

Circuit News

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Alleluia!

He is risen!



Bailgate



Bardney



Bardney Danks



Burton Road



Central



Cherry Willingham



Coningsby



Horncastle



Marine Road



Moortown Park



Navenby



Nettleham



North Hykeham



Reepham



Scathern



Spellingthorpe



Wreay



Woodhall Spa



Wilton & Dunholme



Wingham



Swindon



St Giles



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Circuit Letter

I recently stayed at Berwick, the most northerly town in England. Happy to go somewhere I'd never been before I soon discovered that there was much to do. I had not realised that the famous painter L.S. Lowry enjoyed his annual vacation there. Nor that he did at least 30 paintings of the area. I went on a day *Trail* the town had organised, and I saw the sights which had inspired him.

Just down the coast from Berwick was a place called Holy Island of Lindisfarne, a small island across a causeway which twice a day is submerged by the incoming tide. Making the journey by car across the tidal road is what most visitors do. But there are a few that take a *walking trail* across the sands, using a series of poles to guide them. The poles were erected in 1860 and are essential for safety reasons.

Once there, visitors can take a *Nature Trail* which enables them to see the scenery and wildlife on the island. The eider duck has a local nickname of 'Cuddy Duck' because they were St. Cuthbert's favourite bird.

Much is made of St. Cuthbert who started his religious life in AD650 at Melrose. He made his epic sixty-two-mile journey from there to Holy Island eventually becoming the Bishop of Lindisfarne where he's buried. Today, hikers and pilgrims from around the world follow in his footsteps as they take seven days to do one of *Scotland's Great Trails*, St. Cuthbert's Way.

The holiday got me thinking about the different things that inspired people across their lifetime. The different places in Berwick inspired L.S. Lowry to paint, and what a legacy he's left us! People were captivated by the variety and beauty of wildlife experienced on the Nature Trail. And for pilgrims who've done St. Cuthbert's Way, it's been a soul-searching time that's made them think about things differently.

The trip to Berwick might have started out as just that, a trip. But it has also given me much food for thought. Whether it's a day or a weekend or more, I do hope your trips this year give you as much to think about as mine did.

Spring blessings,

Richard



News from our Churches

Bailgate Methodist Church



At Bailgate we had a lovely lead up to Christmas. We learnt how to make door wreaths with Laura at a "Sparkle of Christmas" afternoon. Then we enjoyed a Christingle service with the uni-formed organisations, an All-Age Carol service with Rev Juliet when we all learnt how to make folded paper angels, and finally we had a special service celebrating the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day with Canon Rev Angy Long (Chair of the District)

The New year started with our Annual Covenant service taken by Canon Rev Alan Robson. On February 8th, we hosted the Circuit service, where we focused on being 'Open to the Spirit.' In the morning, we had a thoughtful fellowship service, led by our own Auden, who is training to be a local preacher.

All our activities continue to flourish although we are not sure how things will work out over the next few weeks with the Bailgate Road improvement works as we enter Phase 2 (the section between Newport Arch to Greggs, just outside the Chapel and the car park entrance)



We are all looking forward to the Spring and Easter and all that it brings- Shrove Tuesday, Lent Services, Palm Sunday, Easter Epilogues, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

Happy Easter to you all as we celebrate the new life offered to us through Jesus, who reconciled us to God by his death and resurrection. Wishing you all a Blessed and wonderful Easter.

Central Methodist Church



We continue to hold our coffee drop in on Mondays where we are privileged to meet many different people.

Food bank also continues to help their guests each Thursday.

On Maundy Thursday at 6pm we will share a simple meal and communion at Central with The Salvation Army and St Peter's Church. All welcome.

On Saturday May 9th we will be hosting a joint concert with Lindum Ladies Choir, Lincoln Male voice Choir and a guest soloist from Lincoln University. Tickets £10 Adults, Students £5 and Children free.

Tickets available from any choir member or contact Central.

We look forward to working and praying together to discern the future of our Churches and Circuit.



Cherry Willingham

The Circuit leadership I am sure has a difficult task of creating the Circuit Preaching Plan each time it is due to be published.

More so than ever before in my lifetime, has the words 'Own Arrangement' been more prevalent, as a reflection of the shortage of Local Preachers, putting more pressure on our Worship Leaders.

Reflecting over the past few months Cherry Willingham has invited speakers from Christian organisations to come and share with us on a Sunday morning what they do and how it may differ to what we may do or expect! Most recently we had a representative leader from the 'Forest Church' sharing with us the concept of outdoor worship and the opportunities of meeting along side nature. So inspirational was the talk that we hope to invite some one from Forest Church to lead one of our regular summertime outdoor services on the 'Cherry Fields.'

Another worthy Sunday morning was the speaker from 'Good News for Everyone' formerly known as the 'Gideons-UK.' This organisation is well known for the distribution of Bibles/Scripture among many other forms of outreach. So well received was this visit, that they are asked to speak at greater length to the monthly Saturday morning ladies fellowship held at the Waitrose Community room, and are willing to talk to other Church groups.

Going a little further back in time, one of the leaders at our 'Prospects' Sunday afternoon meeting at Washingborough, came on a Sunday morning and enlightened us on the role of Bible Translators based in the UK and further a field.

Looking Forward to the events over the next few months, Prospects service for adults with learning disabilities at Washingborough MC on 3rd Sundays in the month @ 3pm, Zoom meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in month and prayer meets twice a month.



HORNCASTLE, QUEEN ST, LN9 6BD

WHAT'S ON HERE?



March 13th, 7-9pm : "Sound & Vision" Phillip Panton : £5
incl coffee/biscuits

March 21st, 10-12 : Bible Society Coffee Morning : entry £1.50
incl first drink

April 9th, 7-9pm : "Humour with a Conscience" Graeme Coulam :
£5 incl coffee/biscuits

May 9th, 9-1pm : Bikers' Breakfast : £5 - £10

June TBA, 10-12noon : Summer Coffee Morning

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You are welcome to join in - email Marion marion@mmhome.me.uk

Recent walks include:- Walk 80, Donington-on-Bain;

Alford, Saleby; Horncastle, Thimbleby Mill

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Please look out for news of all event dates in future issues of

### CIRCUIT NEWS

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## Monks Road Methodist Church

As I write at the beginning of February the snowdrops and first daffodils are brightening up the gloomy days as we wait for longer, more colourful days. Our Christmas services were well attended and reminded us of the real meaning of the season – God, in Jesus, showing himself to the whole world. Our Folk Carol Service also reminded us that Christmas has been celebrated in the dark days, well before our well-known Victorian carols. Many circuit and community friends joined us to worship and sing the Folk carols and attack the tongue twisters!

Our weekly Craft group meets on Monday mornings followed by a light lunch. It is open to all to bring along their own crafts or just for a morning of friendship. Once a month we have a group on the first Tuesday where different speakers are invited to speak and again it is open to all to hear the varied subjects brought to us – 2pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

In our monthly newsletter we think about our environment and how we can care for God's world. During March we will be thinking again about The Big Plastic Count. This is a nationwide push to try and eliminate damaging plastic which litters but more distressingly destroys wildlife on land and in the sea making our planet even more fragile. Why not encourage your church to get involved so the Government can be challenged to push supermarkets and brands to create more sustainable packaging.

After our successful event last year, we are again hosting a Lantern Making Workshop in March. Lumo Workshop works with the community throughout Lincolnshire, and this interesting workshop is open to all so come along and make lanterns. Your creations can be taken home and may, if you like, be brought to a later event in the Arboretum as dusk falls. The workshop will be held in church on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March between 10.30am to 2.30pm. A light lunch will be served. Look up at *Local Landscapes and Hidden Histories Arboretum lantern project* online and sign up, or let us know at church if you would like to come.

We thank God that we are able to be here to worship; to be in the community and because of God's love to us, we support various charities throughout the year and in January our monthly coffee morning supported our NOMAD trust and raised £82. As we move towards Easter, we are holding our Lent studies on five Wednesdays starting on 25<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am in church. It is good to think again of what God has done for us in Jesus.



## Navenby Methodist Church

On Saturday and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April, the Church is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building being in the same location in Navenby



Saturday is to be a village celebration day, with a brass band, children's activities (bouncy castle, face painting etc) and food.

Sunday at 2.00pm there will be a special afternoon service led by Rev. David Lawton, followed by tea & cakes.

There will be a display of photos and memorabilia of church and activities over the years. Come and see if you can spot yourself or people you know.

Hopefully as we try to spread the word of the Lord through Navenby and surrounding district we will be well supported.



## Reepham

The last three months seem to have flown by.

The Christmas season included a Christmas party, a service led by the Chair of the District Rev. Angy Long, a Carol Service at the Parish Church, a Christmas Day service and a service on 4<sup>th</sup> January with reflective readings on the Christmas story. The final Fun Friday before Christmas included Christmas treats and some carols and readings after lunch.

In the New Year we shared our Covenant service with the congregation from Cherry Willingham. We have appreciated our united services with them, two of which have involved invited speakers, from Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons) and Melanie Carroll leading worship and talking about Forest Church. There are a number of Christian speakers willing to come and speak if you are looking for ideas for Local Arrangement services.

Our monthly fellowships continue. For many years we have shared daily lunchtime reflections in Holy Week with the churches in Reepham, Cherry Willingham and Fiskerton followed by a soup lunch and a Maundy Thursday Agape meal at the Parish Church. Our Good Friday service this year will be at the Parish Church. Margaret Roe will be leading our Easter Sunday communion service when we will again be joined by our friends from Cherry Willingham. We look forward to all of these.



## Skellingthorpe

At the autumn Church Council meeting it was suggested that some Carol Services can be quite dreary and need jollying up.

That thought certainly galvanised everyone there to prove otherwise and it also prompted Duncan Franks, a local preacher and member of our church, to volunteer to lead the service. Traditional carols and readings were, of course, included and three members formed a music group consisting of cello, flute and guitar. There was an amusing modern sketch about Mary's keen gardener father, a reflection about the dangers of organising a live nativity when the sheep wander off and the angels get stuck on the roof, plus a beautiful vocal solo. And just a week before the Carol Service an organist kindly volunteered to play for the occasion! It was lovely to spend time afterwards chatting over hot drinks and festive treats with everyone who came. Incidentally, we had the largest congregation for a Carol Service for a number of years.

Our monthly Coffee Mornings on the first Saturday of each month continue to be well attended with an impressive total of £1,376.68 raised during 2025 for local and national charities. A banner has recently been purchased for the railings to advertise the Coffee Mornings during the week before the event and it does seem to remind people to come. It isn't quite so much fun taking the banner down in the rain and making sure it is dry on both sides before packing it away though!

The current Chair of North Kesteven District Council, Cllr Chris Goldson, accompanied by Mrs Goldson, spoke to our Craft 4 Charity Group in February about Hollies Animal Rehoming Trust, (H.A.R.T. for short) his chosen charity for his year of Office. Chris explained how the charity was chosen and the input Council employees had in the process. Chris was happy to answer many questions on a wide range of Council matters, not least the new food waste recycling bins! We also had an opportunity to view their Chains of Office. By the time you read this report we shall have held a Coffee Morning in aid of this charity.

We welcomed an old friend to preach at a service in January after an absence of several years. She didn't seem at all nonplused by the fact that the Rev Angy Long, Chair of District, chose to worship with us that afternoon! The following week a local preacher on trial and visiting us for the first time found not one, not two, but *three* local preachers in the congregation! That is so unfair! We hope all three felt they were made welcome and that this will filter down to two further local preachers on trial visiting us for the first time in March.

We have two large noticeboards in the church entrance with displays which change several times during the year. The latest display is a quote from Song of Solomon 2:4 '*And let his banner over me be love*'. Our hope is that everyone who sees the display, or reads about it in the village magazine, will be encour-

aged to demonstrate love and kindness to others so that we can start an epidemic and change the world! Will you help us to do this?



### St Columba's LEP



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| 8 <sup>th</sup> March 12:00noon        | Annual General Meeting                                                        |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> March 12:30pm         | Community Lunch: £8 per person; 3-course lunch followed by tea/coffee. Raffle |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March 10:00am         | Joy Foundation Bring and Buy Cake Sale                                        |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Time TBC</i> | Steve Holt – "One Man Show"                                                   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> May 12:30pm           | Community Lunch: £8 per person; 3-course lunch followed by tea/coffee. Raffle |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December               | Christmas Tree Festival                                                       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> December               | Carol Service                                                                 |



### St Giles

We raised about £600 for church funds at our Christmas Fayre. This included a Santa's Grotto organised by the ladies at Lincoln Christ's Hospital School. Our Summer Fayre is due to take place on July 25.

Continental Landscapes have supplied three planters for our Community Garden which have now been filled with a mixture of soil and compost. They have also pruned nearby trees to allow in more sunlight – all free of charge. Springwell Academy have planted daffodil bulbs in one of the planters with the other two earmarked for local schools.

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.

Quids In Thrift Shop was proving to be very popular in their new Monday and Tuesday mornings slots. Unfortunately, they are currently suspended.

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 are planning several services over Easter leaving room for our congregation to have Easter Breakfast.

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

The cancellation of the local elections, where our church would have been a polling station, has reduced our budgeted income adding to an already difficult financial situation.



### STONES PLACE

At the time of writing, Stones Place has a building issue with the roof of the chapel lounge. This means that services have moved to the dining room while the problem is addressed. Many thanks to resident Mary, who has kept preachers and stewards updated, and to the staff for accommodating café style worship. Special thanks to the preachers who have either brought hymns on CD or worked with the stewards to use a laptop and memory stick to project words and music on the dining room TV. We have missed Mary's services as our pianist, and it has made us realise how much she contributes every week when things are normal. So, we are hoping that it will not be long before the roof is repaired and we can return to worship in a room with a piano again.



Nationally, MHA Sunday is on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June) but worship materials for churches who wish to use them on a date when a local arrangement service is planned can find details on the website MHA Sunday 2026

Rae Perkins – Circuit MHA rep.

### Swallowbeck Methodist Church



The children from Nutwood Nursery have been very busy. In November they had a display of poppies which they had made fronting their nursery, and at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> they sat outside their building and observed the two-minute silence. We then welcomed them at the beginning of December when they brought their artwork which told the story of the Nativity. This was then displayed in church for all to enjoy. They came again to see us in their costumes on 22 December and told the story of the Nativity, sang us some carols and also a fun song "When Santa got stuck up the chimney". Everyone enjoyed the visits and we look forward to welcoming them again.

Our Bible Study group via zoom started 2026 with the five-week course 'Jesus – The Wounded Healer' by Selwyn Hughes and Ian Sewter. We will follow this in Lent with six sessions based on the book of Acts, looking at 'Hope in Hard Places' as demonstrated in Acts, to encourage and inspire us in our own age, using the 'EMBRACE the Middle East' material.

Swallowbeck will be hosting a World Day of Prayer service at 2:00pm on Friday, 6 March when we look forward to sharing worship and fellowship with friends and folk in our area.

Lunch Club had their usual Christmas dinner in December followed by entertainment by Rev Margaret Doughty and carol singing accompanied by Beryl Faulkner on the piano. The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month, and we have space for a few more if you or someone you know would like to join us – contact Jackie Isherwood, contact information in the Plan. Some of us are using the dark winter evenings to knit or crochet poppies so we can mount a remembrance display outside the church in November.

We now have a monthly Circle Dancing group meeting at 2:00pm on the first Wednesday led by Rev Margaret and welcome anyone who would like to come along.

### UMC Coningsby Methodist Church

Greetings from all at Coningsby.

It doesn't seem five minutes since we were celebrating the birth of our Lord does it, and now here we are approaching Easter....we had a brilliant carol service sharing with the local community, and our thanks go out to Monks Road Church for inspiring us with their picture of decorated flower pots at their indoor garden party...we thought it would be good do the same with a Christmas theme and as you can see from the picture it went well.



We had our first Café' church, enjoyed by all who attended, and will be having another one in March followed by a faith lunch, it was a lovely way to share worship, and to fellowship together.

Good Friday at 6.00pm we have a reflective quiet service where we take time out to be still.

Easter Sunday 9.00am we start the day sharing a cooked breakfast, before celebrating together the morning service, the Lord's resurrection.

Every Saturday, we host a coffee morning from 10:00 to 12:00, and we'd be delighted to see you if you're ever in the area. If you stop by, please introduce yourself. Throughout the week, various groups use the building, including young farmers, under-fives, and other community organisations.

We are very blessed with being in the centre of the village.

IRENE.



### Welton and Dunholme

We began the year with our Covenant service led by Rev Dawn Colley. This is always a lovely service of renewal and dedication, and we all really enjoyed Dawn's service. We welcomed 2 new stewards in January. We hope that Liz Riman and Jeanne Goulbourne will enjoy their new roles and being part of the Church Leadership Team.

We continue to be grateful to Rev Martin Amery who prepares a service for us each month and to our worship leaders who deliver them for us.

Our services continue to be very well attended and our coffee mornings on Wednesdays and Saturdays are a welcome, warm and friendly space for many village folk. We thank all our splendid volunteers who help to make all these events run smoothly.

Film club resumed in February after the Christmas break. Linda and Peter McCree host this event. The film is followed by a delicious afternoon tea all for £5! Linda will also be running her annual Soup and Sandwich lunch on Friday 13th February from 12-2 at chapel. The proceeds will be for Action for Children.

Signs of Spring are appearing all around us and we look forward to Lent and Easter.

Every blessing

Jill Robson



# Praying Together



**1** Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**2** Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your son, Jesus Christ, comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

**3** God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your son; give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**4** God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love; gather the nations to be one family and draw us into your holy life through the grace of your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**5** Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son; may we

recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**6** Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end; bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**7** Almighty God, in Christ, you make all things new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**8** Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence; renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**9** God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to

the oppressed; anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**10** Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service; strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**11** God of our salvation, help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies and poison our minds and choose again your gift of life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**12** Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image; teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**13** Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**14** Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives; set straight our crooked hearts and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**15** Holy God, our lives are laid open before you; rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**16** Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**17** God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**18** Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and

peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

**19** Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**20** Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**21** God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**22** Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**23** Risen ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**24** O Lord, from whom all good things come: grant to us your humble servants, that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guiding perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**25** Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

**26** God of truth, help us to keep you law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

**27** Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our

faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**28** God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**29** Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things

restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**30** Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**31** Creator God, you made us in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A springtime prayer

God of inglorious crucifixion, hard as the winter's frosted earth are those times of loss and grief in our life. God of glorious resurrection, soft as the petal on the newly blossomed tulip is your hand when you touch us with new hope.

We know that you understand the pain, you participate in the agony and comprehend the fear that lurks deep in our souls through this journey of life that incorporates death. Where no one else can see, we struggle with the puzzles of existence.

O bringer of new life, we observe the turning seasons: from birth to life, from life to death, from death to the generation of new life. Help us to celebrate the changes

and to rest in our place in creation.

Come Spirit, come!

Let our tears of sorrow nourish the hope-filled soils of our existence.

Let our sleepless nights make way for the sunrise on new, more pleasing, days.

From the cross to the tomb,

from winter to spring,

and from spring to the warm length of summer days, burst forth with the everlasting power of your gospel.

We know you understand.

**Amen.**





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*Carolyn Godfrey has been the Regional Officer for Safeguarding for both the Darlington and Newcastle Districts since early 2015. Before this she worked in education and has a background in pastoral care and special needs, mostly focused in the primary sector. She feels strongly that a good safeguarding culture is central to our calling to be a growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice seeking church.*

*Carolyn served as the Vice President of the Methodist Conference 2024-2025.*

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**Conference cost: £210**

**Book by 2<sup>nd</sup> February with £100 deposit only**

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**A limited number of Bursaries are available**

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**Conference will also be on zoom – book online**

**Financial help is also available from our Lincolnshire District MWiB**

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## Calendar Dates - Spring 2026

|                  |                 |                                                |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday           | 1st Mar         | St David's Day                                 |
| Monday           | 2nd Mar         | Travelling Guild - Bardney                     |
| Saturday         | 14th Mar        | Faithwalkers - Barton upon Humber              |
| Sunday           | 15th Mar        | Mother's Day                                   |
| Monday           | 16th Mar        | Travelling Guild - Horncastle                  |
| Tuesday          | 17th Mar        | St Patrick's Day                               |
| Thursday         | 20th Mar        | March Equinox                                  |
| Sunday           | 29th Mar        | Palm Sunday / North Hykeham Chapel Anniversary |
| Sunday           | 29th Mar        | Daylight Saving Time starts                    |
| Monday           | 30th Mar        | Travelling Guild - Woodhall Spa                |
| Thursday         | 2nd Apr         | Maundy Thursday                                |
| Friday           | 3rd Apr         | Good Friday                                    |
| Saturday         | 4th Apr         | Holy Saturday                                  |
| Sunday           | 5th Apr         | Easter Sunday                                  |
| Monday           | 6th Apr         | Easter Monday                                  |
| Saturday         | 11th Apr        | Faithwalkers - Dunholme                        |
| Thursday         | 23rd Apr        | St George's Day/Shakespeare Day                |
| Saturday         | 25th Apr        | Faithwalkers - Leadenham                       |
| Monday           | 4th May         | Early May Bank Holiday                         |
| Saturday         | 9th May         | Faithwalkers - Thorpe -on-the-Hill             |
| Sunday-Saturday  | 10th-16th May   | Christian Aid Week                             |
| Thursday         | 14th May        | Ascension Day                                  |
| Thursday- Sunday | 14th - 24th May | Thy Kingdom Come                               |
| Saturday         | 23rd May        | Faithwalkers - TBC                             |
| Sunday           | 24th May        | Pentecost                                      |
| Monday           | 25th May        | Whit Monday/Spring Bank Holiday                |
| Sunday           | 31st May        | Trinity Sunday                                 |
| Thursday         | 4th Jun         | Corpus Christi                                 |
| Saturday         | 13th Jun        | Faithwalkers - Metherringham                   |
| Saturday         | 20th Jun        | King's Official Birthday                       |
| Sunday           | 21st Jun        | Father's Day/June Solstice                     |
| Saturday         | 27th Jun        | Faithwalkers - Tealby                          |

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](mailto:lincolnmethodist1702@outlook.com)

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