



The Methodist Church

Stamford Circuit

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November 2022

We thought of you in love today,
but that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday
and days before that, too.
We think of you in silence,
we often speak your name.
Now all we have is memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
with which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping,
we have you in our hearts.

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Greater love
has no one than this:
to lay down one's life
for one's friends.

John 15:13

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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 November Circuit Newsletter to:

Email: admin2322@gmail.com

or by post to the Circuit Office at Stamford Methodist Church

Articles for the December 2022/January 2023 Newsletter should be sent no later than Friday 11th November 2022.



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Dear Friends,

November includes times when we are invited to remember people who died, giving their lives for the cause of freedom and to defend future generations.

In 1987, before the Berlin wall fell, while training at theological college, we hosted a group of students from a theological college in East Germany. I was asked to take them (and their East German government minder) to visit London.

In Westminster Abbey the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior ignited intense discussion. Trying to explain its history, in my ignorance, I said, “it's a bit like the memorials to those who died in the war in all the towns and villages – you must have them in your towns and cities too”. They then told me – there were no such things back home. They were forbidden to remember those who died in the war, and it was especially against the law to honour them.

It left me wondering what it might do to you if forbidden to remember or honour in any way the people you loved who had died, even though they were fighting for a side with wicked aims. Parents forbidden to remember or honour their child or children their parent or friends, even if they now realised they had given their lives for lies.

At the moment, a massive war is again being fought in Europe, and huge numbers of people have died already. Hundreds of thousands have been ordered to fight, and some to terrorise civilians. These things will never be forgotten. Memories may be buried, blocked out, or even forbidden, but the reality is that that blood will cry out from the stones for generations to come, because God is a God of justice. The reality afterwards is that people have to come to terms with such massive grief, loss, sadness and, for some, guilt.

Our Remembrance Days and memorials are part of a process of healing for communities and nations. We may be of a generation more distant from the war they remember, not having actually known a single person they name, but we really do need to remember, in order to face the present and future.

God bless you.

William Booker

Ps: The pilgrimage to Epworth that Robin Waters and I did raised approximately £1900. The final full amount will be in the December/January newsletter!

Pray without Ceasing November 2022



Suggestions for each day of the month. A few spaces have been left for your own concerns.

1. For people with Birthdays or Anniversaries this month
2. Rev Andrew Hollins
3. Ketton Chapel
4. Oakham church
5. Rev Ruth Charlesworth
6. Ryhall Chapel
7. Those who use our premises on Mondays
8. Those who use our premises on Tuesdays
9. Those who use our premises on Wednesdays
10. Thurlby Chapel
11. Rev William Booker
12. Uppingham Church
13. Barn Hill Church
14. Rev Bekkie Wright
15. Bourne Chapel
16. Deepings Church
17. Those who use our premises on Thursdays
18. Those who use our premises on Fridays
19. Those who use our premises on Saturday
20. Phil Jones Circuit Mission Enabler
21. **
22. Empingham Chapel
23. Julia Husbands CF&YM Enabler
24. Those who work in Government
25. Our Supernumerary Ministers
26. For Peace in the World
27. Our Local Preachers
28. **
29. Circuit Administrator Rowan
30. Circuit Officers

Any suggestions or requests please let Nina Rawlins know on 01780 753649 or email ninarawlins@yahoo.co.uk

Harvest at Uppingham

For several years now (Covid restrictions permitting) Harvest Festival Services have been on an ecumenical basis in Uppingham involving the Anglican, Congregational and Methodist Churches in the town.

This year we were all invited to St. Peter's Church in Belton-in-Rutland (part of the Uppingham Benefice). It is a beautiful village church, part dating back to the late 12th century and it was a very joyous and full occasion where we sang well-known Harvest hymns lustily, joined in very appropriate prayers with many harvest gifts brought to be shared with the Food bank. Cash contributions will go to Christian Aid.

It was followed by a picnic in the church grounds when the sun came out to welcome our fellowship together.

During the service after an address by Pastor Peter Damen on the Harvest of souls in addition to the fruits of the earth, the ministers of all four churches shared the plans of their congregations for future growth now that the restrictions of the pandemic are (hopefully) behind us. Some very exciting ideas.

It was good to be with other Christians sharing worship and experiences together.

“All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above”

Moyra and John Bassill

By Frank Topping 1980

Sweet chestnuts were falling, green, prickly spheres bursting apart on
leaf layered earth.

Scorns, pale and immature, spattered the ground around the oak.
My shoes depressed the rain-soaked moss and glistening grass, footsteps
hushed in the stillness of the trees.

Until, passing through, I came into the open and like a rich symphonic
chord falling on the cars, my eyes were assailed by colours that sang,
chromatic scales of gold and yellow and amber.

Leaves of brown and red and green, praised their creator for the gift of
deep and mellow autumn.

And it was lavish, as the love of God always is.

This nature is His nature, extravagantly generous.

Like autumn leaves His blessings fall, and all creation acknowledges the
love that never dies.

Only the blind of heart and mind cannot or will not see the love that
wept and hung upon a tree.

Lord, let me reflect the colours of Your love.

Let my life be bright with laughter, my speech gentle, my thinking warm,
my actions kind, mellow and blend, in peace, in love, in praise.

*How beautiful are these words - now is the time to stop and stare and
marvel at all that is beautiful around us.*

God Bless - Moyra

TREE OF LIFE

Let me draw from Your living water,
completely fed and nourished.

Let my arms reach out to bless others,
touching their heart.

Let me blossom with the fruit of Your Spirit,
be beautiful for You.

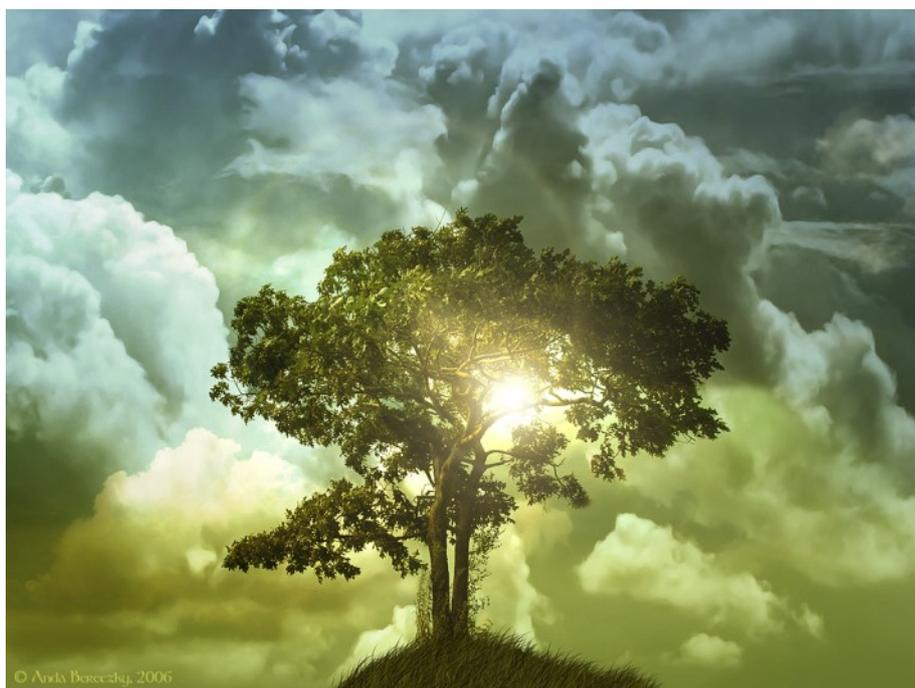
Let me be a shelter for those who search
for comfort and peace.

Let my roots dig deep, strong and unshakeable
with trust and hope.

Through all the seasons of my life, let me stand tall
in the heat of joy or the coldness of fear.

When I am stripped bare of strength let Your love empower me
to begin again with You.

Beryl Teasdale 2018



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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.

Any cheques need to be made payable to:

'Stamford Prison Fellowship – Angel Tree'.

Your donations can be given to
Maurice Wade:

17 Drift Avenue, Stamford, PE9 1UY.

Many thanks and every blessing



Save The Date...

The next Circuit Trivia Quiz will take place on



January 28th 2023

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Do you knit, sew, crochet, draw, paint or have a similar hobby and would you like to join others in the church on a Thursday morning for coffee, crafts and a chat at the Well at Stamford Methodist Church?

Similar church groups have also embarked on joint projects making things such as face masks, cards for the sick or housebound, banner-making, Knitting for Peace, poppy making for Remembrance Day and nativity sets for local shops.

We will be meeting every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

If you are interested please ring Anne Wiltshire 01780 482285.



Ketton Community Soup Lunches

Why not join us at Ketton on the third Wednesday of each month from 12.00-1.30pm for a hearty soup lunch.

Dates coming up - October 19th and November 16th

There is a warm welcoming atmosphere to chat with and make new friends. We offer a choice of Four delicious homemade soups with bread, cheese, biscuits and fruit, all rounded off with a nice cuppa!

There is no charge but donations to charity are very welcome if you feel able. Do come and join us and bring a friend- you will be glad you did!



RYHALL METHODIST CHURCH

Jumble Sale

Saturday 5th November 1pm-3pm

Refreshments

(people can leave jumble in advance or at the back door of the chapel on the morning of the sale)

All are very welcome!

EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Empingham Toddler & Baby Group, We meet Thursday's during term time 10.30 - 12noon

Lots of toys, activities, singing and fun.

Refreshments £1 a family. A warm welcome to join us we look forward to seeing you.

Eileen Ray 01780 460676

Bible Recording Project – Calling all readers

One of the (few) joys of lockdown for me was the online worship and particularly seeing the faces of friends from around the circuit, reading the various passages of scripture. The Online ministry team would like to keep this going and we would like to build up a set of readings which can be used for worship.

So I am looking for people to record each of the coming years lectionary readings please.

If you are comfortable recording at home, please drop me a line and I will send you the verses to record. If you would like to be involved but are not confident recording yourself, we can help there too. We have a training session for online worship at Stamford on Saturday 12th November between 10am and noon and we could record your reading as part of this.

You don't need to be a preacher or an experienced reader to get involved, all you need to do is just willing to share the gospel by recording a few verses of scripture.

And don't worry that I might get too many offers, once we have done the gospel we can move on to the Old Testament, Epistle or Psalm ;)

Sarah Atwell King
Pad4535@aol.com

Kaleidoscope Quiet Morning; “Celtic Flavours”

Saturday November 12th

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.

Saturday February 11th 2023 “*Darkness to Light*”

Saturday May 13th 2023 “*Spring, Springing...*”

Saturday August 12th 2023 “*So Glorious*”

(Note: same dates – new titles)

Please PRAY for:

Bourne

Loving father, we praise you for your faithfulness and constant love.
In changing and challenging times, strengthen our faith, our hope and our love.

Deepings

We pray for those who are suffering due to war or conflict.
For those suffering from illness and bereavement, and for those struggling to feed their families and pay their bills during this time of economic crisis.

Empingham

We give thanks for all who gave so generously to the Food Bank at our recent Harvest celebrations. We give thanks to God for all His good gifts around us.

Ketton

We continue to pray for all our friends recovering from injury and illness at this time.
Our thoughts and prayers are with all those caught up in the grip of this dreadful economic crisis, as families struggle to feed their families, heat their homes and pay their bills. May we all do what we can-with our voice, our money and above all with practical help to support those in need.

Globally we continue to pray for an end to war in the Ukraine....and for Somalia suffering their worst drought in forty years.

Oakham

Dear Father God,
Let us be free from our worries,
Let us focus on the love we have,
Help us love you and trust you,
Help us believe in ourselves
Help us achieve our goals,
Help us to remember that we are special
No matter what happens.
Help us to love ourselves as much as our family loves us.
Help us to be happy for other people when they get to their goal.
We ask this in your name, Amen

Anna aged 8, Elston All Saints Anglican Methodist Primary School, Newark

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Please PRAY for:

Stamford

Dear Lord we pray for: -

The continuing situation in Ukraine. Sometimes when it's all so far away we can forget that human lives are affected daily. Peace seems a long way off, but we pray for those who are affected that they will feel your love surrounding them.

Those who suffer during the long, dark, winter nights. Those who are troubled by the nights and noises of Bonfire Night – human or animal. May they find peace in your presence.

The members and families of His Majesty's Armed Forces, past and present, as we remember them and all they do on Armistice Day.

Thurlby

We thank you Lord that you know the problems that people are facing at the moment, the cost of fuel and food, and you know how worrying this can be resulting in anxiety and depression. We pray for your guidance of the government to help people to cope. Help the Church to offer support where we can through lunch club and toddler group. Be with those who offer pastoral care and give them wisdom.

Uppingham

This month we especially remember all those going through conflict and war around our beautiful world.

We pray for our Government and leaders of all nations as we remember the past and the present - and again pray for peace for the future.

We join with all who remember loved ones either those ill, in care, or who have recently been bereaved.

May the Lord bless each and everyone.

O Lord God Almighty, the Creator and Father of all, we offer heartfelt thanks that You have ordained both seed-time and harvest, and bestow upon us the fruits of the earth in their season. We remember all those facing conflict and hardship that You are in their midst. For these and all your mercies we praise and magnify your glorious name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Book 1928 modified)

Articles for the newsletter

We are delighted that some of our readers are inspired to submit book reviews, poems and articles to be included in the newsletter.

When doing so, please make sure that you add your name to any item so that folk can follow up if they want to know more.

For published items, please ensure you have the permission of the author and add their name as author of any work.

Please do send in anything you would like to be included in the Newsletter to Rowan at Admin2322@gmail.com

Please send all entries for the December 2022/January 2023 newsletter no later than Friday 11th November 2022,

including Prayers for the Prayer page from Church Stewards
Thank you

Stamford Methodist Church
Barn Hill Stamford
presents

The National Methodist
Youth Brass Band
in concert

7.30pm Saturday 5th November



**Tickets £10 from the Arts Centre,
the Well at the church or at the door**

All proceeds to the Nixon Memorial Hospital in Sierra Leone
and the 2nd Stamford Scout Group