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**“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those who his favour rests”**

Luke 2:14

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The Circuit Newsletter exists to build up fellowship across the Stamford Methodist Circuit. Items for inclusion in the Circuit Newsletter should be: *Inspiring, encouraging of faith and discipleship to promote the growth of church relationships within the Circuit.*

Could you please send any articles for the December 2023/January 2024 Circuit Newsletter to: Email:admin2322@gmail.com or by post to the Circuit Office at Stamford Methodist Church .

Articles should be sent no later than Friday 12th January 2024.

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Pray without Ceasing December 2023



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Dear friends,

Writing messages such as these for the newsletter several weeks ahead of their publication and trying also to be relevant, is a risky business. Things can change very suddenly between writing and publication.

I'm writing this in mid-November, against the background of the tragic conflict which erupted on 7th October in Israel-Palestine, but which has its roots in more longstanding, complex historical realities. By the time you read what I have written, the situation in Israel-Palestine could have changed significantly. Whilst I hope and pray, as I'm sure you do, for positive change which leads to peace, my fear is that the change could actually be further entrenchment, and resulting escalation of the suffering.

All of this is taking place in what is often referred to as 'The Holy Land'. (On the page opposite you'll find an advert for 'A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land', which I am due to co-lead in May/June 2024. At this stage, I have no idea whether or not this will happen. And I admit to having mixed feelings, for various reasons, about whether it should go ahead).

The Holy Land is also sometimes referred to as 'The Land of Jesus' Birth'. At this time of year we share in Christmas, our annual celebration of Jesus' birth. I'm sure that I won't be alone in having a heavy heart as preparations are made for the celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace this year. If my heart is heavy, I can barely imagine the fear which will overshadow and consume so many people in Israel-Palestine this Christmas.

In the face of inhuman violence and conflict, we may feel powerless. However, as I was preparing this letter, I was reminded by one of our church members (in relation to a completely different situation) that 'our prayers are effective'. So, I encourage you to pray.

Some years ago I was given a *Christian Aid* bookmark. I still have it, and on it is printed the following words,. They moved me when I first read them, and they do so even more now:

**Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli,
but pray rather for ourselves,
that we might not divide them in our prayers
but keep them both together in our hearts.**

That prayer reminded me of a poem by Howard Thurman, which I first came across in an anthology of prayers compiled by Christian Aid:

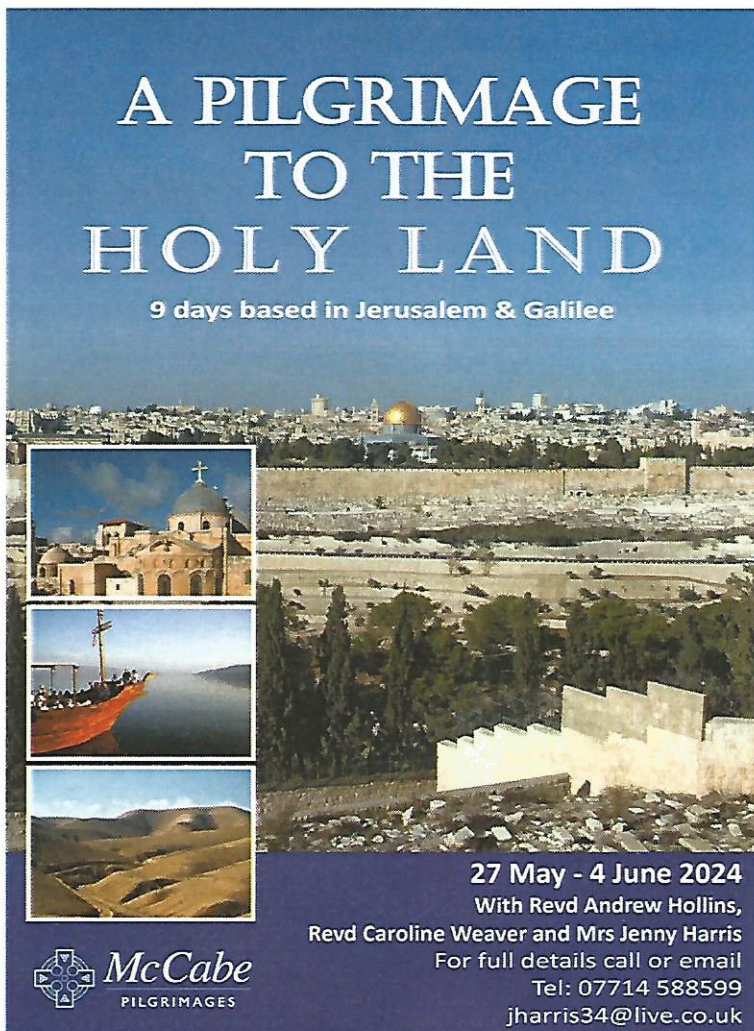
**When the song of the angels is stilled;
When the star in the sky is gone;
When the kings and princes are home;
When the shepherds are back with their flocks -**

**the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost; to heal the broken;
to feed the hungry; to release the prisoner;
to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among the people;
to make music in the heart.**

The song of the angels was, and remains, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests' (Luke 2:14).

This Christmas, especially, let us pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, for ourselves and for the peace of God's world.


God bless you this Christmas and into 2024
Andrew

The poster features a large background image of Jerusalem with the Dome of the Rock visible. On the left side, there are three smaller inset images: the top one shows a church with a cross, the middle one shows a red boat on water, and the bottom one shows a desert landscape. The title 'A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND' is written in large white serif font across the top. Below it, '9 days based in Jerusalem & Galilee' is written in a smaller white sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the dates '27 May - 4 June 2024' are listed, followed by the names of the organizers: 'With Revd Andrew Hollins, Revd Caroline Weaver and Mrs Jenny Harris'. Below their names is the text 'For full details call or email' and the contact information 'Tel: 07714 588599' and 'jharris34@live.co.uk'. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for 'McCabe PILGRIMAGES' which includes a stylized cross icon.

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 **McCabe**
PILGRIMAGES

Thank you from Rev William Booker.

I want to thank the whole Circuit for the retirement gift of this beautiful Advent ring, with candles. It was made by a craftsman based at the "Chapel in the Fields" Methodist project in Derbyshire, and Andrew brought it over when finished. Round the outside are carved the first words of the seven "O antiphons" of Advent, from the worship life of the early Church. They are traditionally used for the last seven days of Advent, up to Christmas Eve.



Translated into English, each antiphon (a prayer) begins with the expression of longing, "O", and then a title of the Messiah from the Old Testament:

O Wisdom, O Adonai (Hebrew for "Lord"), O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dawn of the East, O King of the Nations, O Emmanuel (Hebrew for "God with us").

I imagine you have probably recognised five of them from the old Advent hymn we sing, "O come, O come Immanuel" (Singing the Faith 180), which gives us the rest of the prayer that goes with each of them.

So, thank you ALL OF YOU! I will be thinking of you as we use it through Advent this year.

William

Sunday for Kids at Ryhall

We just wanted to share with you what the children who attended S4K (Sundays 4 Kids) made on Remembrance Sunday at Ryhall Methodist Church.

We called it a Peace Wall.



Stamford Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Scheme

This is a scheme to buy, and send, Christmas presents to the children of Prisoners at Stocken Prison.

This helps to build good relationships among prisoners' families.

The cost of each present would be approximately £15, including postage.
Your donations to this fund would be much appreciated.

STOP THE PRESS—WE HAVE ALREADY HAD OVER 90 PRESENT REQUESTSPlease HELP if you can...

Any cheques need to be made payable to;
'Stamford Prison Fellowship – Angel Tree'.
Your donations can be give to Maurice Wade;

17 Drift Avenue, Stamford, PE0 1UY.

Many thanks and every blessing.

Maurice and Judith



Calling All Crafters ~ Knit for Ukraine

The Thursday Coffee and Craft group last year made the made the banner - 'Jesus light of the world', which will be hung again ready for Advent.

In the last few months we have been making warm hats for Ukrainian fighters, defending their country. Recently I have been asked to make hats and gloves or mittens (any size) for children. So far almost 50 hats have been knitted and the making of children's items is underway.

If you can knit or crochet but can't join the group on a Thursday morning (Stamford MC at the Well) please join us by knitting for children at home. Any yarn oddments can be used and if you don't have any, the wool shop in the town has a huge range of colours for £1.99 a 100g ball which will make several items.

Anne Wiltshire 01780 482285



The Thanksgiving Service for Leo Osborn

It was my privilege to attend the thanksgiving service for Revd. Canon Leo Osborn in Newcastle Cathedral on Friday 10th November. Leo, when Chair of Newcastle District, was appointed the first Ecumenical Canon of the Cathedral, so the service was hosted and framed by the Cathedral clergy. Music before the service was given by the Cathedral choir, setting an atmosphere both joyful and contemplative before the introductory organ voluntary. Our senior Methodist leaders offered tributes, the sermon and prayers; the Bishop gave the final blessing.

Many of you reading this may have watched the service online, so this note is of personal recollections.

I was there at Charlotte's specific invitation since she included in the service a hymn which I wrote for what should have been Leo's last service with us at Oakham, on Easter Sunday 2020. It was, indeed, Leo whose challenge stimulated my hymn writing when he brought Oakham's Local Preachers and supernumeraries together to create our first shared series of services for Advent. But that farewell Easter service was never held because lockdown intervened. So for me it was deeply moving to hear the hymn sung, for the first time, with a full cathedral choir, organist and congregation; and Oakham Methodist Church and our Circuit were represented at the heart of the service.

I also encountered Andy Fyall and Sarah Lamb, who send their greetings.

The opening hymn, Charles Wesley's '*O thou who camest from above*', set the context for any Methodist preacher in the congregation: for almost all of us, it will have been a part of our recognition service as Local Preachers. It reminded me of the funeral service, at Hinde Street in London, for Donald Soper, who asked to be remembered simply as "one of Mr Wesley's preachers". The tributes, including Charlotte's own, and the sermon from Leo's friend Martyn Atkins, recognised Leo's character as a preacher, a theological thinker, and supremely as a pastor: these were qualities Mr Wesley would have instantly recognised and which those of us under his care experienced at first hand.

As a whole, the service both recalled Leo as we knew him here, and also opened windows on unsung qualities we may have been unaware of. As everyone's tributes ended: may he rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Tony Law.

A tribute to Leo Osborn from his book – Light From Light

For me, and for many others – Advent, Epiphany and Candlemas are very significant days in our Christmas journey- but often overlooked. I learnt this time of preparation and meditation whilst attending bible studies and silent meditations, living in North Germany on the Luneburger Heide. Plenty of time to be still as the weather in those days was often very cold, wintry and deep snow.... But beautiful.

Epiphany - 6th January,

This time emphasises the principal feasts of the Church – the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It also emphasises that from the moment of the Incarnation, the Good News of Jesus Christ is for all – Jew and Gentile, the wise and the simple, male and female – perhaps even more significant this year as the war-torn lands are suffering even greater challenges – and we are asked to pray – pray – pray for peace.

Leo had the privilege of a short stop-over in Cologne/Germany during his sabbatical, and visited The Cathedral there (and Christmas Market!) The Cathedral is magnificent, one of the largest in Europe, but only upon reading/visiting the Cathedral did I learn that in the Middle Ages Cologne was a major place of pilgrimage for in 1164 the supposed bones of the “Three Magi” were transferred from Milan to Cologne and placed in a shrine which is still visited by thousands today.

There is no indication in Matthew’s Gospel that The Magi who came to see the infant Jesus in Bethlehem stayed over long – yet their long journey and their short stay were life-changing. It brought them to their knees in worship and in presenting their gifts. Presents and this special day are still celebrated throughout the Mediterranean and surrounding countries – for me it was the opportunity/joy of sharing with others in a day of celebration by the Ethiopian Church with whom we were twinned.

It is also a time to give thanks for the Epiphany message and for all those who are pilgrims, fellow travellers, sight-seers, curious or simply passers-by, who are welcomed and invited to come and worship and to offer our gifts.

So – where is your faith-journey taking you this year?
What gifts are you bringing to the Christ-child?

By Moyra Collins

Christmas Anagram Competition

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Please send your answers to Rowan at the Circuit Office by
Friday 15th December 2023

Website for the Chapel in the Fields: <https://www.chapelinthefields.org.uk>

Tree Planting at Lower Braceborough Wood

2nd & 3rd December 2023. 10am to 3pm

**The vision : to establish and maintain a natural native woodland
to support wildlife and the environment for the enjoyment of all.**

We have been planting 2,000 trees each year for the last two years.

This will be the final planting year.

All volunteers needed (under 16s must be accompanied by an adult).

Come for an hour or all day – no need to book.

Trees, tools and training provided, but bring a spade if
you can.

Wear appropriate clothing for outdoors in Winter (it's
muddy!)

Limited parking available, please ride share if you can.

Hot food and drink available all day.

More info: Richard.Boulderstone@gmail.com or call



Be Gentle On Yourself

Kaleidoscope met on 11th November at Ashbrook for a time of reflection, peace and fellowship. There were eleven of us as we gathered together for coffee and mince pies etc before beginning the session "Be Gentle On Yourself". It was a cold, autumn morning with bright sunshine, so with the heating turned up we settled down as Linda lead us into the morning's activities and talked about her father's injury during the war which left him hospitalised for a year. This was relevant to it being Remembrance Day and we heard of other people's family experiences of the war.

Linda lead us in reading Psalm 139 with responses which was an adaptation by Alan T. Dale. The contemporary translation made us think of that well-known Psalm in a new way, giving us new insights, the final words saying ..."I cannot fathom your thoughts any more than I can count sand on the shore! Yet after all my searching I am still in your presence".

It was a morning of relaxation as we certainly were "gentle on ourselves" with Angie and Beryl giving hand massage to those who fancied a bit of pampering, using beautifully scented lotions provided by Jean. There were pretty flower designs to colour in, many books to delve into and writing materials for those wishing to use them. There were Poppy Blessings to choose and take home which were different blessings written on white tags in the shape of Peace Poppies. I have hung mine in the kitchen so I can see the words every day and be reminded of God's blessing of peace to me and His nearness.

At 11am we reassembled together to observe two minutes silence to remember those killed in war and conflict. It was very moving as we all stood together, each with our different thoughts. Linda then read a prayer for peace as we remembered the wars going on at present in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine and other places in the world.

Beryl then lead a meditation called "*You Are Worth Celebrating*" and in faith we imagined God before us and within us, telling us how unique we are, what great potential we have if we believe in ourselves...how we are accepted despite our mistakes...to let things go that trouble us and remember we belong to the "now". This was followed by a repeat of the meditation, but making it personal and addressing God as a prayer "*Loving God I am worth celebrating, I am worth everything to you...*" I felt it was a beautiful meditation that went deeply into how God values each one of us and how special we are to Him, just as we are.

Handouts were given called "*I Will Not Die An Unlived Life*" which were to be taken home and pondered on. These were filled with positive and life affirming statements, along with helpful tips we can use in our daily lives that help us along the way..."You're your own person – the authentic/natural you..." "Trust in God's extravagant love for you – God is not stingy!"

Finally we then listened to the track "Deep Peace" .. a Gaelic Blessing by John Rutter sung by Katherine Jenkins and held hands as we stood in a circle to say the Grace to each other.

It was a special time of peace and quiet mixed with coffee and nibbles, chat, insights and meditation as we looked out at the stunning autumn colours of the trees in the garden. Thank you Lord, You are SO wonderful in giving us all of these blessings in just one morning!

Beryl Teasdale

Stamford and Rutland Circuit Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
DECEMBER 2023			
Saturday 2nd	10am-4pm	Bourne Christmas Tree Festival Light refreshments will be available.	Bourne MC
Saturday 2nd		Christmas Fair & coffee morning	Deepings MC
Sunday 3rd	4pm	Circuit Service (celebrating Local Preacher ministry) Guest Preacgher; Ruby Beech (Past Vice-President of the Methodist Conference)	Empingham MC
Saturday 9th	10am—12noon	Annual Mince Pie & Coffee morning	Ketton MC
Thursday 14th	3pm	Carols For All Service	Stamford MC
JANUARY 2024			
Saturday 20th	6.15pm	Circuit Trivia Quiz All are welcome to attend.	Stamford MC
FEBRUARY 2024			
Saturday 10th	9.15 for 9.30- 11.30	Kaleidoscope Quiet Morning	See page 26

SAVE THE DATE

The 2024 Farm Weekend will be on Sat 18th and Sunday 19th May.

Bourne Christmas Tree Festival



We are holding a Christmas Tree Festival (on a much smaller scale than previously) on Saturday 2nd December to coincide with the Town's festivities.
Come and have a look at our decorated church and join us for a cup of tea/coffee and a mince pie.



All welcome.



Annual Mince Pie & coffee morning



Ketton Methodist Church
Saturday December
9th - 10am-12 noon

Cakes, Preserves, Crafts



In aid of

children's
air ambulance

keeping hope alive

Come along to this traditional Start to Christmas and support our charity this year - the Children's Air Ambulance Service.

Admission £3.00 includes a mince pie and coffee -
more can be purchased!

Please PRAY for:

Bourne

As we approach the Festive Season we pray for those who will be alone, whose family may be too far away or for those who have no family at all.

We pray for all those caught up in war for whom Christmas will not be a joyful occasion.

We pray for those here who have lost loved ones and that they may find help and support as they grieve.

We pray for the activities being held in our church, the Christmas Tree Festival, the Carol Service, Messy Church and the Churches Together "Living Crib".

Deepings

Pray for Churches Together as they Stand at the Christmas Market in Deeping on Sunday December 3rd ~ Pray for opportunities to share the Good News.

Pray for Messy Church Sunday December 10th at 4.00pm.

Empingham

We give thanks for the opportunity Christmas give us to welcome others into our churches.

We are very thankful to Adele our Postmistress, as we celebrate 20 years of service to our community through the weekly Post Office in our church.

We pray that 2024 will bring new opportunities and blessing.

Ketton

Yet again we are overwhelmed and heartbroken to witness images of a devastating war feeling impotent to help. We pray earnestly Lord for a peaceful solution to this ongoing Middle East crisis.... for Israel, Palestine and especially for Gaza. Praying for all those bereaved, injured, displaced, and for all caught up in this tragedy.

During this Advent season we praise and thank God for the birth of our Saviour. We remember especially, those who are hungry, homeless, in poor health and the bereaved. We pray for comfort and hope in these difficult times.

Oakham

Ryhall

Creator God, the whole world is yours. All creation sings your praises.

As the sun rises each new day, help us to see the way ahead. May we know your presence leading and guiding us, helping and encouraging us to keep going.

Give us the strength to follow you always and to do what you would have us do.

As the day closes may we know your rest and peace and know we have done our best to live in the footsteps of our rock and redeemer, your precious son Jesus Christ. Amen

Stamford

At this season of Advent and Christmas we pray that the hope and peace of Christmas is felt be all around the world. We know that for some, Christmas brings with it difficulties so, we ask you Lord to be near and close to calm their fears and nerves. And may we as friends and family be there to support and spend time with those who will struggle.

We pray for all those attending worship at this time, may they hear the story afresh and feel your love surrounding them so that they can walk closer with you into 2024.

Please PRAY for:

Thurlby

Lord, As we prepare for a joyful time celebrating Christmas others are living through the terrors of war. As we buy and receive more than we need others have lost everything, home, possessions, jobs and food. As we prepare to welcome family and loved ones others mourn theirs. We pray for them. May we appreciate our good fortune and all that You have given us and help us to be generous in our giving to others. Amen

Uppingham

We give thanks to God for His steadfast love and care during the past 12 months of very challenging situations - and we praise Him knowing that He will be with each one of us during the coming 12 months. PTL.

As we are challenged this Advent and Christmastime, let us be ready to respond to His calling - and in the New Year to continue to praise Him and work for Him in all our differing roles within the Church and community, PTL.

Christmas Day Services Around The Circuit

- Bourne:** 10.00am Christmas Day celebration service
led by Richard Bailey
- Deepings:** 10.00am United Service at Priory
- Empingham:** See Oakham
- Ketton:** 9.15am Christmas Day celebration service
led by Rev'd Andrew Hollins
- Oakham:** 10.00am Christmas Day celebration service
led by Revd Bekkie Wright
- Ryhall:** 10.30am Christmas Day celebration service
led by Marion Robberts
- Stamford:** 10.30am Christmas Day celebration service
led by Rev'd Andrew Hollins
- Thurlby:** 10.00am United Service at St Firmins
- Uppingham:** 10.45am Christmas Day celebration service
led by Barry Gent

You are invited
to:
Carols for All



At Stamford Methodist Church
Thursday 14th December at 3pm



Led by
Rev'd Andrew Hollins
and Laura Martin



If you look for me at Christmas...

If you look for me at Christmas,
You won't need a special star.
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of me
Amid the celebrations.
You'll have to look beyond the stores
And all the decorations.

But if you take a moment
From your list of things to do
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came,
And you'll find me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.

Jesus

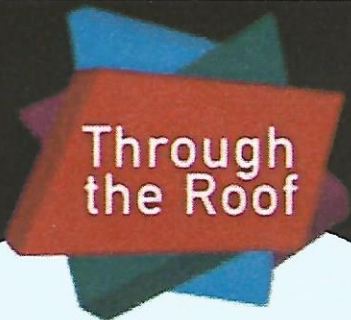
Pray without Ceasing January 2024



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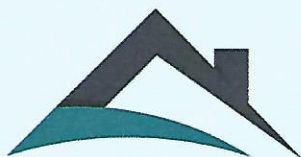
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Through
the Roof

Through the Roof Workshop



**The Disability Awareness Charity,
Through the Roof are offering a
workshop for all Circuits to
attend - please do come along**

**12th February 2024
6pm - 8pm on Zoom**

Register via email with the
Northampton District Office
office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk

CIRCUIT TRIVIA QUIZ!

**Come and join in a fun evening at
Stamford Methodist Church, Barn Hill**

Saturday 20th January 2024

Starting with hot food at 6.15pm

**Free admission with a collection for the Circuit Charity,
Water Aid.**

Maximum of 8 in a team.

Teams can be made up on the night!

Donations of puddings for the 'pudding table' gratefully received!!

AUTUMN ANAGRAMS

**THE WINNER OF THE AUTUMN ANAGRAM COMPETITION
(DRAWN AT RANDOM)
IS: KAREN COZENS**

**WELL DONE TO EVERYONE WHO SENT THEIR ANSWERS IN &
THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART.
(all answers received were correct)**

Candlemas - 2nd February

This day marks the completion of forty days since the birth of Jesus when Mary & Joseph took the child to the Temple in Jerusalem. The requirements of the Levitical law were for Mary to be “cleansed”, the completion of her purification following the birth of a male child.

Simeon and Anna were faithful servants of God. On seeing the holy family, Simeon praised God acclaiming the infant as “the light to enlighten the nations”, and the prophet Anna gave thanks and proclaimed Him her Redeemer.

The image of Christ as the Light has led to the celebration of light overcoming darkness, with candles often taking central place in the worship on this special day. It also, for many, is the time to take down their decorations from the festive season – cobwebs as well!

The candles that have been burning brightly these past two months are extinguished. They were lit as the days were growing shorter and darker, they will be extinguished as the days are growing longer and brighter. Yet in every changing season and in every changing scene of life, the true light remains. Jesus shines out through saints like Simeon and Anna, you and me, who watch and wait faithfully. Jesus shines out whenever love conquers hate, hope overcomes despair and life defeats death. He shines out in all who walk in the light as they follow Jesus, their crucified and risen Lord.

So – What does it mean for you to give light to the world?
What is ending and beginning for you today?

“Grannie – why do you have so many candles in your house?” asked my grandson a few years ago now!

By Moyra Collins

Kaleidoscope Quiet Morning

‘Wondering and Weaving’

Saturday 10th February 2024

9.15am for 9.30am – 11.30am

At the home of Beryl and Ron Teasdale: Ashbrook, First Drift, Wothorpe, PE9 3JL

Join us for personal reflexion, stillness and sharing.

An informal time of relaxation and peace.

Tel: Linda Bosworth 01572 823965 to book a place.

Future dates and themes:-

Saturday 11th May 2024: *Pause for Thought*

Saturday 10th August 2024: *Good to be Alive*

Saturday 9th November 2024: *Psalms and Songs*

Deepening the Mystery

'unexpected treasures' of art



*You are invited to an exhibition
of works from the Methodist Modern Art Collection
between Friday 1 March and Sunday 7 April 2024*

Focolare Centre for Unity

69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JG

The Methodist Modern Art Collection

*'... one of the art world's unexpected treasures, including some of the most
powerful and arresting religious art of the 20th and 21st centuries.'*

Tim Marlow, Chief Executive and Director of the Design Museum, London,
and former Artistic Director of the Royal Academy

The Collection includes exhibits by key figures of 20th and 21st century British art (such as Graham Sutherland, Elisabeth Frink), as well as works by international artists. The exhibition will include a programme of workshops and lectures for all ages.

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