

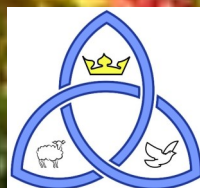
Spring 2024

Circuit News

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Corpus Christi

Calendar Dates - March to May 2024

Friday	Mar-01	St David's Day
Sunday	Mar-10	Mothers Day
Sunday	Mar-17	St Patrick's Day
Friday-Saturday	21-23 March	Festival of Chaplaincy at Lincoln Cathedral
Sunday	Mar-24	Palm Sunday
Thursday	Mar-28	Maundy Thursday
Friday	Mar-29	Good Friday
Saturday	Mar-30	Holy Saturday
Sunday	Mar-31	Easter Sunday
Saturday	Apr-13	2pm Open Afternoon at The Old Rectory, Epworth
Thursday	Apr-23	St George's Day
Thursday	May-09	Ascension Day
Sunday - Saturday	12-18 May	Christian Aid Week
Thursday - Sunday	09-19 May	Thy Kingdom Come
Sunday	May-19	Pentecost
Monday	May-20	Whit Monday
Sunday	May-26	Trinity Sunday
Thursday	May-30	Corpus Christi



Circuit Letter

Lincoln Cathedral is at the heart of the city. Seen from all directions it's an impressive landmark for the county. As a place of interest there's so much to discover and no wonder it's ranked number one for tourists. And yet, it's much more than these things, it's a place of Christian worship and has been for nearly a thousand years. We need to remind ourselves that as magnificent as it is, it is primarily a place where people gather to give thanks to God.

With the Christmas holiday season a recent memory, many start to turn their thoughts to the next holiday period of Easter. As snowdrops herald the start of spring and blossom fragrances fill the air we look forward to the longer and warmer days. Green leaves start to cloth the trees and grass starts to shoot up. We see and hear the insects becoming more active and then it's not long before the air is filled with lawnmowers cutting the grass. It's at this point I remember an old hymn that seems to sum up the season.

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

Spring is when we see the results of that new life through plants, animals and creation. But, another verse of the hymn reminds us the reason we celebrate Easter.

*Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

May you have a good and meaningful Easter,

Rev Richard

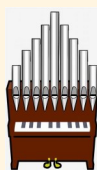


News from our Churches



Bailgate

Bailgate Church start the mid-day organ recitals again on Thursday 7th March and every first Thursday throughout the Year. They are from 12 noon for an hour, free with a retiring collection, which goes towards church funds and charity. We are also having a flute concert at 7pm on Saturday 18th May with a visiting flute 'group' from America and the UK, again, free entry with a retiring collection, do come and hear some live music.



We are starting a Dementia Cafe on the 4th Thursday of each month beginning on 22nd February from 1pm to 3pm in The Well.

Chris Matthews

Burton Road

The building project is well under way and the management group where able to have a walk through with Mark at their last meeting and it is wonderful; the space that is being used is unbelievable and we are so looking forward to it all being done. The colour for the kitchen has been chosen and we are in the process of looking at the colour for the hall. Please continue to pray for our church and the builders as the work continues and we get a building that is pleasing to God and to us for his work to continue in this place.



Thank you for all the support and prayers already said.



Central Methodist Church

Many thanks to you all from our Circuit and beyond who contributed to the annual shoe box appeal.



The magnificent overall total of shoe boxes was 26,417. We couldn't have done it without you!

Hidden Treasures

The Baroque dome of the Grade 2 Listed Central Methodist Church has dominated the South High Street in Lincoln since 1905. Some of you will have attended a Circuit Service in the main church or taken part in Lincoln Music and Drama Festival held there each year. Now you and any group you belong to have a chance to visit the two main commissioned Art works inside which complement the Art Nouveau features of the building itself.

In the large rear hall is a three-panel mural, an "Awards for All" grant which sits in three former large window spaces, all broken by vandals on one weekend. It is entitled "One Hundred Years of the South High Street" and was painted by mural and mosaic artist Gary Drostle (drostle.com) chosen from almost a hundred applicants.

In the main church, over the organ screen, is a four-panel silk embroidery and paint work, "Four Seasons over Lincoln" by Angela Dewar whose work is in Methodist Westminster Central Hall and several cathedrals. This was paid for by private bequests.

When people see the murals for the first time, they are fascinated by them and in fact they are very interesting. So why not arrange a guided visit to suit by contacting Rev Margaret Doughty? Modest fee. Groups welcome.



Cherry Willingham

Cherry Willingham Methodists are sometimes referred to as the Church with no Church; or perhaps more correctly the Church with no Church building, so does that matter? Let's find out...

Reflecting back to Advent 2023 when our study group followed the guidance of a study book by Sheila Jacobs entitled Humbug and Happiness. It is based on and used with the classic Christmas Carol movie. The book divided down into four topics ideal for each week in Advent, supported by the film excerpts from the original black and white movie to help make the point. The dramatic music score typical of movies of the era, created added drama to the relevant scenes! The book concludes by way of a useful section headed 'Ideas for groups.' The feedback from some of the attendees was very positive and encouraging, with everyone having slightly differing but a very positive response.

On the Sunday a week before Christmas 2023 we joined with the residents and staff of Le Grand Luce court, a care home in the village, for our Sunday morning service led by Rev Jennifer.

Looking Forward to Lent, Easter and beyond....

Forward looking to the Good Friday walk of witness including the three villages of Reepham, Fiskerton and Cherry Willingham; the exact route and times to follow.

Our monthly Prospects service continues on the 3rd Sunday in the month at 3pm, and provides an opportunity for those with learning disabilities to share together and participate in worship. Numbers attending continue to grow steadily, so Washingbrough Methodist Church is the place to be.

We are blessed with a small number of young people who join us on a Sunday morning for worship and they have been looking forward to Lent and Easter and some examples of their preparation work follows. (By Elodie, Lillianne and Hannah)



Monks Road Methodist Church



Our Craft Group meets each Monday between 10.30am and noon, after which we enjoy a simple lunch together – either a bowl of soup or jacket potato. We bring along our own crafts and enjoy a time of friendship and fun – who says no-one looks forward to Monday mornings!? We have taken this opportunity on Monday mornings also to welcome those who would like a warm welcome and so utilise the heating more efficiently. On the first Tuesday afternoon of the month we open for our *First Tuesday Circle at 2pm*; here men's and women's meetings have come together to listen to interesting speakers who often belong to local charities, for example, last season we welcomed *EDAN – Ending Domestic Abuse Now*, and *Green Synergy*, a Lincoln-based charity that uses community gardening and therapeutic horticulture to improve people's mental and physical well-being. Needless to say, everyone is welcome to join us at either of these sessions, we would love to see you.

Each Wednesday leading up to Easter we shall be holding our Lent meetings. As we journey again towards Easter, we reflect through these meetings what God has done for us in Jesus through his birth, teachings, death and resurrection. Again, please join us, our title for the reflections is *Unseen Women of the Bible* and we begin on 21st February at 10.30am in the lounge off Walmer Street.



North Hykeham

Once again North Hykeham have enjoyed excellent services with good congregations 25/30.

Christmas time and services were special. Elvie not only decorated the tree but made angels that we all wrote on our passed loved ones name to be remembered. The Rainbows and Brownies that have meetings here made everyone a gift bag containing a home-made card etc and a planted seed. We are watering them and watching them grow. The carol service was led by our worship leaders followed by fellowship sharing refreshments.



Our knitting ladies are still busy including Stones Place. We are short of wool so would be pleased if anyone has any spare to offer us.

We are all looking forward to Spring's warmer weather. This year we are hosting World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March at 2pm. A warm welcome awaits any one able to share with us.

Barbara



Reepham



When is the right time to stop doing something or to do something new? It's always a bit of a risk.

Three years ago, we decided to have an afternoon service at 4pm once a month. It seemed a good idea at the time - it might help with the making of the plan, it gave us the opportunity to try different styles of worship, it might attract other people and one member wasn't able to get to our 10am service. It worked for a time but didn't really achieve its aims and it wasn't a good time for a number of our members. So, we have decided that we will not have afternoon services from March onwards. In addition, we have decided to move the time of our morning service from 10am to 10.30 in line with most of the churches in the circuit.

We have also reluctantly brought our Discoverers group (house group) to an end. But knowing our need for fellowship beyond Sunday Worship we had a get-together just before Christmas at the home of Richard and Jane Wills where we shared tea and cake, and Christmas poems and readings. We plan to do something similar again before Easter. Also, before Easter we will be sharing with our friends from churches in Reepham, Cherry Willingham and Fiskerton for ecumenical Holy Week reflections and a soup lunch.

Fun Friday continues to be well attended by older members of our community, giving them an opportunity for fun, friendship, and food.

Some of our members joined our Anglican and other church friends at Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall to say goodbye to our Anglican Priest, Rev. Penny Green, who is retiring. She has been with us for thirteen years, with eight churches to look after. It was a wonderful party and really showed how much her ministry has been appreciated.

Margaret Roe



Skellingthorpe

When the knitted Christmas tree produced by the 3Cs group was dismantled in January, we were amazed to find that there were 29 scarves, 18 hats, 16 pairs of gloves, five jumpers and one pair of bed socks on it. Some hats, gloves and scarves have gone to Witham Court with the remaining items being donated to Lincoln Evangelical Church and hence with our blessings to Armenian Ministries to provide warmth for those in need.

Our 3Cs group (Chapel, Craft and Chat) is now working on a new project to provide knitted and crocheted bunting, flowers, plant-pot pockets, twiddle muffs and tea cosies for Witham Court. The last time we made tea cosies some of us made hats in error, so we need to remember to leave openings for the handles and spouts this time! This is a popular group and a lovely time of fellowship, friendship and fun whilst helping others at the same time through our crafting skills.

Our Card Craft group has been in operation for over 20 years now and longtime members have learned many new card-making techniques in that time. Their talents keep the greetings cards table refreshed at monthly Coffee Mornings and they sell well.

Coffee Mornings are held on the first Saturday of each month with a different charity supported each time. Many visitors are regulars, some are semi-regulars, and an increasing number of visitors are becoming quite regular! These sessions have proved to be a good opportunity for Deacon Helen to have some surprising conversations about God, faith and prayer over coffee and biscuits.

As a Church it was decided to repeat a successful Water Bottle Challenge from some years ago for Water Aid. Participants were invited to

take a bottle of water, use the water in some way, add a small coin or two each day during Lent and return the contents on Easter Sunday or to the April Coffee Morning. Hopefully the amount raised will help to provide clean water and sanitation for millions of people who don't have this basic human right.

From December we were able to return to weekly services once more after two Church members found themselves offering to be Stewards at the autumn Church Council meeting. One is convinced her mouth spoke before her brain caught up, but both of them are now 'under training' and looking forward to the challenge and joining the team.

This year we celebrate 130 years of Methodism in Skellingthorpe and are looking forward to a special service on 2 June which will be led by the Chair of the Lincolnshire Methodist District, Rev Angie Long.

There is so much going on at Skellingthorpe Methodist Church!

St Giles



Our Christmas Fayre and concert by Lindum Ladies Choir were a success raising £1,500 towards church funds. A Summer Fayre is now being planned for July when the schools break up.

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 – watch this space.

Cay Sherlock and Andy Yaboah have now completed their Chaplaincy course with a Commissioning service possibly taking place at Synod.

We will be hosting a Circuit "Pentecost Party with Puppet Power" in May led by Rev Juliet Wriglesworth and Rev Jennifer Matthews.

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 is going well, led by Krystal Selmi, where mothers and pre-school children get together. Not forgetting the Boys Brigade and Scouts whose numbers are increasing on Wednesday and Friday evenings and the Light Night Café on Tuesday evenings continues to prove a great help for those with mental health issues and some respite for their carers.



STONES PLACE MHA, SKELLINGTHORPE ROAD, LINCOLN LN6 0PA

Stones Place have started regular monthly coffee mornings from 10.30-12.00 on the first Saturday of each month.

All are welcome to join the residents and staff for a cuppa and chat, while raising money for the home's amenities. MHA is a national charity, established by Methodist minister Rev Walter Hall 80 years ago to provide care and support for older people across Britain, through care homes, retirement living, community groups and befriending.

Please join us in prayer on MHA Sunday, using the worship resources, free to download, on the website www.mha.org.uk/sunday Any "Own Arrangement" service can be assigned for this purpose. The service is illustrated by short video clips and includes a hymn specially written

for this years' service. Although the words will be unfamiliar, it is sung to the well-known tune Aurelia. The sermon, written by an MHA chaplain, can either be read by a member of your congregation or viewed as a video. The theme is from Mark 4 verses 30-32, the parable of the mustard seed.

We will share the story of Dot and Grace who became friends through regular befriending phone calls. MHA's befriending service connects a volunteer with an older person for regular conversation and companionship. A conversation with a volunteer is a small act that makes a big impact, just like the mustard seed.

For churches who prefer to order posters, leaflets, and gift envelopes rather than downloads, complete the form on the website and allow 3 weeks for postal delivery to your address. Many thanks in advance for your support. If you need any further information, please contact me.

Rae Perkins – Circuit MHA rep. E-mail: rae.perkins1@btinternet.com



Swallowbeck

Greetings to our friends around the Circuit. Our last service of 2023 was on Christmas Eve when we were delighted to celebrate the Baptism of Amber and our first service in 2024 included the Baptism of Nolan as part of our Covenant service. We were pleased to be able to celebrate both these special events on such significant days along with their respective families and friends. Coffee and cake were served on both occasions, giving the opportunity for socialising and lots of chat. Rae Perkins had her 80th birthday on Christmas Day and had a delayed celebration with more cake in early January. Indeed, we have decided to serve coffee and biscuits after all our services which is proving very popular. Zoom Bible Study resumed in January and our monthly lunch club continues to thrive.

Washingborough

On Friday 15th March from 10-3, we are hosting "Washingborough Wellbeing Friday" which will be co-ordinated by James Prentice, Community Connector for South Lincoln. In attendance will be representatives of the local Living Well Team, local social prescribers, Age UK, Lincolnshire Co-op, Lincoln City Foundation, and many others. There will be seated exercise sessions, a first aid demonstration plus tea/coffee and cake. The idea is for folk to pop in and see if they can get any help or advice. Call in if you are about that day.

We were saddened early in the year to learn of the death of two of our regulars – Mollie Caunt, who had strong links with the local WI, and Keith Laflin who over many years had given service in several areas of our Church life, including using his musical talents. He was Founder and Leader of Blokes Who Sing who are determined to continue his legacy.

The new 6 month preaching plan for our Circuit, just released, will prove very challenging for all of us and we will do our best to fill the blank slots with "Own Arrangement" services. We are looking forward to Rev Angie Long, Chair, Lincolnshire Methodist District, taking our service at 10.30am on Sun 17th March. If you haven't met her yet and want to meet her do come along.

On the evening of Maundy Thursday 28th March at 7pm Rev Jennifer will lead us in a Communion service so if you are not attending one elsewhere feel free to join us.

Our Lent lunches at WMC with reflection and soup, continue at 12 noon on the remaining Mondays in Lent, organised jointly by ourselves and our friends at St John's Church.

Keith Swann



Welton and Dunholme

Our Christmas services were well supported and enjoyed by all, especially the carol service followed by a faith tea. A concert by local professional musical theatre performer, David Anderson, supported by his family, raised over £400 for Action for Children and was a most enjoyable evening. The Christmas Jumper coffee morning raised over £460 and the 'Alternativity' at Ingham raised £222.

We are welcoming a small group of people to our Alpha course which we are running in conjunction with Threshold between now and Easter. Our Easter services will begin with an Agape meal on Maundy Thursday, 28th March and there will be a Good Friday reflection on 29th March led by our minister, Rev. Richard Mottershead.

St Columba's

We are having a Community Lunches on the 16th March and 4th May at 12:30pm. £6 per person for a 3 course lunch with tea or coffee. There is a raffle (contributions gratefully received). Please contact Allan or Nicole Bond (01522 536034) by Thursday 14th March and Thursday 2nd May with details for catering purposes.

Janet Turner-Harrison a member of our congregation is going to Uganda in August to see the work of the charity and meet the children she, and we as a church, support. We are having a fundraising concert at St Columba's on the afternoon of the 20th April at 2pm there will be no charge but donations will be requested. All donations will be used to purchase goods for the communities Janet is visiting. Light refreshments will be served. If you are interested in attending please contact Allan or Nicole Bond (01522 536034) by Wednesday 17th April with details for catering purposes.

Another fundraiser for Uganda is on Saturday 18th May at St Columba's. It is a One Man Show of music and laughter preformed by Rev Steve Holt (Priest in Charge at Holy Cross Church Skellingthorpe Road Lincoln). The show consists of some singing, mainly musical theatre, and some true but funny stories from his ministry. More details to follow once they have been sorted out.



Burton Road Methodist Church Building Project

Update Jan 24.



The Church and community came together to help empty the space in preparation for the building work and we managed to completely clear the space, a lot of the furniture and items that were no longer needed found new homes, to other charities that help people furnish new homes, homeless charities, other Churches, a school in Africa, the local table tennis club, people who needed items for their homes and art projects. We managed to not hire any skips to landfill and had a small amount of car trips to the tip with segregated waste streams for recycling.

And we are all living in the main Church building, the Circuit office and vestry are still in use, and as the weather is warming up the outside loo is less daunting! Most of our groups have adapted to the new space and are all looking forward to the new opportunities in the space once complete.

Work started in October and has moved on at a great pace with lots of removal of walls, roofing, the asbestos and ancillary bits.

All the first fix was completed for the first week after Christmas and now work has turned to boarding and plastering ready for second fix.

The first new roof over the kitchen and toilets is complete and the new hall roof completed too, along with 20 south facing solar panels, which in completion will be connected to battery storage and help us to power the building and export back to grid.

A new heating system is installed for the areas and air conditioning for the main hall, to provide comfort all year around, and lots of insulation, there was none before!

All new external doors and windows have been installed and the kitchen design and colour chosen.

We are about 2 weeks behind schedule due to the poor weather before Christmas but are hoping that this will be pulled in, we are about on budget which is good news. Scheduled for mid-April handover.



The builders are working to a very high standard and the place is very tidy, the foreman runs a tight ship, which is good to see a tidy workplace.

We are all very much looking forward to getting finished and open, and sharing the building with current and new future users, the Church, Circuit and most importantly the community.

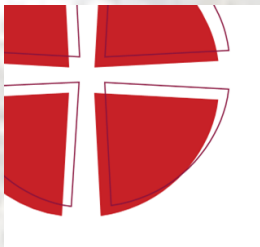
A Little Bird

by Alexander Pushkin

In alien lands I keep the body
Of ancient native rites and things:
I gladly free a little birdie
At celebration of the spring.

I'm now free for consolation,
And thankful to almighty Lord:
At least, to one of his creations
I've given freedom in this world!





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Dear Learning Network colleagues,

The Explore programme, which started in September, has attracted a good group of people who are currently nearly half way through the course element, all exploring a vocation in church leadership.

A second cohort starts in May 2024, with a taster session on 11th April 2024, online 7-9pm

Please do encourage anyone who feels a sense of call to some form of church leadership – lay or ordained – to sign up. Please do send it to your District admin/ comms person.

Explore is an opportunity for any member of the Methodist Church in Britain to take a step back, and consider how you are called to respond to God's invitation to church leadership

You can register anytime of the year for the Explore programme, although the course starts in May and September.

[Registration for the programme](#)

[Taster event for the course: April 11th 2024](#)

Once registered people also get a 1:1 Accompanist, support about theological reflection, signposts to a range of resources, encouragement to shadow people already in leadership, and will be part of a 9-month course.

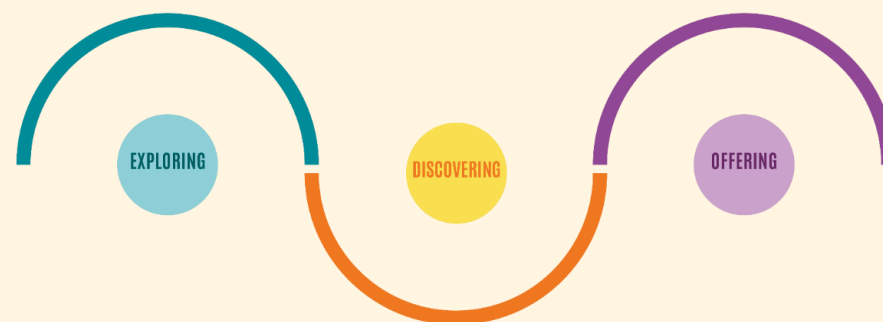
Here are some resources to help you encourage people;

[A film](#) encouraging people to explore God's call to them. The film is 90 seconds long, and would be suitable to play in worship or at meetings.

The direct link to all the information is www.methodist.org.uk/exploring

Also online are a range of discernment resources and information about a wide range of ways to offer to serve in the church

www.methodistchurch.org.uk/vocations



Thank you for all you do to promote a positive culture of vocational exploration, it makes a difference.

Thank you for engaging with [Vocations Sunday](#) which is the 1st Sunday in May.

Thank you for encouraging people to explore their vocations. A personal invitation makes a difference.

Thank you again, Alison, Edel, Graham and Sally



Could you join our team of stewards for Sunday services at 3pm in the chapel lounge at Stones Place?

Around once a month on rota dates to fit your availability

See Rae for more information or e-mail: rae.perkins1@btinternet.com

PRAYING TOGETHER

1 Let us walk with you in the way of the cross, O Christ, faithfully enduring its demands, constantly sharing its message and daily revealing its love. Amen. Prayer of the Palestinian Women of Jerusalem (date unknown)	7 Let us pray and give thanks for Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance (LNAA) as they attend the most serious of incidents and carry out life-saving advanced procedures on scene before transferring patients to the hospital.
2 Lord, you are always working even though we might not see it, in difficult times of suffering and pain, walking next to us. You are the light in the darkest of times; the hope when all is lost and the strength when we fall. Help us to trust in your plan and see your treasures in those around us. Amen. Ealish Ayres, 3Gen, Isle of Man	8 Dear Lord, we thank you for the Supernumerary Ministers who have dedicated their lives to serving your church. We pray that you would bless them with wisdom, strength, and courage as they continue to serve you in new ways. May they be a source of inspiration and guidance to those around them, and may they always be filled with your love and grace. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.
3 Let us pray for everyone leading worship each Sunday, that they are given the wisdom and tools to impart God's word in a meaningful way to our congregations throughout the circuit.	9 Let us pray and give thanks for Lincolnshire Sensory Services, who provide free drop-ins for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or visually impaired.
4 Let us pray for the Chair of the District and Circuit Ministers that they may fulfil their leadership roles with compassion, flair and integrity.	10 Dear Lord, we pray for our Circuit Stewards and Church Stewards. May they be guided by your love and grace in their work. Amen.
5 Let us pray for St Barnabas Lincolnshire that they may continue to provide end-of-life care within the patient's home, or in their hospice.	11 Let us pray for Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bikes Service (LEBBS) as they collect and deliver urgent supplies of blood products, urgent medications and very urgent patient samples for analysis from hospitals to laboratory.
6 Let us pray and give thanks for Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service, otherwise known as LIVES (their volunteers provide emergency medical care in critical situations).	12 Let us pray and give thanks for Forget Me Not Dementia Café which provides a welcome for all people with dementia and their carers or just carers or past carers.

PRAYING TOGETHER

13 Pray for the Lincolnshire Rural and Agricultural Chaplaincy (LRAC) that they may continue to offer pastoral and spiritual care to the agricultural rural community; promote and participate in projects to benefit their resilience and well-being.	19 Pray for all our church members, that they may know that they are all loved and a valuable asset in God's sight.
14 Pray for the Lincolnshire Emergency Response Chaplaincy, who have the responsibility of providing for the pastoral, religious, and spiritual care of all patients, their relatives, and carers, as well as the staff on all hospital sites. They are there for all people of any faith or none.	20 Let us pray for all the Children in this Circuit who have been diagnosed with life-limiting genetic conditions (eg Cystic fibrosis, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Huntington's Disease, Metachromatic Leukodystrophy, Sickle Cell Anaemia, etc); that they will receive all the love and support they need.
15 We live in a beautiful county; pray for the flora and fauna that share it with us. Thank God for the amazing diversity of species that we are privileged to live alongside and support.	21 Pray for our Lincoln Street Pastors as they serve our night-time economy city streets; praying, caring, listening, helping by offering pastoral and practical support however/wherever they can.
16 Pray for our local animal sanctuaries which take in and/rescue our domestic and wild animals in need of care.	22 Pray for Blind Veterans UK, formerly known as St Dunstan's as they provide support to ex-servicemen and women to rebuild their lives after sight loss.
17 Pray for all Local Preachers and those who are training to be one. Ask that the Lord will bless them with the wisdom and knowledge to share His word with others; let them be filled with the Holy Spirit and be guided by His love and grace.	23 Pray for 'Wheels for Life'; a scheme for bike donation which will take pre-loved bikes and bring them back to a usable condition to be gifted to people who do not have the opportunity to enjoy the varied benefits of owning and using a bike.
18 Let us pray for all the different churches in our Circuit, that they may be a shining beacon to all who come to them.	24 Pray for our Worship Leaders that they be an inspiration to others and may their words bring hope and comfort to those who hear them.

PRAYING TOGETHER

25 Pray for <i>Lincoln Foodbank</i> * as they provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis.	29 Pray for those, both known and unknown, who are living with health difficulties; that they are given hope, strength and courage to cope, alongside their families and carers who love and support them.
26 Pray for <i>Green Synergy</i> , a community-based charitable organisation based in Lincoln which uses community gardening and horticultural therapy to improve the lives of vulnerable local people.	30 Pray and give thanks for the compassionate Lincoln charity called <i>Let them eat cake</i> , who support people experiencing homelessness by providing essential services and care.
27 Pray for <i>EDAN – Ending Domestic Abuse Now</i> , a Lincolnshire registered charity providing support and assistance to anyone suffering or fleeing from Domestic Abuse in Lincolnshire.	31 Pray for all members of our circuit, including ourselves, in whatever capacity, as we negotiate the preparation of Lent, agony of Good Friday, the joy and celebrations of Easter and the excitement of Pentecost.
28 Pray and give thanks for everyone who supports a variety of charities, both local and national, through our churches throughout the year.	



*Lincoln Foodbank are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

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

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