

Summer 2024

Circuit News

Lincoln 17/02

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Circuit Letter

I recently paid a visit to Epworth, the birthplace of John Wesley. For those that might not know, John and his brother Charles were the founders of Methodism towards the end of the eighteenth century (their father was the Church of England rector for the parish of Epworth). Guides were on hand to pass on their knowledge of the rectory. There was so much to learn about the social conditions of the early 1700's in north Lincolnshire.

The rectory tour was well worth the visit as was the village of Epworth. But as a Methodist Minister it was good to see where John & Charles grew up. It gave me an appreciation of some of their influences in becoming Christians.

John's faith made such a difference to him, that he spent the rest of his life travelling round the country telling others. Covering over 250,000 miles, mainly on horseback, he preached about faith and actions. Faith was in Christ and actions, of which there was a very long list, were practical things such as family relationships, honesty, careful use of money and personal hygiene. John encouraged people to stay in their own church, but live by faith and actions. A regular theme in his sermons was how to love others practically.

Conditions in the 18th Century were incredibly harsh. Whether rural or in the cities, societies were plagued by injustice, corruption, oppression and violence. As Europe was struggling under revolutions, the UK miraculously escaped a civil war. Many have credited the influence of the Methodist Movement as it peacefully took the fight to right the wrongs in such places as industry, prisons and government.

There is much debate as to whether he really did say:

"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."

One thing that is certain, it seems to sum up his life well as a Christian Minister.

May you have a good summer doing all the good you can,

Grace and peace,

Richard





Friday 6 – Sunday 8 October 2023 Lincoln Circuit Group Photo



We had so much fun! Do you want to join us this year from the 4th to the 6th October at the NEC, Birmingham? Let me tell you more - 3Generate is an action-packed and inspiring weekend for children and young people of the Methodist Church in Britain. It welcomes 8–23-year-olds from all over the country and aims to engage body, mind and spirit in a programme planned and put together by children and young people themselves (supported by their youth workers and group leaders).

3Generate is all about participation – in activities, workshops, crafts, discussion, debate, music, team-building and worship. Woven throughout the weekend is the opportunity for children and young people to have their voice heard and their ideas fed back to the national Methodist Church. The weekend is an opportunity for young people to explore their faith in a personal, church and worldwide context – including considering what they may feel called to do personally and take action on, in response to the different topics discussed.

3Generate supports the development of aspects of children and young people's broader education, including physical wellbeing, problem-solving, creative, reflective and critical thinking, empathy, personal responsibility, citizenship and democracy. The event encourages positivity and self-belief.

If you are interested in coming along as a child/young person, or an adult volunteer, please contact Rev Juliet on 01522 532828 or email me at Juliet.wriglesworth@methodist.org.uk by June 17th 2024.




LINCOLN METHODIST
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**OUR CIRCUIT TRIP TO
FATHER BROWN'S**

**WOODROW FARM, HUTTOFT,
ALFORD, LN13 9RL**

**Harvest Thought, Praise and
Prayer**

**Led by Rev Canon Alan Robson
Lincolnshire Agricultural
Chaplain**

**Sunday 29th
September at 3pm**

**Make your own way or jump on the
circuit bus at Bailgate Methodist**

Whoops!
Sorry, should
read **FARMER**
BROWN'S

News from our Churches



Monks Road

As we write to friends from Monks Road we are planning our church anniversary in June. After our Saturday Gift Day and coffee morning we shall stay on and have a simple lunch of jacket potatoes and fillings so we can share friendship together. On the Sunday following we shall celebrate that our church has been open on Monks Road since 1914. We thank God for all that the church has been and meant and pray that small congregation though we are, we shall be able to keep our doors open and be a welcoming Christian presence in the area.

Our church building is requiring repairs and improvements, so we have been getting quotations to be able to replace windows, misted windows and replace all the soffits which are rotting.

Our monthly coffee mornings continues when we always have local Councillors available should any local person need to report something or ask questions. Our coffee mornings supports many local charities as well as world need = our May coffee morning supported Christian Aid. We usually have a break from our Coffee mornings in the Summer, but we are carrying on with them as we have attracted quite a few new people from the area and are pleased to be able to welcome them.

STONES PLACE



There are at least 2 preachers who have never conducted a 3pm service at Stones Place and several others who have not been for some time on this present preaching plan, so I am including some additional details which I hope will be helpful. Although Emma Pickett is shown as the contact person for Stones Place, she is actually the home manager who is not usually on duty on a Sunday, so resident pianist Mary Jacobs is the person who needs the hymn numbers in advance – phone 07419739438. Cups of tea/coffee are served at 3.45pm so this determines the length of the service. Because of the age and health of the residents, there is rarely anyone able to do Bible readings, and the volunteers who assist as stewards are currently coping with medical challenges or on waiting lists for planned surgery. Friends and relatives of the residents are welcome to join them at the services – please sign the visitors book in the entrance with your time of arrival and departure. You will also be welcome to call in for coffee on the first Saturday of

each month between 10.30-11.30 and chat to the residents and volunteers. Enquiries about residency should be made to the manager during office hours.
Rae Perkins – Circuit MHA rep.



Swallowbeck



During Lent our zoom Bible Study looked at the “Walking with Jesus” course by John Birch. We have followed this with the Christian Aid ‘Act on Poverty’ course leading up to Christian Aid Week. There will be a further course, subject still to be agreed, before a summer break.

A number of us enjoyed a day out with a tour of Epworth Old Rectory followed by a delicious afternoon tea provided by Meryl Ward of Uncle Henry’s in celebration of Rev Alan’s 25th anniversary year as rural Chaplain. We continued the celebration in the evening with a concert at Swallowbeck by the Hungate Singers which raised almost £450 for the Lincolnshire Rural and Agricultural Chaplaincy fund.

We have a variety of organisations using our premises during the week including Brownies, Guides, a Pilates group, Slimming World, the Pro Musica orchestra and Hungate Singers as well as one-off private birthday party bookings but have some spare capacity for further regular or casual lettings.



North Hykeham

We have appreciated excellent services this quarter – so, thanks to our Minister, all preachers, Denis Andrew and Heather Burnett (our OA).

Fortunately, in spite of many very rainy wet Sundays, our attendance numbers have averaged 22-30.

We welcome Elvie back from her visit to the Philippines seeing her family and wish to thank her for the many church duty’s that she undertakes.

The church was full for WW world day, and we were so pleased to welcome members of the Salvation Army.

(From our booking secretary) We look ahead to Whitsuntide, I remember as a child always new clothes. A long time ago!



Skellingthorpe

Skellingthorpe Methodist Church is 130 this year! It hardly seems any time at all since we were celebrating being 125 but of course we had the small matter of a COVID pandemic to take up much of those five years.

This time around Rev Canon Angy Long, District Chair will launch our celebrations by preaching at the morning service on Sunday 2 June and this will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch and a chance to chat. Please come and join us, there will be enough to go round (remember the loaves and fishes?)

Our Harvest Festival in October will be the second chance to celebrate when we're planning to invite village organisations to join us as we did in 2019 but this isn't quite formalised yet. We're planning a Wreath Festival in December to round everything off and hope to start organising this at the Village Gala on 23 June to get people involved. October and December seem a long way off at the moment, but they will loom large when the holiday season is over! The Skellingthorpe Methodist Church Facebook page should provide updates as will the weekly Circuit notices.

After all our knitting for Witham Court Jacky and Anita arrived at our 3 C's April meeting to collect all the goodies. They gave us an excellent and informative insight into their work and were overjoyed with all the tea cosies, bunting, crocheted baubles and flowers we'd produced. As an afterthought we remembered a bag of red/white/blue scarves knitted for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which had languished in the storeroom without a home so passed those on as well. We shall continue to support Witham Court and look forward to seeing Jacky and her colleagues at future meetings. At our February meeting Dorothy, one of our members, gave a very interesting talk and slide show about the Jewish Trails in Lincoln. We learned a lot about buildings and their history, many of which we have seen in the past but just walked by.

The fruits of the water bottle Lent challenge amounted to £111.24, an admirable total collected for the charity Water Aid. After quite arduous counting and bagging the very heavy bags had to be taken to the Post Office in a fold-up Lakeland trolley on a day when two staff were available to deal with the queue which built up behind those paying in!

After six months of returning to weekly worship we find that the pattern of alternating service times seems to provide something for everyone. We've been using the schoolroom rather than the chapel for most of our services and have had a good mix of preachers and types of service. One of our OA services made good use of the World Day of Prayer service, we had Cafe Church at another, and a service planned at very short notice (due to the illness of the planned preacher) proved what considerable talent we have in our midst!

Cherry Willingham



Are you concerned by the number of 'own arrangements' on the Circuit plan? So, is it a problem or is it an opportunity? Let's assess the situation!

Reflecting On one recent Sunday morning listed on the plan as an own arrangement, a representative of a Christian Organisation 'Safe Families' was invited to share with the gathered congregation about the work that it does in helping families who may be encountering difficulties. It was both a challenging act of Worship based on Galatians 5:22-23 and an opportunity to consider thoughtfully acts of kindness we have witnessed and similarly what such acts we should consider offering to others. Maureen Sydney from Safe Families added facing life alone is hard, and when you feel there is no one there to support you it is a scary place to be. Therefore, at Safe Families we offer **support, hope and belonging** to improve the lives of those in our communities. We link children, young people and families with local volunteers who can offer them help and support. Kate Wharton Vicar of St Barts Church says, "It's been one of the best things our church has ever done, it's something that people can volunteer into and can know they are making a difference. Our volunteers have become more confident in their own ability to help." We'd love to have the opportunity to share about how we work with other local churches. If you would like to know more, you can join one of our regular on-line information sessions here www.safefamilies.uk/infosessions or please contact me on maureensydney@safefamilies.uk

Cherry Willingham Churches Together managed to muster an estimated 40 villagers for our 'Good Friday walk of Witness.' The photo is taken at the start of the walk leaving from the Parade in the village.



Looking Forward as we are to the various summer barbecues and outdoor activities, all weather permitting of course!

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St Giles

We are planning to hold our Summer Fayre on Saturday July 20 with lots of activities and stalls to enjoy.

It is our aim to erect a Community Sensory Garden behind the back of the church, this being a joint venture between ourselves and St. Giles Nursery. We have submitted an application for funding from the City Council with other funding streams

being looked into. Lots of interest and ideas – still waiting for the City Council to approve our application.

Cay Sherlock and Andy Yaboah have now completed their Chaplaincy course. They are now awaiting placements with the NHS.

We will be hosting a Circuit “Pentecost Party with Puppet Power” led by Rev Juliet Wriglesworth and Rev Jennifer Matthews on Saturday May 18.

Our coffee mornings on Wednesdays and Fridays, part of the Warm Rooms initiative, are proving popular with free bacon butties and toast provided. The Free-4-All and Community Larder are open at the same time so the church can get very busy. Our Monday coffee mornings when visitors come to into the more relaxing lounge for coffee, games and chat are also proving to be more popular.

The Little Blessings group has been suspended until September when we will be looking for a new leader.

Boys Brigade and Scouts, whose numbers are increasing, continue to meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The Night Light Café on Tuesday evenings continues to prove a great help for those with mental health issues and some respite for their carers.



Washingborough

Increasing pressures on Church funds have meant that we identified the need to hold some fundraising activities. In April Clare Laflin put on a sale of prints of photos taken by her and late husband Keith, both keen photographers. The sale went

well and over £500 was raised. Look out for information on further fundraising events we hope to hold.

Our Wellbeing event in March attracted many organisations and individuals involved in Wellbeing to come and display or participate in the event. However, the attendance from the public was rather disappointing partly due to problems with publicity. I did manage to find out what seated exercise was all about and tried a couple of the sessions!!

At our recent Annual Family Gathering we considered Mission, changes of personnel in some key roles, the continuing need for trying to get more people to help with various tasks, and the need to update our website to make it more attractive and user friendly.

In the Summer months we have a Praise Service on 23rd June led by Ian Hardcastle, a joint Songs of Praise with our friends from St Johns on 21st July and a continuing Worship for All services on the second Sunday in the month led by Ralph & Sandy Osgerby.

Keith Swann

Welton and Dunholme



This quarter our church anniversary service on 17th March was led by our old friend and ex-minister, Rev. Terry Nowell, when we enjoyed looking at old photographs and reminiscing. At Easter we held our annual Maundy Thursday, Agape service, led by our minister, Rev. Richard Mottershead. It was a joint service with Nettleham and we were very pleased to welcome about 50 people to a simple soup and cheese meal, along with Holy Communion.

On Good Friday, Rev. Richard displayed the Stations of the Cross and the meditations were well received by those attending. Easter Sunday was led by Rev. Sandy Osgerby and was well attended.

Thanks must go to John Ryland who cultivates plants from plugs for sale at our first Saturday coffee morning in May. This year he raised £150 for church funds. Any surplus plants were added to our book and jigsaw stall at the Welton May Fair. Along with sandwiches, teas and cakes, scarves and a Teddy Tombola, we raised a magnificent £865.

A week later, our Music Group led a successful Songs of Praise at Glenthams in aid of the Leprosy Mission. Jenny Atkinson had just returned from visiting Africa and did a short talk illustrated with photos. A well supported evening raised £200.





St Columba's Church

Uganda Fundraising Concert

Members and friends of North Lincolnshire Area churches performed and enjoyed a varied programme of dance, readings of poetry and comic prose, and guitar, flute and piano music at the concert on 20 April. The concert was followed by light refreshments including delicious cakes. An impressive sum of £160 was raised. Janet Turner will use this to purchase items for Ugandan communities she will visit in summer connected with children sponsored by her and St Columba's Church.

Reverend Steve and his ONE MAN SHOW

We enjoyed an evening of music and laughter on 18 May when Rev Steve Holt richly entertained us with tales of life as an Anglican Minister interspersed with songs from the musicals. Another excellent fundraiser for Janet's trip to Uganda. Thanks Rev Steve—you can come again!



TEA and CAKE CAFÉ

The Café is open on Tuesdays between 2pm – 4pm.
Please let people know.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 22nd June 6pm
At St. Columba's
More details to follow.

JANET IS GOING TO UGANDA

Janet's arrangements for her trip to UGANDA in August are progressing well. She would love to tell you all about it so please speak to her when you can.

She is going to visit the 2 girls she sponsors, and Daniel, plus see projects and meet other people that are involved in the charities work out there.

We are looking to support her by doing fundraising and send her out there with gifts.

A Thought



My daughter Faye loves fish and chips—I picked her up from the train with the grandsons in tow -- “Dad just pop into the chippie and nab some fish and chips - save cooking - anyway we can't get them as handy in London”.

Dutifully I grab fish and chips for all of us. Ivor loves them - Faye loves them more - I love them too. Fish King in the Forum of course there are many other named outlets!!!



Faye sends mum a text “Dad can be real **mensch** he bought us fish and chips for dinner”. MENSCH? I had to look it up.

It apparently means a good person, especially somebody who does something kind or helpful.

WE all have to be Mensch when we can!

“To be a mensch is to be supportive. To be a friend, to be calm in troubled times. To support others.” The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG, former Justice of the High Court of Australia.

“It is everyone's responsibility to act like a Mensch. Then, there would be a lot more good things happening in the world. We all have the capacity to do good in the world and it comes from within.” Susan Moylan-Coombs, Broadcaster, Educator and First Peoples Social Justice Advocate, Australia.

In many a charity, in many a Church on many a school governor Board I have met folk who have that desire to give something back to society; helping people who cannot help you; who lead by example; having caring hearts; put themselves in someone else's shoes. Not least in Lincolnshire Rural and Agricultural Chaplaincy (LRAC), Lincolnshire Rural Support Network (LRSN) and Lincolnshire Agricultural Society - beautiful Mensch is expressed. Keep up the good efforts friends! That'll do..

Rev Canon Alan



PRAYING TOGETHER

1 Pray for our Superintendent Minister Richard Mottershead and his family, for God's blessing and protection to be with them. **Amen**

4 Pray for the members of the District Team who support us. **Amen**

2 Pray for all the Ministers, Local Preachers, and Worship Leaders throughout the circuit for all the many duties they undertake. Pray that God will continue to strengthen them and inspire them in their ministry. **Amen**

5 Pray for each of the groups and organisations which are using our premises. Pray for the leaders of the groups, for all the preparations they make to ensure the smooth running of everything. Pray for each individual who attends, that they will feel welcome and a part of our fellowship here. **Amen**

3 Pray for the Leadership Teams, Circuit Stewards and Church Stewards, and Administrators in all that they undertake in their service to God. **Amen**

6 Pray for our local community, especially all who are struggling in any way. Pray for the homeless, those who feel lonely and cut off from society for any reason. **Amen**

PRAYING TOGETHER

For the next 20 days, let us take time to focus on each church in the circuit, in turn, asking that God is with them in all their endeavours to reach out to their community at large. Encouraging them to encourage one another and work through each new challenge in a Christlike manner. Please bless all members and make them feel part of one great Christian family. **Amen**

7 Bailgate

11 Monks Road

8 Burton Road

12 Moorland Park

9 Central

13 Navenby

10 Cherry Willingham

14 Nettleham

PRAYING TOGETHER

15 North Hykeham

21 Stones Place

16 Reepham

22 Swallowbeck

17 Scothern

23 Washingborough

18 Skellingthorpe

24 Washingborough—
Propects

19 St Columba

25 Welton & Dunholme

20 St Giles

26 Welton & Dunholme—
Ingham

PRAYING TOGETHER

27 Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

28 Lord God, help us to remember those who tonight will go to sleep unfed and unwelcome, strangers in foreign lands, people who have fled for their lives and are far from their homes. We lift up to you those who are escaping persecution and conflict, having fled death, torture or ruthless exploitation. **Amen**

29 Pray for the world, asking that we might all become better stewards of it. Pray for all those who are seeking ways to address the problems of climate change and ways to help our environment. **Amen**

30 Pray for areas affected by warfare and unrest that governments and leaders will seek peaceful ways to negotiate and that they will use their positions of authority with integrity. **Amen**

31 Jesus, thank you for Summer. Thank you for light and warmth. Thank you for the sun. Thank you for the gifts of nature and for the annual cycles and seasons. Today, give us that grace again, to see you as the Creator, the One who lifts us up to be with you forever, even now. **Amen**

Rogation Sunday 5th May 2024



A ride around Uncle Henry's Farm as "we beseeched" God (meaning of rogare) to bless our land and communities schools and businesses.

It was a beautiful morning to offer prayers and praise!



INTERNATIONAL WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

Did you know Workers Memorial Day Happens every year on the same day 28th April? - This year it fell on a Sunday.

I was privileged to be asked to lead a short time of reflection and prayers; you'll guess by the photograph where the small plaque is? It was put there 13 years ago. Along with the tree a copper beech?



Globally -Nearly three million workers die every year due to work-related accidents and diseases.

135 workers killed in UK due to work-related accidents in 2022/23. The construction and agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors continue to account for the greatest number of workers killed in fatal accidents each year. Falls from a height, including flying/falling objects, and struck by moving vehicle, between them accounting for around two-thirds of fatal injuries to workers in 2022/23.

We remember those who have died due to a workplace accident or injury and those who have died due to exposure to asbestos or another dangerous substance. We give thanks for the lives of these workers. We thank you for all they contributed to the community as workers, friends, workmates and as family members. Today we also remember and celebrate their lives – their personalities, their character, even their idiosyncrasies – all the things that made them special and unique.

Perhaps you might attend next year?

Rev Canon Alan

"Got to pick a pocket or two boys, got to pick a pocket or two..."

Many folk walking to raise funds for Lincolnshire Rural and Agricultural Chaplaincy Fund

Meryl Ward (Who owns Uncle Henry's Farm Shop and Rosie Black a Farmer's wife and keen horsewoman and a chap in a White'ish hat - Colin Faulkner Swallowbeck Colin has joined the walk on two days, walking the Viking way to raise awareness of and funds for the Lincolnshire Rural and Agricultural Chaplains Fund (LRAC). This picture was taken on Nettleton top at Jonathan Brant's farm (green overalls) His father was a wonderful chap Motley Brant - he was such an encouragement when Alan left superintendence of Market Rasen Circuit to take up the role "If you can save one life of my fellow farmers it will be worth it" perhaps a number have been physically and mentally so in God's grace and wisdom?!



If you do have time to donate click on [Meryl Ward is fundraising for Lincolnshire Agricultural Chaplains \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/MerylWard) I am doing the out of Lincoln bit to Coleby I did the whole thing 40 years ago I shiver still at the experience of it?! It is essentially to fund a colleague to work alongside – I am deluged with difficult cases at the mo...as farmers are deluged not with just rain but volatile uncertain and complex farm policies!





A message from Link to Hope – Christmas 2024 Shoebox Appeal

We really do appreciate all the time and effort that go into the making of these amazing shoeboxes suitable for either a family or

an elderly/single person. When the shoebox is opened and the eyes light up of the mum or dad who can barely afford food or shoes let alone gifts for their children. When the elderly couple who still have to work their own land to provide themselves with food, open a shoebox full of beautiful gifts sent with such love, its truly overwhelming.

Your shoeboxes will go to the poorest people in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania.

Unlike many other shoebox appeals, our scheme collects boxes for entire families and the elderly, so nobody is left out.

We are small, yet established enough to have personal relationships with the individuals in Eastern Europe who work hard delivering your boxes. For transparency, we also carry out spot-checks to confirm that the right people are receiving your boxes.

We believe that sending shoeboxes shows love from British people to those in war torn or poverty stricken circumstances, regardless of their background, colour, creed or religion.

We sent out 26,417 shoeboxes last year and some were able to be transported right over to the area of fighting in Eastern Ukraine, areas where families are living in fear and buildings have been shelled. We appreciate all of our local project managers, who are the hands and feet of our charity in all of the countries we support. Please remember them in your prayers and thoughts.

Please do not spend a fortune on your shoebox(es). Buy gifts throughout the year, think about crafting, making something handmade, find the present that is in your drawer that has never been used. The candle that you were given for your birthday. The scarf that you have three of. The multipack of socks that if a couple of pairs when missing you wouldn't notice. Use the Buy One Get One Free offer on toothpaste or soap or shampoos the next time you are shopping. The small perfect cuddly toy that is sitting in your local charity shop just waiting to find a new home. Do we need to go on.....

We want to send gifts that are beautiful and useful and not sending items that will end up in landfill or be thrown away easily. Unfortunately, by taking items out of packaging it can instantly make a gift look second hand or pre-used when it is in fact new even though it does reduce weight and waste.

It is getting much harder to send items abroad (and unfortunately more expensive) So following the information on the Shoebox Leaflet about what **NOT** to put in your shoebox, is really important. Its lovely that people want to send special food items or medicine or baby clothes but if they are found in the shoebox then it could mean a huge fine for the charity as well as the possibility of the truck being turned back.

And no, kit kats aren't biscuits - they are confectionary and you can put them in your shoebox (the question we most get asked each year)

We are unable to accept any of the following items – food in packets or tins; any type of medicine; any books; tea/coffee; out of date items; any items of clothing other than hats/gloves/scarves; clothing for under 3 year old children; sanitary items.

Some of the gifts you can include are shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, flannel and safety razors. Dull – we hear

you cry. Absolutely not – we can say with complete certainty. The image that remains firmly in our mind is this little girl snatching a bottle of shampoo when she saw it and running off. Five minutes later we walked round the corner and she is washing her hair in a bowl of cold water in her front yard. So happy to finally have clean hair.

Central Methodist, Lincoln will, once again, be acting as a collection centre for your shoeboxes. We will be open 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 5th, 6th and 7th of November.



LINCOLN INTERFAITH MONTHLY TALKS

ST HUGH'S HALL

1.00 for 1.30 pm

The next two afternoon meetings, with a talk about different Faith traditions, will be held on Thursday 13th June and Monday 8th July. Both talks will be repeated via Zoom later each month, starting at 7 pm.

A yearly subscription to cover all the meetings to March 2025 costs £7 for individuals, £10 for couples, or a small donation for students.

Please contact Mary Wilford at: lincolninterfaith@gmail.com for further information.

Best wishes,
MARY WILFORD, SECRETARY, LINCOLN INTERFAITH

Springs Dance company are looking for churches to host “Journey of the Magi” and “A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance”.

Journey of the Magi is a sparkling production of dance, theatre, song and poetry. Entertaining, powerful and compelling, *Journey of the Magi* is back - and it's as festive, witty and poignant as ever.

T S Eliot's poem, *Journey of the Magi* is the inspiration for the show. We are reminded not only of the famous journey the wise men made following the star to Jesus, but also of the 'journey' each of us makes every year in preparing for Christmas day. Images from the poetry and familiar Christmas scenes explode in a mix of laugh-out-loud funny, moving and entertaining theatre and dance. The result? We hope not only to entertain, but to offer a chance to reflect and refocus.



A Time to Mourn, a Time to Dance is an hour-long double bill presented by Springs Dance Company.

An intimate, uplifting dance show choreographed by Lizzi Kew Ross and Heather Richmond.

Created after the pandemic, the performance offers audiences an opportunity to reflect on grief, human connection and joy, and is ultimately a celebration of life.



St Columba's Future Events

6th July	Community Lunch	12:30pm	£6 per person
10th August	Coffee Morning	10am—12 noon	
14th September	Community Lunch	12:30 pm	£6 per person
5th October	Harvest Meal	details to follow	
6th October	Harvest Festival	details to follow	
16th November	Quiz	details to follow	



For further details, or to book any of these events, please contact Alan and Nicole Bond 01522 536034 a.c.bond@btinternet.com

Calendar Dates - June to August 2024

Saturday - Sunday	June 01-30	Month of prayer for Toddler Groups
Monday - Wednesday	June 03-05	God's Covenants, Feasts, & Faithfulness
Wednesday	Jun-05	World Environment Day
Friday	Jun-07	National Fish and Chip Day
Saturday	Jun-15	King's Official Birthday
Sunday	Jun-16	Father's Day
Monday - Sunday	June 17-23	Refugee Week
Tuesday	Jun-18	International Picnic Day
Wednesday & Thursday	19 & 20 June	Meet the Chaplains at the Lincs Show
Thursday	Jun-20	June Solstice
Saturday	Jun-22	Lincolnshire Rural Charities Ball 
Saturday	Jun-22	Windrush Day
Saturday	Jun-29	Armed Forces Day
Sunday	Jul-07	World Chocolate Day
Monday	Jul-15	St Swithins Day
Sunday	Jul-21	World Ice Cream Day
Thursday	Aug-01	Cycle to Work Day
Thursday	Aug-15	Assumption of Mary
Monday	Aug-26	Summer Bank Holiday
Monday	Sep-09	Emergency Services Day



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 address to info@lincolnmethodist.org.uk

Material for the **Autumn 2024** edition of **Circuit News** must be with the Circuit Office by Wednesday, **14 August 2024**. Any material received after this date will not be included in the September edition.

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