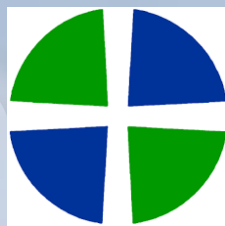


CIRCUIT NEWS

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A Prayer for our new King, Charles III

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.
Help us to work together
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness
flourish among us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Material for the **Summer 2023** edition of **Circuit News** must be with the Circuit Office by Wednesday, **10 May 2023**. Any material received after this date will not be included in the June edition.

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Hope

One of my favourite songs is, 'Jesus is King, and I will extol him.' The second verse begins, 'We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,' but how might we hang on to that hope in a world in chaos. We don't have to look far to find examples of times that would quite easily destroy or at least challenge the hope we have.

The Collins English Dictionary says of Hope:

***Hope** is a feeling of desire and expectation that things will go well in the future. If someone wants something to happen, and considers it likely or possible, you can refer to their **hopes of** that thing, or to their **hope that** it will happen.*

During that chaos there is hope for all and it is that hope that we read about in the accounts of Jesus' life of ministry and in his death and resurrection. John writes in his gospel about, 'To have life in all its fullness.' (John 10:10). Many in our world today fail to see where there would be any hope at all. Where is the hope when people are displaced when there is warfare and natural disasters? Even in the most trying of times there is a God who desires the best for us.

As I look out of the study window after the darkness of the season there are signs of new growth. Some trees are producing buds that will spring into growth, there are numerous snowdrops and other such flowers bursting out with

colour. For me it is a reminder of our creator God and also the hope we find in him.

Within our churches there are signs of new life post covid. Numbers are growing and, in some churches, activities are beginning to see signs of growth.

At Nettleham we are in the middle of a course called 'Hope Explored.' Subtitled, '*What's the best future you could ever imagine?*' It is a 3-week course which looks at **Hope, Peace, and Purpose**. I recommend it to you as a resource to help reach out to those who need to rediscover Hope.

I don't know where you stand at this moment but it is good to know that even in the most difficult of time God is with us. I believe that God is asking us to rekindle our faith and to live it out day by day by **word** and **action**.

I know things are tough but hold on to the faith you have. The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you or forsake you, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged.' (Deuteronomy 31:8).

Praying you every Blessing

Rev Alan



News from our Churches



North Hykeham

North Hykeham would like to thank our Ministers and local preachers for taking our services this Quarter. We are pleased that our attendance has been good - average of 25 congregation. This is really good because of the weather and lots of illnesses. We were so glad to have Swallowbeck and St Columbus friends join us.

We are now having coffee/tea after our service fortnightly.

We have a new Steward, Mrs Shelia Flatters, and pleased to confirm our weekly newsletter. Informer into membership, Judith Horsfall has taken on this job after Ann Ward did it for many years. Our thanks to you both.



A member writes that he was out shopping at the local Co-op and was about to pay his bill for his groceries when a lady standing next to him put her card on the machine. He immediately thought that he had taken her turn, but when he produced his own card, the assistant told him that the lady had paid for his shopping. The lady said to him, "Please don't be alarmed, when I got up this morning I felt I must pay for somebody else's shopping. So, you are the lucky one today." This was a complete stranger! God moves in mysterious ways.

Four of us enjoy Swallowbeck lunch club monthly, and send our thanks for delicious lunches.



Swallowbeck



Our Country Mile Coffee Morning was very successful, particularly as we were pleased to welcome a number of folk from beyond our Church walls and Lunch Club continues to thrive, having built the numbers up to 25 as well as our group of helpers.

We will be celebrating our 70th Church Anniversary over the weekend of 13th and 14th May and would be very pleased to welcome friends from around the Circuit. On Saturday, 13th we will be '**Playing the Faith**' with a team of musicians playing their way through 'Singing the Faith' starting at 8.30a.m. and finishing in the evening, potentially around 9.00p.m., depending how fast the playing is! There will be a Pop-Up Café throughout so if you have an hour to spare to come, listen and enjoy some refreshments please join us.

On Sunday, 14th we are looking forward to a joint service with North Hykeham when we welcome back Rev Claire Simpson to lead our anniversary service.

We support the Joy Foundation and on March 26th as part of their celebration weekend we will be having our 'Giving Day' service including The Joy Foundation video.

Churches Together in Hykeham and Swallowbeck have ceased formal activities but continue to advertise each other's midweek fellowship opportunities which regularly include prayer-time from 10.00-11.00 on the first Friday of the month at North Hykeham Methodist Church. Friday, 3rd March is the World Day of Prayer, prepared by the Christian Women of Taiwan, entitled "I have heard about your faith" so the morning prayer-time will move to 2pm at All Saints Church, Moor Lane, North Hykeham that day and will be followed by refreshments. St Georges, Swallowbeck offer a fortnightly fellowship meeting at 2pm on Wednesdays and Alive Church welcome the over 50s monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month to share fellowship at Hykeham Memorial Hall.



St Giles

The Christmas Tree Delights event went well with about £600 being raised. Lots of trees filled the sanctuary put together by pupils at St Giles Academy and St Giles Nursery as well as the Scouts, Boys Brigade and our friends at the Parish Church.

At the end of January, we had our combined service with the Parish church led by Rev Juliet Wriglesworth. Rev Nick Buck gave the sermon in his usual amusing and entertaining style. A sad occasion as well as this was his last at our church as he is retiring on April 23. All change at the Parish Church as they will come under the wing of Rev Rachel Heskins, vicar of St John the Baptist on the Ermine.

Last November the BBC cameras came to St Giles to record the Songs of Praise programme, due to be broadcast on February 19 – after the Circuit News is published. We, hopefully, will have had a bring and share lunch before settling down to watch ourselves on the big screen using our new AV system.

Our coffee mornings, 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 doors have recently also opened on Monday mornings when visitors come into the more relaxing lounge for coffee and chat.

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

Reepham



Over the last few months we have had some ups and downs at Reepham. Sadly we have lost three members. Mary Shipman had been a Church Steward for many years and even in the months before her death she was the Church Contact for preachers. She also organised speakers for Methodist Women in Britain and was a regular attender at our Discoverers fellowship group. Mary Pycok had been a very active member in both her community and church, providing food for Fiskerton lunch club as well as church events. Betty Taylor was a regular worshipper when her health allowed as well as enjoying Holiday at Home, Fun Friday and Coffee and Chat. They will all be sadly missed.

We had a very successful Holiday at Home just before Christmas with 16 guests and 6 helpers. Following board games, a Christmas Quiz and lunch, Chris Jones entertained us with some Christmas music. Fun Friday has now settled into a three-weekly pattern with an attendance of between 10 and 16. We have been pleased to welcome some new guests as well as two new helpers from Cherry Willingham Methodist.

A number of our members have been attending the Talking Jesus Course, led by Rev. Jennifer Matthews on a Wednesday afternoon. Some of the group have stayed on afterwards to welcome parents/carers of the Pre-School which meets on our premises and the Primary school across the road, while they wait for their children. The uptake for tea/coffee and biscuits out of the cold and wet has been small so far but we hope the numbers will increase.

A personal note from Rev. Margaret Roe

The last three years have taken their toll on many people in different ways. In the last few months I have found myself struggling and have realised that I have been trying to do too much over the last few years. It is twelve and a half years since I retired, and I have to acknowledge that I can't do now what I did when I was 60.

Consequently, I have decided to take a Sabbatical from March to May. This means I shall not be taking any services this quarter and will be withdrawing from most of the other activities I have been involved in. I hope that by giving myself a break to do other things I will be able to assess my priorities and decide what I want to continue doing.



Washingborough

You might by now have enjoyed some pancakes as we enter Lent. Once again we join with our friends from St Johns in providing a soup and bread lunch each

Monday in Lent at 12 noon. Last year they were held at St Johns, and this year at WMC. The lunches will be preceded by a short reflection.

We are not putting on a Lent Course this year but we hope some of our members will join the one being held at St Johns on Tuesday evenings or use material which the Circuit intends to send out to each Church.

During Lent our large wooden Cross will be brought into chapel and used each Sunday for a short lent liturgy based on the symbols of the Cross. On Maundy Thursday we are holding a service of reflection and Communion led by Rev Jennifer at 7pm, to which you are invited.

On Easter Sunday we have one of our popular Worship for All services led by Sandy & Ralph Osgerby, during which the Cross will be decorated with flowers and taken out onto the pavement for the rest of the day.

We recently introduced our new Pastoral Link System which we hope will help us to keep in regular touch with our members & adherents. The list of people is divided up largely geographically into small groups who look out for each other under the leadership of a Link person.

On the new plan (March-May), the OA service on 23rd April will be led by former member Rev Ann Lett before she leaves Lincolnshire for pastures new.

Our twice monthly Warm Space Saturday Coffee mornings will continue throughout March on the first and third Saturday 10-12. In addition, we jointly with our friends from St Johns hold a Tuesday Coffee event 10-12 on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month.

Our other activities continue – twice monthly Fellowship Group, twice monthly Bible Study, monthly Prayer Group, twice monthly Gospel Singing group but we do still however struggle to find new volunteers to run our various activities and fill various roles.

The Blokes Who Sing Charity Concert in December raised £ 487.

We look forward to hosting the next Circuit Meeting on the evening of Wed 15th March.

Keith Swann

Monks Road



We are pleased to welcome to our regular coffee mornings on the last Saturday of the month our local councillors. The events are advertised locally, and the councillor is available to anyone in the neighbourhood who would like to highlight an issue in the area. We feel glad to host our local councillors as not only do they get to know our church family and learn about us but also folk from the area can come into church and meet both councillor and church without any commitment. Our coffee mornings are for local charities - Nomad, FiSH, MacMillan, Barnardo's Leaving Care Service, Community Larder - as well as for wider concerns like Mission in Britain, Action for Children and Christian Aid, so we hope local people see we are not a closed community and are here to support in whatever way our Christianity requires.

Our Warm Space has welcomed several local people as well as hosting the Abbey Access Forum which meets on the first Friday of the month to discuss and improve conditions in the poorest ward of Lincoln.

Best wishes
Irene



Welton and Dunholme

We enjoyed our Christmas celebrations of a carol service followed by a faith tea, a 'Christmas jumper' coffee morning and our family service on Christmas Day, led by our minister, Rev Alan Swann. Our first service of 2023 was on 8th January when we had a café service on the theme of Epiphany, led by our worship leaders.

Rev Alan Swann has been invited to lead our Anniversary service on 26th March and also our Agape service on Maundy Thursday, 6th April, at 7.00pm, to which all friends from across the circuit are invited.

MHA SUNDAY

Nationally, MHA Sunday is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in June, which is nearest to the date when it was founded in 1943 by Rev Walter Hall. Worship materials will be available on the website www.mha.org.uk/sunday from February 13th to download in time for individual churches to use on a Sunday of their own choice during the June-August quarter. Last year £135,505 was donated from MHA Sunday collections, and we are grateful for all that has been achieved to improve the quality of life for MHA's care home residents by this. This year's theme is based on 1 Corinthians 12 verses 12-27, highlighting the importance of community and inclusion of the many parts making up Christ's body. Rae Perkins - Circuit MHA Rep



PRAYING TOGETHER

1 Good morning, Lord!
Today's a new day, a chance
for a new start. Yesterday is
gone and with it any regrets,
mistakes, or failures I may
have experienced. It's a good
day to be glad and give thanks,
and I do, Lord. Thank you for
today, a new opportunity to
love, give, and be all that you
want me to be. Amen.

5 Lord, grant me tenacious
winsome courage as I go
through this day. When I am
tempted to give up, help me
to keep going. Grant me a
cheerful spirit when things
don't go my way. And give me
the courage to do whatever
needs to be done. In Jesus'
name, Amen.

2 Lord, I come before you
ready to pour out my worries,
anxieties, and fears at Your
feet. I am claiming and
declaring Your promises for
blessings of peace and
strength over my life. Bring
peace into my soul that passes
all worldly understanding and
make me a light for others to
see Your strength. Amen

6 Lord, Jesus, today is Your day,
and I want Your will to be done. So,
whatever happens, hold my hand
and let's face it together. Amen.

7 Lord, how I long to break free from
negative thinking and embrace peace
and joy and optimism. I invite You to
begin transforming my thought
patterns and help me recognize, reject
and replace thoughts that are not
pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name. Amen

3 God grant us the serenity
to accept the things we
cannot change,
the courage to change the
things we can,
and the wisdom to know
the difference. Amen

8 Father, today I choose to face my fears
with prayer and praise. I surrender my
doubts to You and choose to walk by
faith - not by sight. Fill my heart and life
with Your peace and help me face these
uncertain times in Your strength and
power. And those things I can't do
anything about, Lord, are Yours. Thank
You for being Peace in my life. In Jesus'
name. Amen

4 God, please enlighten my mind
with truth, inflame my heart with
love, inspire my will with courage,
enrich my life with service. Pardon
what I have been, sanctify what I
am, and order what I shall be. Amen

9 Father, can I be honest? I am tired of
waiting. Waiting is hard, painful, and
exhausting. But I know that learning to
wait well is a beautiful, sanctifying, hope-
giving thing. So, help me wait well. Help
me cling to you as I wait. Please Lord, let
your peace rule in my heart. Help me live
by your grace each day of this waiting.
And help me bring you glory as I wait
expectantly. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

PRAYING TOGETHER

10 Please pray for our Superintendent Minister Alan Swann and his family, for God's blessing and protection to be with them.

14 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. Pray for the work of the Food Bank that it will be well supported by those in a position to help donate.

11 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.

15 Pray for the work done by Christians Against Poverty to assist those with financial problems and to help them plan for their future.

12 Pray for the leadership teams and circuit stewards and the church stewards in all that they undertake in their service to God.

16 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.

13 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.

17 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.

PRAYING TOGETHER

18 Pray for the Joy Foundation as they work in our Primary Schools to spread the Good News of Jesus to our children.

22 Pray for Lincolnshire Action Trust as they work in Lincolnshire and the surrounding areas to reconnect individuals involved in the criminal justice system with their communities.

19 Pray for St Barnabas Hospice as every year they support more than 12,000 people across Lincolnshire affected by a life-limiting or terminal illness. May they continue their valuable work.

23 Pray for Green Synergy, who use community gardening and horticulture for mental health and wellbeing. They work with disadvantaged communities and with vulnerable people, including those living with mental health conditions, learning difficulties, physical disabilities, long term health problems and unemployment. Gardening is used to build skills for life and work to improve mental and physical health and to educate people about the environment, food and farming.

20 Pray for Lincolnshire Traveller Initiative as they create opportunities, community cohesion and positive futures for Lincolnshire's Traveller communities.

24 Pray for the Lincoln Community Larder, which aims to relieve poverty in the Lincoln area through the provision of nutritious food and other basic amenities to those in need of short term help. The Larder is managed and run entirely by local volunteers and relies entirely on the generous support of our local community.

21 Pray for Lincoln City Foundation as they inspire, empower, and help individuals and communities to improve their physical, social, and mental wellbeing.

25 Pray for The Nomad Trust as it brings together a range of professionals to provide essential support to people experiencing homelessness, including mental health and physical wellbeing services.

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31 Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our King Charles III, Gracious Queen *Camilla*, *William* Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



President's Award



Rev Alan Says "Totally surprised to have received the President's Award today at the Lincolnshire Agricultural Societies AGM for my chaplaincy services to that Society. For imagining the EPIC Building and being a longstanding Education Committee member. The Society has ambitious plans going into the future and 'it has been an utter joy to be part of the story with so many wonderful folks."

The picture from Left to right is the President in waiting Ian Walter of JH Walter Estate Agents (Now Brown and Co & JH Walters) The President for this year the Lord Lieutenant of the County Toby Dennis who presented the award and the person on the far right the immediate past President Chris Bourn of Wragby.

Rev Alan



St Columba's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*(for further information or to attend any/all of these events, please contact Alan Bond
{tel 01522 536034})*

TEA and CAKE CAFÉ

2pm – 4pm on Tuesdays
Homemade cakes, tea or coffee
Please let people know.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Friday 3rd March 2023 at 7:00pm
at St Columba's Church.
All are welcome to attend.

Community Lunch

Saturday 18th March 12:30pm
£6 per person. Raffle

EASTER 2023

Lent Course 22 Feb, 8 Mar, 14 Mar and 28 Mar via Zoom. If you would like to join
speak to Allan or Nicole. Title HOLY HABITS.
Agape Supper 6th April at 6:30pm. Good Friday 7th April Walk and Meditation 2pm
from church. Communion service Easter Sunday 11am.

VISION DAY

Saturday 1st April 10am to 2pm
lunch arrangements to follow.

Rev Cecil White and Rev Gillian Poucher will facilitate the day. Rev Alan Robson will
be joining us.

Please join us as we will be looking at the future of our church in that how do we
move forward.



CORONATION CELEBRATION LUNCH

Sunday 7th May

After the service.

More details nearer the time.



Items For Our Sponsored Child

Daniel Anyou

Janet has put up some photographs from Daniel next to the information near the
vestry door.

We will carry on collecting items for Daniel so as and when you have something
pop it in the box at the back of church. Janet will then inform us when she will be
sending the next parcel. There is a money tin for donations towards posting the
parcels.

Thanks Very Much.

Navenby



Just to tell you of amount the cartridges I have received
during 2022. We are making wonderful progress and lots
of new people have come to me. I am so pleased for Juvenile Diabe-
tes Research Foundation (JDRF). All the churches in the Lincoln
Methodist Circuit are champion; very good and have been great. I
am grateful to them and hope you keep saving your used cartridges
for me. Some of the boxes that I have received have been overflow-
ing with cartridges!

We have sent 3 boxes since December 2022 and hope to continue
going on, as I have done for 12 years. Every cartridge JDRF receive
provides them with £2 towards their funds, which enables them to
support those with juvenile diabetes.

The amount raised is now £5,163.81. Thank you all so much for your contributions, they are so appreciated.

I would like to wish the Circuit Office and Staff, Local Preachers, Ministers, and members of the Circuit, who have diligently donated their used cartridges, a very **Happy New Year for 2023**.

I will still be collecting the ink cartridges and hopefully will reach my target by the next edition of "Circuit News". (Please note: **No Toner Cartridges** – Thank you.)

Richard Wilson
Fundraiser

Circle Dancing

Central Methodist Church



2:00pm, First Wednesday of the Month

1st March 2023

5th April 2023

3rd May 2023

7th June 2023



Calendar Dates - March to May 2023

Wednesday	Mar-01	St. David's Day
Thursday	Mar-02	World Book Day
Monday-	Mar 6-18	Lincoln Music & Drama Festival
Wednesday	Mar-08	International Women's Day
Saturday	Mar-11	Faithwalkers - Ludford, Lincs (7.25 miles)
Monday	Mar-13	Commonwealth Day
Friday	Mar-17	St Patrick's Day
Saturday	Mar-18	Community Lunch - St Columba's
Sunday	Mar-19	Mothering Sunday
Monday	Mar-20	March Equinox
Wednesday	Mar-22	World Water Day
Friday	Mar-24	Concert (Lincoln Music & Drama Festival)
Sunday	Mar-26	British Summer Time Begins
Sunday	Apr-02	Palm Sunday
Friday	Apr-07	Good Friday /World Health Day
Sunday	Apr-09	Easter Day
Saturday	Apr-15	Grand National
Saturday	Apr-22	Earth Day/Stephen Lawrence Day/ Faithwalkers - Hagworthingham (7 Miles)
Sunday	Apr-23	St George's Day /London Marathon
Saturday	May-06	Coronation of King Charles III
Monday	May-08	Additional Bank Holiday
Saturday	May-13	Faithwalkers - Tetney Lock, Lincs (7 miles)
Sunday-Saturday	May 14-20	Christian Aid Week
Thursday	May-18	Ascension Day
Thursday-Sunday	May 18-28	Thy Kingdom Come
Saturday	May-27	Faithwalkers - Brocklesby Woods (6 miles)
Sunday	May-28	Whit Sunday/Pentecost
Sunday	Jun-04	Trinity Sunday
Thursday	Jun-08	Corpus Christi





Coronation Weekend

Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May 2023

The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, 2023. The Service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. As previously announced, the Service will reflect the Monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.

Across the Coronation Weekend, there will be further opportunities for people to come together in celebration of the historic occasion. On Sunday, 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will be staged and broadcast live at Windsor Castle by the BBC and BBC Studios.

The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country on the same date. On Monday, 8th May 2023, members of the public will be invited to take part in The Big Help Out, which will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas.

Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort hope the Coronation Weekend will provide an opportunity to spend time and celebrate with friends, families and communities across the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. Their Majesties are looking forward to marking the occasion with the public throughout 2023.

Saturday 6th May 2023

The Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey

The Coronation Service will take place on the morning of Saturday, 6th May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. The Coronation is a solemn religious service, as well as an occasion for celebration and pageantry.

Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort will arrive at Westminster Abbey in procession from Buckingham Palace, known as 'The King's Procession'.



After the Service, Their Majesties will return to Buckingham Palace in a larger ceremonial procession, known as 'The Coronation Procession'. Their Majesties will be joined in this procession by other Members of the Royal Family.

At Buckingham Palace, The King and The Queen Consort, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will appear on the balcony to conclude the day's ceremonial events.



Sunday 7th May 2023

The Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle

On Sunday, 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will take place at Windsor Castle. Produced, staged and broadcast live by the BBC and BBC Studios, the Coronation Concert will bring global music icons and contemporary stars together in celebration of the historic occasion.

Attended by a public audience including volunteers from The King and The Queen Consort's many charity affiliations, the concert will see a world-class orchestra play interpretations of musical favourites fronted by some of the world's biggest entertainers, alongside performers from the world of dance. The performances will be supported by staging and effects located on the Castle's East Lawn and will also feature a selection of spoken word sequences delivered by stars of stage and screen.

Through a national ballot held by the BBC, several thousand members of the public will be selected to receive a pair of free tickets for the Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle.

Alongside the stars of the concert, the show will also see an exclusive appearance from The Coronation Choir. This diverse group will be created from the nation's keenest community choirs and amateur singers from across the United Kingdom, such as Refugee choirs, NHS choirs, LGBTQ+ singing groups and deaf signing choirs. A new documentary exploring the formation of The Coronation Choir will tell the stories of the people representing the many faces and voices of the country. The Coronation Choir will appear alongside The Virtual Choir, made up of singers from across the Commonwealth, for a special performance on the night.

The centrepiece of the Coronation Concert, 'Lighting up the Nation', will see the country join together in celebration as iconic locations across the United Kingdom are lit up using projections, lasers, drone displays and illuminations.

The Coronation Concert will be produced by BBC Studios, broadcast live on BBC One, BBC iPlayer, BBC Radio 2 and BBC Sounds.

The Coronation Big Lunch

Neighbours and communities across the United Kingdom are invited to share food and fun together at Coronation Big Lunches on Sunday 7th May 2023, in a nationwide act of celebration and friendship. From a cup of tea with a neighbour to a street party, a Coronation Big Lunch brings the celebrations to your neighbourhood and is a great way to get to know your community a little better.

The Coronation Big Lunch will be overseen and organised by the Big Lunch team at the Eden Project. The Big Lunch is an idea from the Eden Project, made possible by The National Lottery, that brings millions of people together annually to boost community spirit, reduce loneliness and support charities and good causes. Her Majesty The Queen Consort has been Patron of the Big Lunch since 2013.

Thousands of events are expected to take place in every corner of the United Kingdom this May as people take to their streets, gardens, parks and community spaces to join the Coronation celebrations and mark this historic occasion.

Monday 8th May 2023

The Big Help Out

The Big Help Out will be held on Monday, 8th May 2023 and is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the United Kingdom. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation.

In tribute to His Majesty The King's public service, The Big Help Out will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas. The aim of The Big Help Out is to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend.



Methodist Women in Britain Spring Day



Wednesday 8th March,

10.30am refreshments for 11am start until 3pm

at Brigg Methodist Church, Wesley Road, Brigg, DN20 8TR

A day of reflection on art and faith led by Rev Angy Long.

Bring a Bible and a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be available

For further details contact ritarowe18@gmail.com



Celebration Evening

Saturday 25th March; 7:30pm

An evening of entertainment, fundraising and celebration of The Joy Foundation

Bridge Central Portland Street, Lincoln, LN5 7NN

TICKETS £5 PER PERSON

Book tickets by contacting Andy Housam andy.housam@joyfoundation.org.uk

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