afternoon services, told us how much she enjoys the regular phone calls she gets from one of her pupils who she gave piano lessons to, around 40 years ago.

Sadly, resident Mary recently faced the terminal illness and death of her son's wife, and was grateful that Chaplain April arranged to watch the livestream of the funeral in Mary's room at Stones Place. It was lovely that the minister conducting the service welcomed the online congregation and included an individual welcome to her. As I had been an occasional babysitter during the time that Mary's husband was our minister, I was also grateful receive the link to watch on catch up, though sad that the baby in question, now grown up with his own family, had lost his wife, who was clearly a lady whose faith impacted everyone who had known her.

Many of the present residents of Stones Place have relatives who live too far away to visit very often, so they welcome visitors at the monthly coffee mornings from 10.30-11.30am on the first Saturday of the month.. Additionally, extra stewards for the Sunday services at 3pm would be welcomed. Please attend as a visitor if you would like to see what is involved, only check the Circuit Plan first, since there are a few dates when no preacher is available and Bible study led by the chaplain on Thursday is the only fellowship meeting of that particular week.

Rae Perkins – Circuit MHA rep



Swallowbeck

Summer, and the very hot weather we have been experiencing has meant we've slowed our pace of life a little. At the time of writing, we are preparing to serve a salad for a third month at Lunch Club, each with a different 'main' component followed by cold puddings but we anticipate returning to our more usual fare in September. We still have spaces for new friends to join us – see Circuit Directory for contact info. Circle Dancing has taken a break in August, but we have another new group meeting on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00p.m. for coffee/tea and craft – everyone welcome, just for a chat if you're not very 'crafty'. At present our main project is making poppies in preparation for an outside display when 'Remembrance' season arrives. No doubt we will soon be busy knitting for the Shoeboxes as we will soon have amassed sufficient poppies – 615 and still counting.

Zoom Bible study reconvenes on Monday September 14th at 7.15pm, entitled Sunshine and Showers, 6 weeks of approximately 1-hour sessions with free materials

supplied by the Methodist church. Short video clips will introduce each study and help us think about the theme "Paradoxes of Prayer". Please ask for a course handbook or link to download it, if you would like to join us. You will be very welcome.

Thanks—Jackie



Washingborough

As we arrive into Autumn we look forward to our Harvest Festival Service at WMC on Sunday 27th Sept at 10.30am. This is a joint one with our local Anglican friends and will be led by our member and local preacher Ian Hardcastle but the sermon will be delivered by Fr Yuce Kabacki , Rector of Washingborough, Heighington & Canwick.

In mid August Fr Yuce started a fortnightly study course at St Thomas in Heighington on the Scewtape Letters . One or two of our members are participating.

In September we start another series of visits to chapel by pupils from our local Washingborough Academy . These will be led by Rev Sandy Osgerby.

The new Circuit Plan has just been released and we are pleased to note that we haven't got as many gaps to fill as we anticipated !

Our thoughts now turn to late Autumn and Winter including Advent and Christmas, We are having our annual Carol Service at 10.30am on Sun 20th Dec and on Christmas Day there will be a short service led by Rev Sandy & Ralph Osgerby at 10am.

Our monthly Worship for All (W4A) services also led by Rev Sandy & Ralph Osgerby and team continue to be very popular. These are held monthly at 10.30am usually on the second Sunday in the month except for Nov when it is the third Sunday.

Keith Swann

Woodhall Spa Methodist Church



This Summer has been busy for us as we continue to be a welcoming place for the local community and holiday visitors. Saturday coffee mornings also continue apace with lots of cake and laughter, with both regulars and new faces too.

In June, the Church hosted a concert by the popular Banovallum Choir, which attracted much interest. A great evening's entertainment was had by all...and the money raised was donated to St Barnabus Hospice.

Meanwhile, we continue to have a good variety of preachers, which we greatly value as we look forward to what God has in store for us come the start of a new Methodist year.

Local Arrangement Services



Thank you to those who have commented positively on the services I have prepared. I'm glad you have found them useful. There are now eleven on the website, ten on women in the Old Testament and one on the resurrection appearances. There will be more to follow based on the reflections in my third book Women of the Early Church tell their Stories. Several people have asked if I will be writing any more books. I won't be publishing any more but hope to write some more reflections to use in future Own Arrangement services. I may even do some reflections from men!

Incidentally I still have some copies of my books for sale. I have sold out of Volume 1 Sarah to Delilah but there are still copies of Volume 2 Ruth to Esther and Volume 3 Women of the Early Church available. Please let me know if you would like them - £5 each.

Margaret Roe



Circuit Service
at
Bailgate Methodist Church

6th December
2026
15.00

Refreshments
afterwards



Welton and Dunholme

I extend the good wishes from everyone at Welton and Dunholme Methodist Church to everyone in the Circuit. We took our book stall to the Dunholme Fete in June. We felt it was important to be present there and also we sold a few books! We had 2 very successful events in July. We had our annual strawberry tea on the 12th. Many of our members worked hard to produce a delicious buffet tea followed by strawberries and cream. Afterwards, Rev Richard led us in a short act of worship. As usual the event was enjoyed by all who attended. It really is a highlight of our summer. The second event was a coffee morning where over £500 was raised for Guide Dogs for the blind. A wonderful morning!

We continue to average about 50 in our congregations each Sunday for which we are very thankful. Thanks also have to go to Rev Martin Amery who prepares a service for us each month. These and other OA services are delivered by our 4 wonderful Worship Leaders Elva, Elaine, David and Peter.

Cafe church at Ingram continues to thrive, very ably led by Elva and David van den Bos. This takes place every 4th Sunday in the month, apart from December.

We are starting to think about Autumn, setting dates for special services and working on the new rota. In the meantime, though, let's try to enjoy the rest of August!

Jill Robson (Joint Senior Steward)

Wragby Methodist Church

On a hot sunny June afternoon, we could be found enjoying cake, strawberries and cream in a lovely garden setting in Wragby. The large beech trees provided much needed shade while everyone relaxed and chatted. A tombola helped raise money for Wragby Methodist Chapel. Thank you to Gill and Paul for hosting a lovely event.



In July, it was food again when friends gathered at Moor Farm on another sunny afternoon. This time the menu was hot dogs and ice cream. Chairs and tables had been set up in the shade of the large farm shed. Everyone enjoyed the food and the raffle was drawn towards the end of the afternoon. Proceeds were for Wragby Methodist Chapel.

On Sunday 30 August, 10.30am, we will celebrate our 132nd Chapel Anniversary/Gift Day. The Revd Canon Alan Robson will lead our worship. I have no doubt there will be food to help celebrate the day.



Link to Hope - Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal Christmas 2026

Central Methodist will, once again, be acting as an Area Collection Centre so will be open on

Tuesday 3rd November 10:00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday 4th November 10:00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 5th November 10:00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

to receive any donated shoeboxes.

If you use the Gift Aid Form, it would be very helpful, if it is only taped to the box by the YELLOW PANEL indicated on the form [not round all 4 sides] as these have to be removed at Central and submitted to Link to Hope separately from the shoeboxes.

Before the above-mentioned dates and you'd like to bring them earlier

If your shoeboxes are ready, and you would like to bring them earlier than the above-mentioned dates, please contact Val Pilkington.

Bailgate Buddies Dementia Cafe

NEW

4th Thursday every month
1pm - 3pm



Join us for
a cuppa
& company

Donations appreciated towards refreshments

Bailgate Methodist Church
Bailgate
Lincoln
LN1 3AR

For more information contact Trisha
07825 855209

Bailgate Parkinson's Drop In Cafe

Bailgate Methodist Church, Lincoln

Second Wednesday of every month
10.30am to 12pm

Our Story, Our Song

*A District Service
of celebration,
thanksgiving and
testimony*

Sunday 6th September
3pm
at Louth Methodist Church,
Nichol Hill, Louth LN11 9NQ

Light refreshments
to follow the service

This service marks the close of the exhibition

*Lincolnshire
Methodist District*



People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Louth

Please note: The film is only being shown at in-person screenings, not online. Bring a friend or neighbour. Please book your free seat asap via the QR code or at www.tickettailor.com/events/peb1/2339800 or by calling 07939 205346



Film screening
and discussion

Louth Methodist Church
Nichol Hill, LN11 9NQ
Friday 25 September 2026
7.00 - 9.00 pm

www.nebriefing.org



Methodist Women in Britain



Lincolnshire District

2026 miles in prayer

Come and join us at

**Navenby Methodist Church, High Street,
Navenby, Lincoln LN5 0EN**

Thursday 1st October

Tea & coffee served from 10.30am

11am onwards

Deacon Helen Gardner

**will share how an intentional prayer life can
sustain us in difficult times to develop
creativity and to bring joy.**

Bring a packed lunch, drinks provided

Finish at 3pm



More details from Rita Rowe: ritarowe18@gmail.com

How do I?

Father, did we really need computers?
Or are they another invention of the devil
To send us insane with frustration?
They torment us, provoke us, tell us things,
Did we really want to know?

They take our money, tempt us to buy
Things we probably don't need, don't fit,
And can't use anyway.
Slowly, insidiously they are taking over
The planet—and yet science tells us we
Are learning more and more about
This wonderful Universe. This creation
Of yours which seems to stretch
Into infinity and beyond.

Well we can't stem the tide,
There is no turning back. Onward
And upward. Learn. It's that curve again!
Give me your hand; continue to reign.

Author Unknown



TRAVELLING GUILD

Continuing 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 dates are below.

The **Guild** is open to all of our circuit churches and 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

TRAVELLING GUILD DIARY 2026-2027

Com	Date	Venue and Activity	Notes
CS	5th Oct	Wragby Guild Rally Revd Jamie Mackay	Food
C	19th Oct	Horncastle "Lincoln Reds" Ivan Clough	
D	2nd Nov	Scothern Remembrance – Dietrich Bonhoeffer Revd Richard Motteshead	
S	16th Nov	Horncastle Any Questions? <i>(No politics please)</i>	
CS	7th Dec	Bardney Romania Jane Swift	
D	21st Dec	Woodhall Spa Carol Service	
S	4th Jan 2027	Horncastle New Year's Party	

Calendar Dates - Autumn 2026

Thu	03-Sep	Farmers & Friends Singing Group
Fri	11-Sep	QS Walking Buddies
Sat	12-Sep	Faithwalkers - S Ormsby Wesley Walk Plus: 5.5 miles
Wed	23-Sep	September Equinox
Fri	25-Sep	QS Walking Buddies
Sat	26-Sep	Faithwalkers - In the Footsteps of Tennyson: 6.5 miles
Thu	01-Oct	Farmers & Friends Singing Group
Mon	05-Oct	Travelling Guild - Wragby
Fri	09-Oct	QS Walking Buddies
Sat	10-Oct	Faithwalkers - Saxilby – 7 miles
Mon	19-Oct	Travelling Guild - Horncastle
Fri	23-Oct	QS Walking Buddies
Sun	01-Nov	All Saints' Day
Mon	02-Nov	All Souls' Day
Mon	02-Nov	Travelling Guild - Scothern
Thu	05-Nov	Farmers & Friends Singing Group
Fri	06-Nov	QS Walking Buddies
Sun	09-Nov	Remembrance Sunday
Sat	14-Nov	Faithwalkers - Willingham Woods – 7 miles
Mon	16-Nov	Travelling Guild - Horncastle
Fri	20-Nov	QS Walking Buddies
Sun	30-Nov	First Sunday of Advent
Thu	03-Dec	Farmers & Friends Singing Group
Fri	04-Dec	QS Walking Buddies
Sun	06-Dec	Circuit Service 3pm Bailgate
Mon	07-Dec	Travelling Guild - Bardney
Fri	18-Dec	QS Walking Buddies
Mon	21-Dec	Travelling Guild - Woodhall Spa
Mon	04-Jan	Travelling Guild - Horncastle

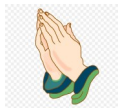
Travelling Guild - All are welcome at the fortnightly meetings which commence at 2pm in the respective Methodist Church. For further information contact Eileen: e.kelsey221@btinternet.com (Subject: 'TG')

Faithwalkers - For further details please contact the Administrator, Lettie Fortune: lettiefortune@gmail.com

QS Walking Buddies - For further details, please contact marion@mmhome.me.uk (subject: 'QS Walks')

Farmers & Friends Singing Group - Meet 1st Thursday evening of the month, 6:30-8:00pm at Bailgate Methodist Church. All Welcome.

Praying Together



1 Gracious and loving Lord, thank you for the seasons we can count on, find routine in, and that will never cease while the earth remains. As we enter autumn, when the cooler winds drift in and the days grow shorter, draw us closer to you. Let us feel your warm and loving presence. May we imagine ourselves in your arms, close to your heart, surrounded by your light, and find comfort in your consistency when the world around us seems to be constantly changing. Thank you for your loving kindness that engulfs us and your light that drives the darkness away. We praise you for being a God who loves us and takes care of us. We are grateful you are with us in all circumstances and seasons. Amen.

2 Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you have called your Church to be a sign of and witness to your kingdom in the world, and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit you guide and inspire it. We give you thanks for Revd Mark Slaney and Caroline Stead now called to the offices of

President and Vice-President of the Conference. We bless you for the ways in which you have led them to this moment and for the gifts with which you have inspired them. Send your Holy Spirit upon them that they may build up your people in love and service, to the glory of your name. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3 Sovereign God, we pray for our Lincolnshire District officers and leadership, especially our Chair, Rev Angy Long and Deputy Chair, Rev Neil Vickers. Grant them the wisdom they need to guide us safely through the changes needed to further Methodism throughout Lincolnshire. Amen.

4 Pray for our Ministers and Circuit Leadership Team as they lead us ever onward to a closer walk with our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

5 Pray for our churches and the communities they serve. May they be a beacon of light to all. Amen.

6 Pray for our Children and Families. May they grow to love our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

7 Pray for the growth of God's kingdom of peace, justice and righteousness in the Lincoln Circuit. Amen

8 Dear Lord, We pray for all of those who are currently unwell, whether in body, mind and/or spirit, that they will feel your healing touch and be surrounded in your love. We give thanks for those who care for them. Amen

9 Dear Lord, We pray for elderly, housebound individuals, who are often very lonely. We praise and thank you for their carers, who come into their homes and brighten their days by showing tenderness, kindness, and giving much needed practical support. Make us more sensitive to the needs of both groups and move our hearts and minds to seek ways in which we may become involved. Increase our awareness of the conditions under which carers do their work; often earning so little for such a valuable contribution and help us seek social justice for them. Amen.

10 Help me, Lord, to make time in my busy days for you. To remember that without you I am nothing, and that my sole purpose is to serve and worship you. Be with me now, throughout the whole of the week. In Jesus' name. Amen.

11 Compassionate God, be with those who need you. The unloved, the friendless, the oppressed, the sick, the dying, the bereaved. Take your love where we can't, or won't, reach. Make your Spirit known in the worst places and times, so that all may benefit from the sacrifice that Jesus made for humankind. It is in his name we pray. Amen.

12 Pray for our Lincolnshire Community Healthcare Chaplaincy as they offer assurance and comfort to those in need—both workers and patients. Amen.

13 Father, I must thank You for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally. Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way. Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult

people in my life and show me how to meet those needs in a way that pleases You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

14 Dear Lord, in our moments of anxiety help us to place our trust in you. Remind us that we are not alone and that you will always be with us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

15 Pray for our Lincolnshire Rural and Agricultural Chaplaincy as they go out into the community offering support, and a confidential and non-judgemental space for farmers and their families that need it.

16 Gracious and loving Lord, Thank you for the seasons we can count on, find routine in, and that will never cease while the earth remains. As we enter into autumn, when the cooler winds drift in and the days grow shorter, draw us closer to you. Let us feel your warm and loving presence. May we imagine ourselves in your arms, close to your heart, surrounded by your light, and find

comfort in your consistency when the world around us seems to be constantly changing. Thank you for your lovingkindness that engulfs us and your light that drives the darkness away. We praise you for being a God who loves us and takes care of us. We are grateful you are with us in all circumstances and seasons. Amen.

17 Lord, We praise you when the harvest is plenty. We thank you for the abundance and overflow of goodness and blessings you give us. How humbled we are at your favor in our lives. As we find ourselves in a season of richness, may you cause our hearts to remember others. As your word instructs us, guide us to be helpers to those in need, givers to those who have less, and generous with our time, talents, and resources. We want to be obedient and faithful to you by giving to others the overflow of what we have, so that you would bless the work of our hands. We ask to be cheerful givers and to be representatives of your love in this world. Amen.

18 Merciful God, We praise you because you know all things, see all things, and remember us. Thank you that we can depend on your presence with us in every season and situation, that each time has purpose and meaning. We are grateful that each season is orchestrated by you, even the harder ones. Help us to see your hand and guidance in our lives as we go through changes, the highs, and the lows. May we grow in trust and persevere in the valleys. How great you are, oh God, for being so intentional to care for us in every season. For even when things seem glum, your light continues to shine on us in mercy and grace. Amen.

19 Heavenly Father, This time of year feels hard. Harsher weather rolls in, the days feel shorter with less light, and it seems that loss and tough changes are prevalent. Help us not to grow idle, or weary, or give up hope. Let us work hard to bear fruit and to bring glory to your kingdom. We ask for the strength and guidance to be diligent and good stewards of our

time and resources. Let us not be like the son who sleeps during the harvest, but rather, we pray you would use us now, keeping our eyes open and alert to the work you have for us. Bless the fruit of our labour and help us to bring glory and honour to you in all we do. Amen.

20 Faithful God, We come to you with a thirst for your presence and real connection with you. This time of year the flowers do fade, the leaves do wither and die, and even the bright sun will shine less. But oh, we praise you, for your faithfulness. That your truth, that your good and honest words and promises will stand forever. Though the seasons change, we know you do not. We lift up our voices in gratitude for your righteousness that we can always depend on. We thank you for being our rock and firm foundation, and that your word is a lamp unto our feet. Give us hope this time of year and remind us that though the season is changing, and the unknown journey lies ahead, we can trust in your unfailing truth and presence. Amen.

21 Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

22 Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

23 Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

24 Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

25 Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

26 Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

27 Heavenly Father, What an honour it is to know you, to follow you, and to be used as a vessel you work through. Empower us by your Spirit to do the necessary work for your kingdom; being sent as the workers into your harvest field. This time of year serves as a reminder that we not only harvest the fruits of the land, but also, for your kingdom, God. Embolden us to share the Gospel, to be a witness, to share our testimonies, and to encourage others to come to know you as their Lord and Savior. Let the words we say and the things we do be a witness to who you are. Send us out to fulfill the great commission with excitement and courage. Thank you, Father, for giving great meaning and purpose to our lives. Amen.

28 Good and gracious God, You know what each of us is going through. You know our hardships, you know what we're waiting for, you know what we are asking, and you know the good we do in our best efforts to be obedient and righteous. Help us not to become weary doing good, help us not to give up, so that we will reap the promised harvest for pursuing righteousness. We are so grateful that by your might all things are possible. Help us lead lives that are pure and holy, pleasing in your sight. We thank you for strength and wisdom each day to keep moving forward in hope and trust. This time of year teaches us that we will reap the harvest of our good efforts because you fulfill all your promises. Thank you, Lord, for being just and faithful. Amen.

29 Loving Lord, This season reminds us to wait. To slow down and to wait for your good and perfect timing. Father, help us to wait. We do not want to rush into something that isn't part of your plan. We don't want to force open a door that you have closed,

rather we desire to wait for your perfect will to unfold in our lives. This season reminds us that the wait will be worth it, and that the harvest will come. We lift our hearts in gratitude to you for guiding our steps, giving us wisdom, and helping us be disciplined and obedient to your ways. Thank you for your promises and the hope we have in your return. No matter what we face here, we know that you have prepared a place for us, Jesus. Help us to be patient now and patient for your return. We praise you, oh God, for your goodness and love. Amen.

30 We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest and we bless each other that the beauty of this world and the love that created it might be expressed through our lives and be a blessing to others, now and always. Amen.

31 God, as nature slows down and prepares for rest, quiet my busy mind. Help me find stillness and rest deeply in your presence. Amen.

