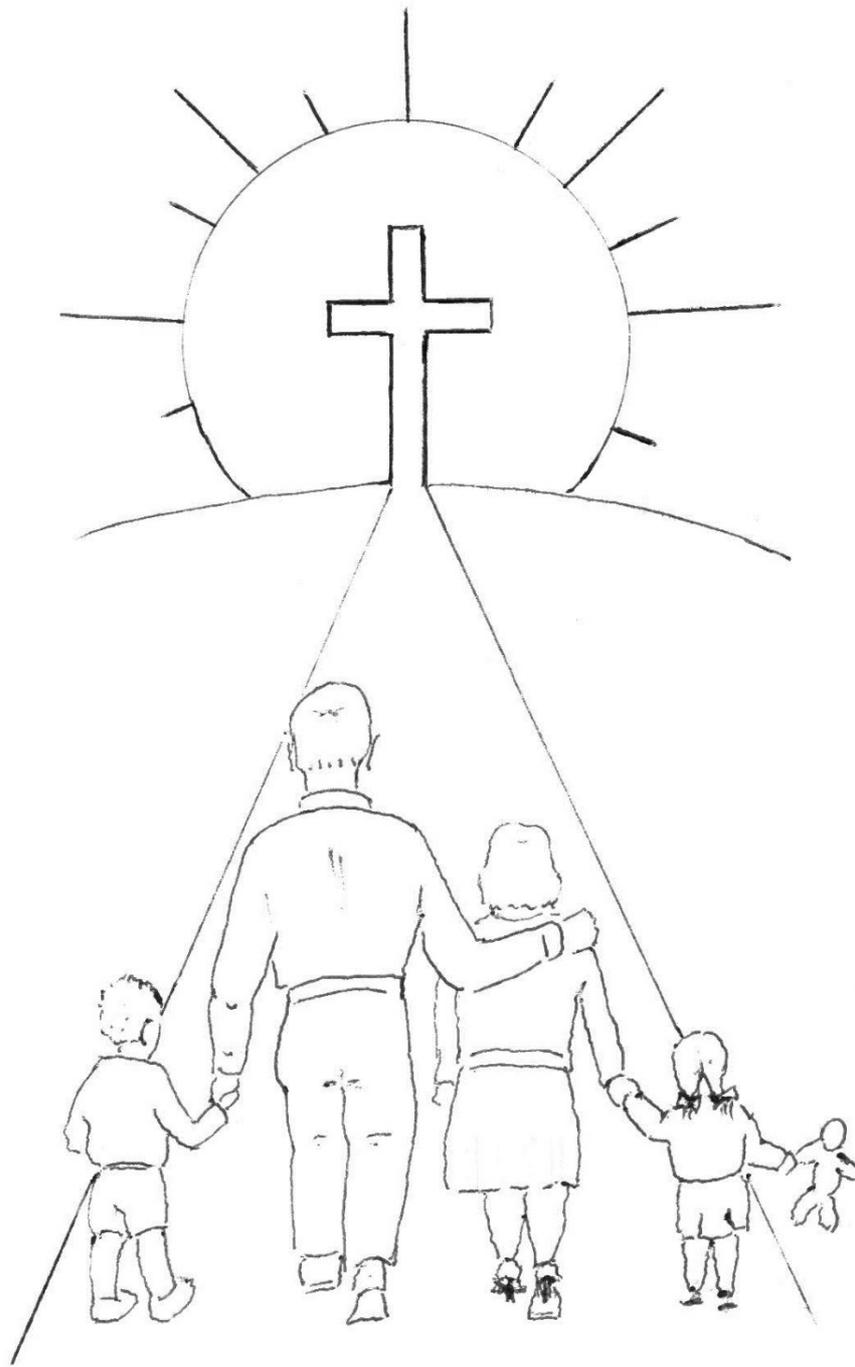


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From the Minister's Desk

Little Abington East Africa Effort

On the 4th April, I went to the Institute (for those outside of Abington, that is the name for what functions as a Village Hall) because our folk from the URC were working along with the people from the Parish Church to put on a midday Soup Lunch and Bring and Buy.

The soups were amazing and I loved mine and the hall was packed and in the foyer were our folk, running the Bring and Buy part of the effort. I was so proud of them.



Some of the folk who were there aren't in the picture. Lynne was taking the photo, so thanks Lynne.

But the good news is, together they raised more than £700 for the appeal. Good on you Christians Together in Abington. How good is that!!!

Lent Study Reflections

The Lent Studies this year have focussed on the Gospel readings from the lectionary, through Lent.

Members of the study groups have been invited to bring prayers/reflections for the following week's study.

Here are two that were particularly thoughtful.

A Reflection on Jesus in the Wilderness: John 4

We are trying to follow Jesus, in His way.

He was Son of God, but he totally surrendered every privilege, all status, everything for us.

So, that's our model, that's our inspiration, right?

So what do we do with that?

Be like Him!

Every action, every thought, not for myself, my status, my image, but for the other person / persons.

Even the ones who hate me.

And if in that process I lose everything, like Him,

I gain everything.

That's the way we are all supposed to be, together.

The Woman At The Well: A Prayer John 4 (The Message):

21-23 "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you Samaritans will worship the Father neither here at this mountain nor there in Jerusalem. You worship guessing in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day. God's way of salvation is made available through the Jews. But the time is coming—it has, in fact, come—when what you're called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter.

23-24 "It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration."

Lord Jesus,

How I wish I could just sit and talk with you like the woman at the well was able to. There is so much I would love to talk to you about. I wonder what you would you say to me? Would I even recognise you?

We believe your spirit is here with us now. But sometimes we get lost in our own thoughts. We listen to the voices that aren't helpful. We get overwhelmed by doubts and fears. We do things we shouldn't do. Say things we shouldn't say. Feel things we shouldn't feel.

We are so sorry for the all the times we haven't listened or haven't understood your hopes, your dreams and your plans for us.

We are sorry for the times we let you down.

Please forgive us.

Help us to learn to recognise and to listen to your voice.

Help us to know, and to understand, what you would say to us if we were at that well. Help us to hear your voice in the voices of the people around us.

And to be your voice to others who need reassurance of your love, your compassion and your forgiveness.

And please, please help us to know what is true. By knowing what is true, we can know you - you are truth.

And I thank you Lord, for reassuring us that it is not the labels we put on our faith and places of worship that matter. It is how we live and who we are.

Please help us and guide us to live well - in body, mind and spirit.

Amen

“Stewards of God’s Resources”

As of May, we have entered into the year of looking at how our faith in Jesus Christ shapes and drives our lives.

We have named this direction, this programme **“Stewards Of God’s Resources.”**

Each month, we will have a different focus.

But why start with Worship?

In Tom Wright’s recent book, “The Day The Revolution Began”¹, he writes this:

“Only those who are worshipping the Creator will be humble enough to be entrusted with his stewardship.”

Tom Wright is challenging the Christian church with the vocation God gave to humanity from the beginning, to be stewards of God’s creation. But how can that happen, properly, if humanity worships the creation and not the creator? If our worship, that is our allegiance, is to things that God has given us to look after rather than to God, then how can we effectively represent God in the primary task God has given us?

Worship is the constant acknowledgement to God that we are made in God’s image. Worship is about thoughtfulness; thinking and teasing out in our daily living how that image is to be lived out.

Worship is about looking to Christ, the image of the Father, as our role model, our guide, and being recreated in Christ’s image.

Worship is refreshing our understanding, together as God’s community, so that we stay on track, letting the others in our community call us back when we have gone off track, letting them challenge us, and enabling that community to give us a vehicle of also-committed-people to work with, think with, study with, act with.

Worship is not allowing the creation to become our model (this is called idolatry), but recommitting again and again to the creator as the only one who deserves our full allegiance. Only then can we faithfully be stewards of God’s resources. Jesus told stories about faithful and wise stewards who do their master’s bidding. That is what we are called to do, in Christ’s image, or even more, in Christ.

Stewardship starts with worship of God. God is primary and we understand who God is, through God's Son, the image of God to us, the firstborn of all creation as St. Paul writes to the church in Colossae. "15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him."

When we begin, by God's spirit, to know God's will and the shape of God, through Christ and allow the Spirit of God to reshape us in Christ's image, then our stewardship will be faithful and true to the one who has given us this role.

Stewardship begins, and ends, with worship, and so do we in this year as we explore how we can be faithful stewards of God's resources.

Bruce

1. **Wright, N.T., *The Day The Revolution Began: Harper One, San Francisco 2016.***

ROMSEY MILL

- Romsey Mill will again be one of the charity partners for the Bridge the Gap walk on Sunday 10th September. Last year, over 2000 people did this walk around the grounds of Cambridge's Colleges to raise over £42,000 which was shared between Arthur Rank and Romsey Mill. RM need volunteers on the day. If you can help, could you please phone Georgina Forbes on 01223 566492, or email on georgina.forbes@romseymill.org
- Ollie who runs the Thursday Night Youth Club from our church was married to Amy in April. Congratulations Ollie and Amy.
- "Pop a Pound in the Pot" for Romsey Mill. In October the old round pound becomes obsolete. RM are asking if you might like to pop the old pounds in a pot for them. These pots will be available from the Minister or Secretary if you'd like to help RM in their terrific work amongst young people.
- RM are running a Charity Golf Day on Friday 6th October this year at Cambridge Meridian Golf Club. If you register a team of 4 directly with RM, the rate is £65 per person. If you get in before the 1st May it is £55 per person. If you'd like to play for RM, again, contact Georgina Forbes on 01223 566492, or email on georgina.forbes@romseymill.org

Ashleigh - A Young Mum's Story

Being a single mum when you are a teenager can be a very scary and isolating experience.

As lead response for first time mums aged 19 and younger, in and around Cambridge, Romsey Mill works with over 100 teenage mums each year.

Rachel Briant, who leads the Young Parents Programme says: "We want to equip young parents and their children for a positive future."



“We help them to adjust to the change in their circumstances, at a time when they often lack confidence and an effective support network, by providing expert personal, educational and parenting support.”
“We do this by building lasting relationships of trust – so that they can feel confident to come to us, knowing that we will respond positively, without prejudice and in their best interests.”

One of the young mums Romsey Mill has helped is Ashleigh – who had 3 children by the time she was 20 years old – including twins.

Ashleigh first came into contact with Romsey Mill through her midwife, when she was eighteen and pregnant with the twins.

Ashleigh can still remember the first time she met Judith Cork, a Young Parents Worker with Romsey Mill, who visited her when she was in hospital with suspected preterm labour and remains embarrassed about the jar of pickled onions Judith saw on her bedside table! Judith continued to meet with Ashleigh, offering support on a 1 to 1 basis.

Ashleigh says: “Being pregnant at 18 was scary. After my twins, Isaac and Oscar, were born, Judith encouraged me to attend Romsey Mill’s Bumps and Babies group, and I went for the first time just days after I left hospital, when the twins were only 3 weeks old.”

Ashleigh recalls: “I was so nervous, but very quickly I met other young mums in the same situation. I had felt so isolated before. I lost all my friends from school, who were still going out clubbing and doing teenage things.”

Ashleigh adds: “But the friends I made at Romsey Mill were so important to me – and still are. We really support each other.”

Ashleigh had always wanted to be a midwife, and Romsey Mill helped her to take the first steps towards achieving her dream. Bekki, another member of Romsey Mill’s Young Parents Programme team at the time, helped Ashleigh with her studies, providing courses in English and Maths and Shine – a self-esteem course.

Ashleigh says: “Shine was so important to me. It gave me a real confidence that I never had. I was always quite shy and the course made me feel better about myself. Without Shine I wouldn’t even have had the confidence to have conversations with anyone on the telephone.” The day after her 20th birthday, Ashleigh found that she was pregnant, with Jake – a third son. She says: “It was an awful shock. I had wanted to get my career sorted and have a home before I had any more children. But I didn’t want to lose my baby, so I had to change plans. I had help from my family and lived at home - but me and the 3 boys were all in one bedroom. It was very hard.”

Ashleigh says that has Romsey Mill has helped give her the confidence to fulfil her role as a parent, and also to be positive about achieving her goals for her career.

She says: "I am currently working part time as a health care assistant at Addenbrookes and I absolutely love it! My twins are 5 now and in their first year at school and little Jake is 3 and at nursery. When Jake starts full time school I'm going to start working full time, then hopefully I can progress to be a Band 3 then train to be a nurse before doing the bolt on to become a midwife."

"I don't want to live on handouts and I want to teach my boys that you have to work and earn your way in life. I hope that seeing their mum work and achieving her goals will help to teach them that."

Ashleigh said: "I owe a lot to Romsey Mill. I never would have had the confidence I do now without the help of the Young Parents Programme team and the opportunities they gave me." "I wouldn't be where I am today without Romsey Mill's help and for that I am forever grateful."

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Churches condemn Government's new two-child limit as "deliberately ignoring" needs of some of the UK's poorest children

05 April 2017

From Thursday 6th April the Government's flagship benefit, Universal Credit, will not offer help to the third or subsequent children in a family. This fundamentally changes the benefit system so that it "deliberately ignores" the needs of some of the UK's more vulnerable children say Church leaders.

- Over the next three years around 640,000 families containing at least two million children [1] will see substantially lower Universal Credit payments
- From November 2018 the two-child limit will also be applied retrospectively. The needs of the third child born long before the two-child limit was thought of will also be ignored.

Rachel Lampard, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, said: "The two-child rule takes a knife to the social security safety net and hundreds of thousands of the UK's most vulnerable children will fall through the gap created. These cuts are the driving force behind the expected increases in child poverty over the next decade. The consequences for these children will last for a life-time."

The Revd Dr Richard Frazer, Convener of the Church & Society Council, commented: "From Thursday payments under Universal Credit will deliberately ignore the needs of some of the UK's poorest children. The Government's flagship benefit will not offer help to the third or further children in a family.

"How can a decent society look at an impoverished child - and then ignore their needs?"

Both the Government's impact assessment [2] and Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) research make it clear that the two child limit is not expected to achieve its aim of reducing the number of children born to poorer families needing the support of the benefit system[3].

"We should be appalled that children's needs are being deliberately ignored, no matter what the justification. It is extraordinary that the Government has pressed ahead with this cut despite the fact that its own research says that it is not likely to achieve its aim of encouraging families to have fewer children," said Grace Pengelly, Secretary for Church and Society, United Reformed Church.

[YouGov polling](#) in October 2015 indicated that the majority (61%) of UK adults believe benefits should be high enough to cover families' basic costs.

Speaking on the statistics, the Revd Stephen Keyworth, of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, added: "This policy flies in the face of one of our benefit system's founding principles - that families should have enough to meet their basic needs. Our churches believe this principle is important and polling indicates that the public believe this principle to be important too.

"The two-child limit recognises that larger families have additional needs, but chooses to ignore them. We urge the Government, even at this late stage, to hold to the founding principles of the benefit system and not deliberately ignore the needs of the most vulnerable children in society."

Notes:

[The Joint Public Issues Team](#) combines the expertise of the Baptist Union, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church in the area of public issues, representing more than 800,000 people in the UK

In November 2015 the Joint Public Issues Team alongside Church Action on Poverty published the report "[Enough](#)" to outline their opposition to rules, such as the 2-child rule, which recognise family's basic needs but deliberately refuse to meet them.

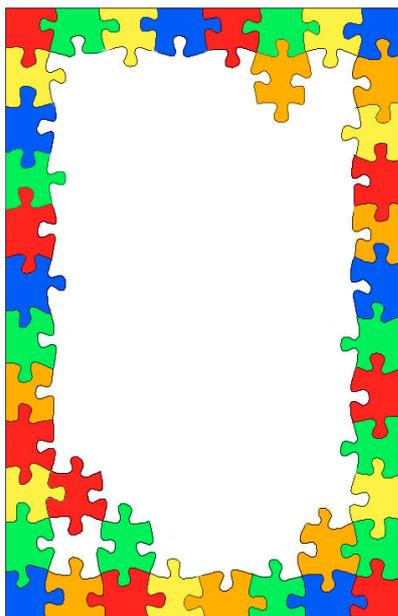
Paul Morrison, Joint Churches Policy Advisor is available for interview. To arrange an interview, please contact: fairclought@methodistchurch.org.uk / 020 7467 5208

[1] The two-child rule reduces maximum entitlement by £2,780 other changes on April 6th raise this to a £3,670 total

loss https://www.churchofengland.org/media/2400405/joint_faith_group_briefing_on_two-child_limit_final.pdf

[2] Welfare Reform and Work Bill: Impact Assessment of Tax Credits and Universal Credit, changes to Child Element and Family Element <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/impact-assessments/ia15-006e.pdf>

[3] DWP review of the effects of welfare policies on fertility, concluding "On balance the reviewed literature shows that there is no consistent and robust evidence to support claims that the welfare system has a significant impact upon family structure." <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130314010347/http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2009-2010/rrep569.pdf>



**St Peter & St Paul's Church
Kedington invite you to a
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In the church
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For more information contact
Loi Farr 01440 704179
Jill Davis 01440 713137**

Thank you to everyone who has supported us and helped raise funds for The Erbs' Palsy Group. We are almost at the £500 mark which is wonderful and will help provide so much support to families affected by Erbs' Palsy.



We completed the Cambridge Half on the 5th March and by the time you read this we will be almost ready to run race number 2, The World Run, on Sunday 7th May.

The World Run is a race with a difference. It takes place at various event locations across our planet. Everybody starts at exactly the same moment, 12noon BST. Whether it's day or night, bright sun or pouring rain at the various locations – people of all abilities are taking part together with the world and sharing an amazing experience.

The other difference is that there is no finish line waiting somewhere in the distance. Instead, the finish line catches up with the runners. Half an hour after the race starts, a moving finish line, the "Catcher Car," chases runners along the course, gradually getting faster until each one is caught. The first runners passed after a few kilometers are the first to celebrate their accomplishments, while the last man and woman to be caught are declared Global Champions. (88.44km is the current record!)

So I am not sure how far we will get - watch this space !!

Thank you again

Love, Valerie & Marc
www.justgiving.com/valerie-kerr

Prayer For Sawston

Monday 8th May: 2.00pm – 3.00pm
in Room 1 at Sawston Free Church

Come and join other Christians who live and work in Sawston on the first Monday of every month to lift the needs of our community to God: those who live here, those who work here, the schools, the shops the businesses and our village life.

If you are unable to come along, please spend time in prayer sometime during the day. Please let us know if you feel there are things we should be praying for. Also please share with us any scriptures that the Lord places on your heart as we pray for God's Kingdom to come in our community.

If you would like to receive our monthly prayer notes by email please contact Dianne
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Messages From Castle Camps and Lt Abington

May has arrived and so have the swallows!

Our April services started with a Blessing to baby William John Bowers. It was a lovely service taken by Rev. Bruce Waldron and was very well attended. The offertory was donated to "All We Can" - the Methodist Overseas Charity.



We should like to thank Bob Parkin for taking our Holy Communion Service on the following Sunday.

Our Lent Course was well attended and we were pleased to be joined by some of our friends from the Old Independent Church.

We had prepared some notes for Meditations for Good Friday and we trust that they were helpful in reflecting on the crucifixion.

Easter Day was a happy time; the church being decorated with flowers and looking very pretty. The morning service was taken by Mr Mark Hayes and it was lovely that his family came with him.

The evening Songs of Praise was led by the Rev. Bruce Waldron. It was well attended and we concluded with tea and coffee and hot cross buns.

The annual tractor run in memory of Roy Haylock occurred on Easter Saturday and was another wonderful occasion, with 32 tractors taking part, one of which was driven by Bruce Waldron.

Missionary boxes amounted to just over £100 and we thank everyone who contributed.

We are looking forward to joining Sawston for their service on 14th May.

We were sorry to hear that the Rev. Deborah McVeigh is seriously ill and our prayers are with her and her family.

Thank you to everyone for their prayers and good wishes while Robert (Norden) was in hospital and he is now recovering at home.

We send our love and best wishes to you all,
God Bless

Mary

We are sad to report the death of Cliff Moore - Hazel was our Church Secretary for some years and Cliff was often seen running round the villages or tending his garden.



We send our love and prayers for good health to Gladys and Beryl D. who celebrate their birthdays this month.

Lynne

Castle Camps Fundraiser

Each year, the Haylock Family create a Tractor Run as a fund raiser for the Castle Camps URC. Roy Haylock was one of our most loved elders and his family, in memory and honour of Roy, do this each year. Our deepest thanks to them.

The run started at about 11am on Saturday, 15th April and usually finishes a couple of hours later – or in this case, a few hours later.

There is a BBQ and tea and coffee for sale at Lord's Farm where the run starts and then at the end, a raffle of donated goods. Last year the Tractor Run raised around £750.



There were 32 tractors this year, and Alan Hardy was instrumental in arranging the loan of a tractor for the event for the Minister to drive.

Bruce said that it took him back to his youth, around 50 years ago, growing up in the wheat and sheep country of the Goulburn Valley in Victoria. He stated that "*it was the most fun I'd had in a very, very long time.*" Big thanks to Peter Nordern for the loan of a very nice modern day version of a 1950 Massey Ferguson, made in India.



As I see it ...

by Mike Wilson

Holy hair-dressing

Tom Chapman, a barber from Torquay, lost a friend – Alex – to suicide around two years ago. His response was to get himself some training in recognising signs of depression in order to be able to coax customers at risk into contacting services that might offer the relevant support. (#) He followed this by setting up the Lions Barber Collective, with the aim of making barbershops 'safe, confidential, non-judgemental spaces for men to talk. (+) 'Roughly four fifths of all suicides in the UK are men. It is the biggest killer of men under the age of 45.

(1) It is no accident that hairdressing salons can be places of therapy. Neurophysiology reveals that we, like all primates, have specialist nervous systems ending at the surface of the skin that respond specifically to slowly applied pressure (stroking). When triggered, we receive a profound sense of well-being. These nerves are not evenly distributed. Everyone knows where they like to be stroked. For many (but not all) one such place is the scalp. Watch the monkeys in the zoo. Apes of all ages and both sexes constantly caress each other right across the social group. It isn't sexual, but it most certainly *is* sensual. It provides a sense of well-being - just like a visit to the hairdresser.

(2) For most men in our society, touch (and especially skin-to-skin touch) is a very difficult thing. For many, their only touching is in sexual encounters. The consequences are tragic.

(3) In church, the more we are warned about inappropriate touch and safeguarding, the more apprehensive we are about touching people we don't know well. Look at what happens at communion services! In general, the people who get hugged and kissed are the people who always get hugged and kissed. It happens in every congregation I know. It is the disparity that worries me. Who should I single out for my greeting at church? And how should my touch convey God's love? What makes a touch a *holy* touch?

(4) Most of our congregations have far more women than men in them. I'm not terribly into foot washing rituals in church (John 13: 1-20), but maybe I could get into holy hairdressing, along with sacred barbershop quartets.

(#) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-39281204>

(+) <http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/hairdresser-suicide-prevention-mental-health-tom-chapman-safe-space-torquay-a7644021.html>

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 14 - 21 MAY



We are having a Cake Stall outside Budgens on the morning of Saturday 13 May from 9.00 - 12.00 and would welcome offers of cakes and biscuits. There is a rota at the back of the church asking for 2 volunteers for each one hour shift on the stall.

We will also be collecting outside Budgens and the Spar shop on Saturday 20 May from 9.00am - 1.00pm. There is another rota at the back of the church for volunteers for one hour shifts.

If you are able to help, please put your names on the rotas or contact Pam (834220).

There will be Christian Aid envelopes in the church on 7th, 14th and 21st May for donations towards Christian Aid's work around the world.

50 Year Memories

My Friend The Blackbird

A Poem by L. Reed (September 1965)

Mr L Reed wrote regular articles and poems for Contact.



Outside my bedroom window, quite early every morn
My friend comes there to see me, some time about the dawn
He sits right on the topmost branch, a rather large pear tree
He whistles and he sings up there, it seems, with so much glee

He comes there every season, and never yet has missed,
He knows he'll get his breadcrumbs, all brown and real sun-kissed
He goes through all his repertoire, such lovely thrilling sounds
Then when he has finished all, down to the plate he pounds

I always have it ready, a plate just by my bed
So he knows that by his music, he will very soon be fed
This music is so beautiful, like heavenly astral bells
This is his line of business, for this is what he sells

Of all the birds who whistle, the blackbird is the best
He beats the nightingale and thrush, and also all the rest
He simply loves his music, his body shakes and thrills
With tones high up, and then low down, and many, many trills

One morning he was singing, his breakfast waiting there
When down came cheeky sparrows to see what was the fare
But when, my friend, he saw them, down he came so fast,
Away went cheeky sparrows, he looked so big and vast

He'll soon be mating, and away with her he'll go
I wonder if he misses me, for I shall miss him so
But there, I have a notion, he will come back next year
And fill my ears with music, my lonely heart to cheer

"please send me 'your favourite short poem' or why not write a poem"....David.

Sawston Past

In March, Liz Dockerill and Maurice Day gave an interesting talk to Wednesday Fellowship on the topic 'Sawston Past and Present'. They spoke about the shops on the 'left side' of London Road, The High Street and Hillside starting at the Spike and finishing at the Milestone on Huckeridge Hill.

By coincidence, I read articles that first appeared in Contact in August 1969 by Ivy Howe (mother of the late Bryan Howe) and Eric J Smith of Pampisford on their memories of Sawston past. (Early 1900's)

Ivy started her article '*when our new post office was built, I could not help comparing these premises to those which I remember was just one counter in the chemist shop, owned by Mr Abraham Coulthard. Then I started to think of all the shops and shopkeepers which have now disappeared. Sawston has changed so rapidly in the last 50 years that it is hard to remember them all.*



Eric started his article '*Having read Mrs Howe's contribution, well I can go back a bit further.*

I should like to recall a few paragraphs from these articles as they made me smile, recalling how life used to be in Sawston.

Eric wrote:

'Starting at the Spike, I can remember two shops being built, they were in the corner of Hardwick's Farm, (College Farm). One shop was called Harveys Store and the other was a fish and chip shop run by Billy Moss from Trumpington. I can remember this so well for as a boy, I used to peel the spuds and clean the fish, all for a piece of fish and some chips.

On Fridays, I would go there for a couple of hours then go straight to blow the organ for choir practice at 8pm in the Chapel. I remember that the choir members didn't like the smell of fish!



(Editors note: I believe this became Spikes Stores in London Road)

Leaving the fish and chip shop, we come to the top of Brookfield Road where old Mrs Bailey kept a small sweet shop. You could go in there with a halfpenny, have a pick out of the box and leave with a farthing change.

Ivy wrote:

'Where Mr Searle the butcher is now, was Mr Fred Fuller (barber). He was organist at Babraham Church and could be seen cycling over to Babraham four times every Sunday.

After Mr Fuller vacated the barber's shop, Mrs Bright had her haberdashery shop and it was quite funny when you went in for anything as it always took such a long time to find it. Mrs Bright also gave piano lessons in the back of the shop'.

Ivy also mentioned: 'Tom Robinson the Tailor and a small row of houses next to the shop where a little man named Parsons lived, who used to sweep chimneys besides being the caretaker of our Church. You would always see him setting out at 5.30pm in the winter time to light the oil lamps in time for the 6pm service'.

(Editors note: I believe the reference to the small houses are those opposite Mill Road, currently solicitors and dentist)

With special thanks to Liz Dockerill for the pictures.

David Nunn

CAMBRIDGE METHODIST CIRCUIT



Four Easter Voices



The Eden Consort

The Eden Consort

brings you music and the spoken word to allow quiet reflection on some of the events in and around the first Easter through the eyes of four significant characters - Mary, Lazarus, Barabbas and Pilate.

Bar Hill Church, Hanover Close
Bar Hill, CB23 8EH
5.30 pm on Sunday, 7th May 2017



Free entrance - there will be a retiring collection in aid of Bar Hill Church funds and you will be welcome to stay for refreshments afterwards

www.edenconsort.org

Daily Devotions from the URC

Every morning a reading, reflection, and prayer is sent out by email from the URC.

They are written by a team of around 100 people from different places and perspectives and provide inspiration in our inboxes!

The devotions are designed to help enrich our discipleship and, whilst designed for personal use, have been found helpful for Bible Study groups, service preparation and devotions at the start of meetings.

You can read them all by going to <http://devotions.urc.org.uk> where you can also sign up to receive them yourself using the link on the bottom left of the screen.

Bruce has been using this service since just after Lent began and would recommend it. "I think the message is good and people would appreciate the service"

A promotional graphic for URC Daily Devotions. The background is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting on the water. The sky is a mix of blue and orange. In the top left corner, there is the URC logo, which consists of a stylized cross with a blue 'X' shape inside, and the text 'The United Reformed Church' to its right. The main title 'URC Daily Devotions' is written in large, white, sans-serif font in the upper middle section. Below the title, there is a block of white text providing details about the service and a link to sign up.

The United Reformed Church

URC Daily Devotions

Every morning URC Daily Devotions offer a short Bible reading, reflection, and prayer to help shine Christ's light in our daily lives. These are written by a team of over 100 writers of different places and perspectives from around the URC. You can receive Daily Devotion by email by signing up at devotions.urc.org.uk

We love Spring and never cease to be awed by how the world around us is steadily but incredibly transformed as light and warmth coax it out of its slumber.

This offers us so much food for reflection on our work; that with patience and the right conditions, life and beauty can emerge from even the hardest, darkest of places. We have stood with a number of girls facing challenges this term and trust that as we continue to walk alongside them, offering them space, encouragement and practical support, that new shoots of growth are on the way for them.

Spring also feels like a fresh invitation from the world to explore and so that's exactly what we've been doing!

We've explored our voices in a great vocal workshop with the brilliant Leanne Sedin. Even some of the more reluctant young women couldn't resist in the end and found themselves holding down a part in a cappella rendition of some of their favourite songs. We're hoping this wasn't the last time we'll see Leanne so watch this space for news about that!

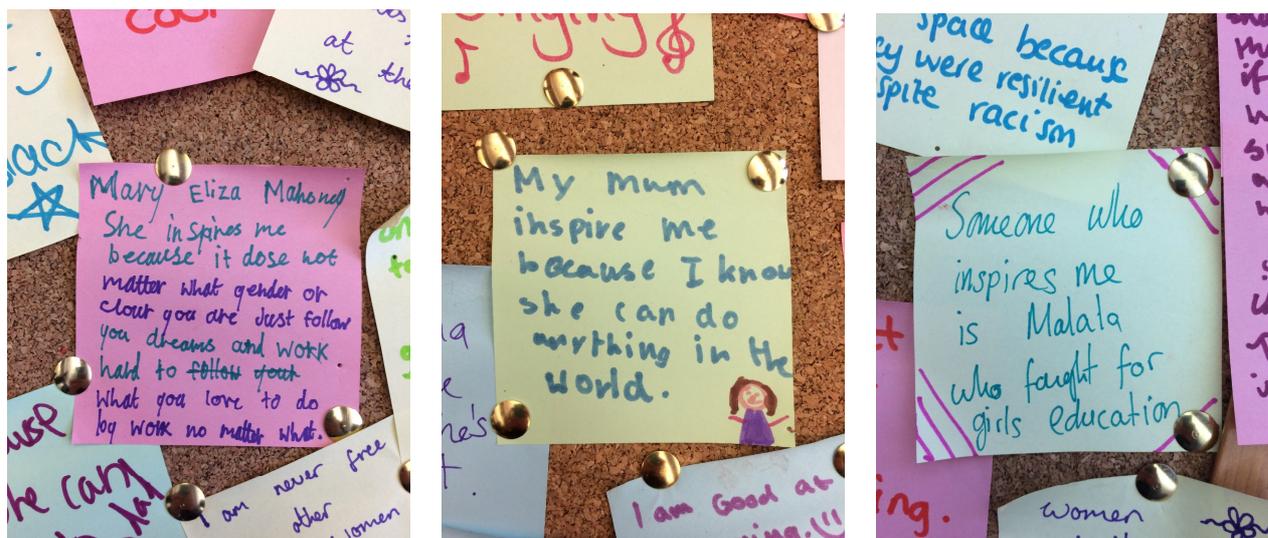
We had a beautiful and exhilarating day at Stubbers Adventure Centre with a group of girls from across our sessions.

We canoed, jet-skied, walked high ropes and completed team challenges. As always people climbed higher, got wetter and went further than they thought they could and new connections were formed between the girls as they cheered and supported each other along.



Some of our amazing volunteers from Queen Mary University organised for 18 of our Year 7 students to visit their campus. We took part in a tour and a workshop, encouraging the girls to think big about their futures. A number of them said that having seen the university they would now feel much more able to consider that as an option in the future.

And lastly I'll leave with some snapshots of the Inspiration Board the girls contributed to in celebration of International Womens Day. I hope it inspires you as much as it did us!



With thanks to Fiona Harris

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If all has gone well, we should now have a new look website. Please take a look and let me know if you see any omissions/typos/corrections, or even if you think it is an improvement! As you will see, it is work in progress, but it should now be easier to change things. All new ideas and content gratefully received.

Martin

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Group Meetings

Wednesday Fellowship

We meet alternate Wednesdays from 2 – 4 pm in Sawston Free Church.

The meeting always commences with a Bible reading and prayers, followed by any notices. New members are always very welcome both young and old. Please come along and join us for a cup of tea and friendly chat.

The program for May:

10 May–	Members Picture Quiz
24 May –	The Bobby Scheme (Home Security) with Steve Price

Please contact **Janet Parr** for more information: 832840



Time For Tots at Sawston Free Church

Showing and Sharing God's love

Time for Tots is a church run group for babies and preschool children and their carers. During our weekly session there is time to play, make things, chat, have a drink and snack, have a bible story and sing some songs.

We meet on Thursday mornings between 10.30 and 12noon during term time.

For more information

Please contact Rosemary. Email: timefortots@sawstonfreechurch.org.uk

Another baby and toddler group you could go along to is Refresh - 2.pm-4pm every Monday (except bank holidays) in St Mary's Church. This is a 'drop in' session with refreshments and CAKE!

For more information please contact Becca. Email: rebecca.r.herrick@gmail.com



Sawston Free Church – Craft Group

We meet in the back hall of the Church on alternate Monday mornings between 10am and 12 noon. Anyone is very welcome to drop in for a coffee and a chat even if they are not working on a craft project.

Dates for May: 8th and 22nd

For more information please contact Yvonne (01223) 473937 or Pam 834220

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MAY			
Friday 5 th	7pm	Quiz Evening – You are all invited to a not- too-serious evening of questions, answers and refreshments. Teams of up to 8 people. Tickets £8 per person. Available from Robin & Joy McCombie 01223 232391	Histon
Saturday 6 th	10.30am- 12.30pm	Informal coffee morning and bring and buy sale at 92, High Street, Harlton. No fixed charges but donations for the work of the "Action for Children project" at Harston will be welcome.	Harlton
Sunday 7 th	6.30pm	Faith to Live By with Revd Charity Nzegwu. Charity talks about finding God through pain. Sharing her experiences of growing up in Zimbabwe, her career as a nurse specialising in cancer and palliative care right through to her recent studies for her degree in Theology, Mission and Ministry. A time of worship - an address - refreshments & informal discussion. Everyone Welcome	Haslingfield
Sunday 7 th	5.30pm	Four Easter Voices with The Eden Consort who bring you music and the spoken word to allow quiet reflection on some of the events in and around the first Easter through the eyes of four significant characters - Mary, Lazarus, Barabbas and Pilate. Free entrance - there will be a retiring collection in aid of Bar Hill Church funds and you will be welcome to stay for refreshments afterwards www.edenconsort.org	Bar Hill Church
Thursday 11 th	7-9.30pm	Creating Safer Space: Foundation Module training for all that have never attended a course. Please book a space by contacting the circuit office	Castle Street
Saturday 20 th May	10am- 12pm	Creating Safer Space Refresher training for those who have attended before 2016. New material – important training. Please book a space by contacting the circuit office	Haslingfield

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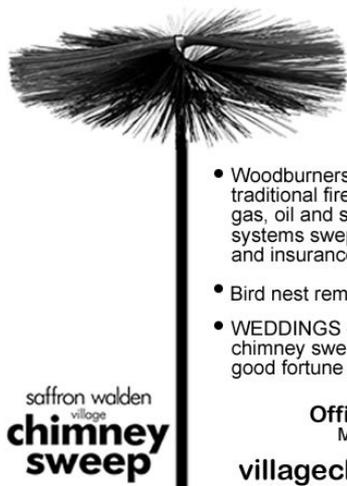
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