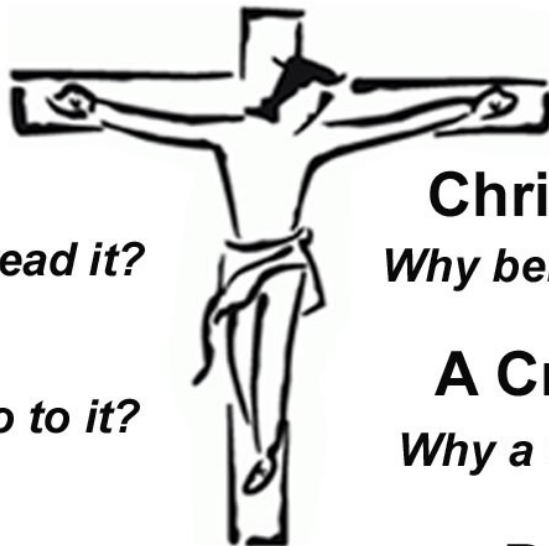


Museum Street Landseer Road Chantry

Methodist Church

Connections



The Bible

Why read it?

Church

Why go to it?

Your Life

Why change it?

Christianity

Why believe it?

A Cross

Why a Cross?

Death

Why fear it?



He is Risen ! Happy Easter

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Pastor Joan writes.....

Welcome to our first joint Museum Street, Landseer Road and Chantry newsletter. Our thanks to Mike Parker from Museum Street for putting this issue together.

As I write this, it is a full year since we entered the first National Lockdown which was announced by the Prime Minister on Monday 23rd March, 2020. It is with sadness that we remember the 126,000 deaths due to COVID, and all those that have died over the past year that will not be with us when we return to worshipping together. This issue of the magazine contains four obituaries as we acknowledge the loss of our own church members since December 2020.

One week before the first National Lockdown was announced, all churches had been told to close for worship. Neil Hepplethwaite, Adrian Pell and I scrambled to rapidly advance the plans for the new circuit website (methodistic.org.uk) which we were able to launch just two days later on the 19th March, 2020. We also made and released our first video service for Sunday 22nd March, 2020 and we have continued doing weekly video services since that time.

Until the end of August 2020, the services we recorded were for our three churches and I was preaching every week. With the circuit churches starting to return to in-person services in the summer, our Circuit Leadership Team began to discuss how we could work more as a circuit. In September 2020, the services that we had been recording for our three churches became the circuit video service with local preachers, supernumeraries and ministers preaching the sermon, and with myself providing continuity each week as the worship leader. As well as being on the circuit website, these were also played at in-person worship services around the circuit when no preacher was available to lead worship.

I would like to publicly thank my husband Adrian, without whom we would not have had these video services. He has put many volunteer hours each week into doing this for us. As well as taking the various recorded segments for the worship services and editing and weaving them together into a single video, he has also been creating all the hymns. This involves him first recording the music, then Elizabeth Storey, Neil Hephlethwaite and Adrian each separately record themselves singing, and then Adrian takes these and mixes them together to form an audio track, and then he finally puts the audio together with the lyric slides to form the hymn video. We now have about 100 songs that they have recorded in the past year. He has learned a lot about video editing, and got quicker, but it is still a huge undertaking.

Thank you, Adrian.

While we wish that everyone had computer access to these services, we know that some of you do not, and so we have also provided a printed service each week for those without computers, along with CDs and DVDs for those able to play them.

In January 2021, with in-person services still suspended, we decided to add a Zoom worship service so that we could get a chance to interact with each other as well as worship together. We have had between 30 and 40 people each Sunday. At our fellowship time after the services, those that have attended have enjoyed getting to know folk from the other churches.

I am excited that we will have a joint in-person worship service on Easter Day to celebrate the resurrection and that we will be back to regularly worshipping in all three churches in May. I do not know what the future holds for us, and what God has in store for us, but I do know that God has been with us in a mighty way over the past 12 months. Christ died that we might have life in abundance. From death comes new life. When a new baby is born, we look to spot the features of its parents, but we also rejoice as its own personality emerges, and the future looms with possibility. What an exciting time it is to be a part of the church and a disciple of Christ as we emerge, or are birthed, into new life as we come out of this Lockdown.

Happy Easter! --Pastor Joan

WELMA HATTINGH

A tribute.

Welma Anne Hattingh
5th December 1954 - 15th November 2020

Born on 5th December 1954 in Pretoria, South Africa, Welma was the oldest of two girls. She grew up in Pretoria attending school and going on to work for an anesthetist. She married her first husband, Ian whom she had met at school and they lived for a while in a block of flats in Pretoria before moving to Australia for 4 years. They were blessed with a baby boy: Gerhald. But then back in Pretoria, sadly at age 28, Welma became a widow.

A few years later in 1987, she married Kobus whom she had met through mutual friends. They were amused to discover that Kobus had lived in the flat above Welma and Ian in Pretoria several years previously! Kobus became a father to Gerhard and they had a second son Ruan.

Welma loved motherhood and was a wonderful mother. She supported the boys and enjoyed attending their sports events and Boy Scouts. They had some fabulous holidays together. Welma loved being just out in nature, and her favourite holiday spot was out in the bush at Kruger Park Game Reserve.

A few years after Apartheid ended, they decided to move to the UK and arrived as a family of four in 1999. Welma worked as a computer programmer in London; in Information Technology for British Telecom, and then for a company standardizing clothing sizes. Her final job was as Methodist Church Secretary for the Ipswich Circuit which she did for several years. It was during this time that she was diagnosed as having Alzheimer's and finally had to give up working.

As the disease progressed, Welma went to live at Orwell Care Home where she spent her final years. Sadly, the pandemic limited Kobus' ability to visit with her, but in her final days the family were able to surround her with their love and care.

Welma's faith was a big part of who she was. In Pretoria, Welma was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church. That is where she and Kobus were married. After a while, they made a decision to transfer to the Methodist Church and attended Lyttelton Methodist Church in Pretoria.

WELMA HATTINGH

Welma is remembered.

When they moved to Ipswich, their minister from South Africa knew a retired Methodist minister Rev. Gerald Needen, who worshiped at Museum Street Methodist Church. So Welma and Kobus ended up becoming members at Museum Street.

Although Rev. Needen was retired, he helped out by holding Bible Study classes at his home in Bentley and members from Museum Street remember fondly Welma, together with Kobus, attending the classes. Especially enjoying the sharing of perspectives and the camaraderie of sharing lifts and driving along the narrow country roads.



Welma was a church steward at Museum Street for a few years. She helped with the Saturday Coffee mornings when the church was open for people to drop by for a cup of coffee and a chat. She also helped to organize a lot of fund-raising events. She began a project at Museum Street called the Lyttleton Project. This enabled money to Lyttleton in Pretoria to help a charity that was supporting orphaned children. Wilma organized various art exhibitions and Musical Concerts and was extremely proud of what she achieved.

Welma liked music, so organizing musical concerts was a real joy for her. As a child Welma had piano lessons and her love of music stayed with her continuing to enjoy dancing as an adult. For several years the church hired a coach for the day and traveled together up to London for the Big Sing at the Royal Albert Hall. Welma thoroughly enjoyed these trips.

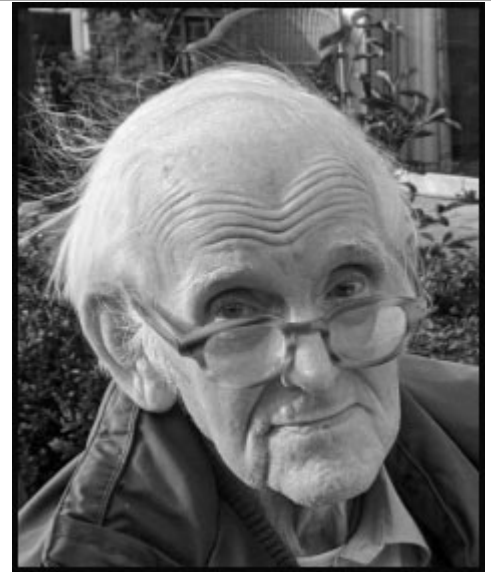
She is remembered for her smile and friendliness, for her generosity and helpfulness – she would do anything for anyone, and for her gentle and loving spirit.

Written by Rev Joan Pell for Welma's funeral.

RICHARD VICKERSTAFF

Faith, family, and the fellowship of masonry....

Richard was born in County Durham, the only son to Eva and Richard Vickerstaff on 18 March 1930. He was brother to Doreen, Marian, Edith and Olga. He relished winding his sisters up, even as an adult! The family moved to Ipswich in 1937 to the Land Settlement in Newbourne where they could not understand the natives and the natives could not understand them. Richard worked in the family's market garden. He enjoyed telling tales of his early life as a refugee from the North, life on the small holding and helping his father Richard pack



tomatoes early in the morning to be sent off to the shops. He never really liked tomatoes after that. To put the pigs away at night, Richard would make his sister Marian run through the pigsty so they would chase her. She did not like the pigs. Aged ten he was let loose with a shot gun to kill the rats. He got a penny for each tail, but then was told off for keeping the tails in his pocket! The family attended the Methodist Church in the Village, where his mother was an active member.

He later worked at Ransomes Sims and Jefferies and then had a successful career at ICI, before retirement 30 years ago. He enjoyed his working life, from being a fitter to Workshop Supervisor and working in the Trade Union movement. He took particular pride in the achievements of his apprentices.

A colleague from ICI wrote...

There was no problem when you had Richard at your side and I still use sayings and skills which I learnt from him.

Richard was seconded for a time to work at the Lord Chancellor's office. There were some trips to London. All very secret at the time when he interviewed aspiring magistrates.

When asked what his proudest achievement was, he was always quick to reply, "marrying his beloved Sylvia in 1953". It was at the Museum St that they met. To get his attention she pretended to lose her purse and asked him to help her find it! They achieved over 50 years of married life together. They loved and supported their children Richard, Fay, Janine, and Ivan and were very proud of their grandchildren Frances, Richard, Ben, and Abi.

Church life was important to Richard. His faith was deep and profound. He trained as a local preacher in 1950 and celebrated 70 years on the plan, and in that time attended Museum St. As a young Local Preacher, he once found himself inside a broom cupboard instead of the vestry to the bemusement of the congregation. He lost his way and felt embarrassed to come out. His children used to go with him to the little chapels and Richard Jnr would often play the organ for him, "will your anchor hold in the storms of life" being a firm favourite.

Richard served on the property committee for many years. There always seemed to be a job that needed doing down at the church, the main one being in keeping the antiquated heating system functioning! He also served as a Church Steward.

Richard was fun and inventive, with a practical approach to life. Cars built out of sand, an igloo from snow, a swing from bits and pieces from ICI. Things always cobbled together perfectly. He was a mechanical man, he enjoyed helping friends and family with cars. Richard and his son built a steam turbine together as a school project. They had fun with that and won a prize! They tried to build a fan driven car with a model aircraft engine. Richard had oil and ether from ICI as the fuel. Richard Jnr can still see the air shimmering as the ether poured off the work bench and then the transparent blue flame as it ignited around them in the garage. "Don't tell your mother". The engine was fixed to the body made from an oil can and sent down the drive. It shot off, over the road missing a car heading up Larchcroft Road and embedding itself in the neighbour's wall in a huge yellow ball of flame. "Don't tell your mother".

Richard enjoyed Freemasonry and was very pleased that his son also joined. He was Master of Perfect Amity Lodge and as such was proud to Initiate his son into the Craft. He was doubly proud the Year his son was Master of the Lodge and for him to Initiate his grandson Richard into Freemasonry with Richard's other grandfather Spike present as well. They enjoyed many wonderful evenings together as father, son, grandson and Brothers together.

Richard, on his own admission, had a wonderful life with faith, family, and the fellowship of masonry. He often referred to "that Day when he would be promoted!"

A big Thank You to Richard Vickerstaff Jnr and Janine Goulding in providing these words and also for permission to show the Family Video "Eva's Story" on the church website.

The video can be found at <https://museumstreet.org.uk/>

BILL LAST

A Wonderful Life

William Arthur Last was born in Ipswich on 7th June 1931 and remained an Ipswich lad all his life. He was the eldest of 2 sons to Olive and Arthur with John being his younger brother.

Bill's school days started at Morland Road school and unbeknown to them both at the time, his wife to be was in the same class! His family moved to Collingwood Ave and Bill continued at Landseer Road school.



Mo and Bills paths met again at Landseer Road Church where they both attended the Sunday school, which they later went on to run themselves together with the Church youth club.

Mo and Bill made a date to meet in May 1949 on the Lairs (Orwell Country Park) Unfortunately, Mo was ill that day and had to send her elder sister Mary to let Bill know. The next day Mo recalls it was dinner time when Bill went to see her and the rest as they say is history!

Bill was drafted in the Royal Engineers to do his National Service in September of 1949 and was shipped off to Hong Kong. It wasn't until September 1951 that Mo and Bill saw each other again. True love ran smoothly and they were married at Alan Road Church on 21st May 1955 and lived with Mo's sister Mary until moving into a house share. Their first child Paul was born at Wingfield Street nursing home in November 1959. They moved into the family house in Collingwood Ave where their other two children, Judith in 1962 and Alison in 1965 were both born.

Bill gained a printer's apprenticeship with Norman Allard's and went on to spend many years typesetting and proofreading at the Ancient House Press. From there he went on to a management position at the firm who printed and produced the UK version of the board game Trivial Pursuit.

Bill was a long-standing member of the 14th Ipswich Boys Brigade and rose to the rank of Officer. He attended Landseer Road Methodist Church, where he together with Burton Gooding produced a Church news sheet called the Landseer Herald. They would hand print copies on a print press in one of the outhouses behind the Church. Bill was still producing the Church notices right up until the beginning of last year on a computer in his study.

BILL LAST

A Wonderful Life

Along with the rest of the family Bill was one of the founding members of the Landseer singing group which went on to become The Landseer Players. He also worked back stage building props and scenery and produced the programs for the shows for many years.

He was an avid bird watcher and his love of birds took him to many places including a survey trip to Scotland. It was this love of birds and nature that led him to be one of the main instigators in getting the Landguard and Trimley Marsh reserves established. The family all shared his love of nature with his daughter Alison becoming a part of nature conservation for several years.

Bill managed to get Mo involved and both would do shoreline bird counts in all weathers.

In their younger years Bill and Mo would regularly attend the Ipswich Witches speedway meetings, and travel to many away meetings.

Bill was an Ipswich Town fan and couldn't quite believe it when his daughter Judith told him her husband to be was a Norfolk boy who supported Norwich City, this led to many bouts of friendliest banter!

Bill had many hobbies and interests including his love of collecting old post-cards of local scenes and stamp collecting which he shared with his son Paul, they would often ponder over rarities and First Day Issues.

On Bills retirement he decided to build a dolls house. Both Mo & Bill worked on it with Bill drawing up the plans which were a scale version of Oak House in Ipswich. They had fun fitting it out with Mo making a family of dolls to live in the house who were clothed in the fashions of the 18th century.

He was a wonderful hard working, strong, loving and kind Husband, Dad and Grandad, deeply devoted to Mo and he treasured the times when the whole family were together. Paul, Judith and Alison have memories of their Dad who always made sure they had what they needed and what they didn't have in possessions he made up for with love. They have lovely memories of holidays in the caravan at Dunwich and days out all over Suffolk.

There are so many thoughts and memories of a wonderful life so full and long lived that it's impossible to mention them all, but everyone has their own memories of Bill. So, please keep and cherish them with the knowledge that he's still with you.

A reduced version of eulogy from Judith and Family.

ANN SMITH

Ann is remembered.

Ann was the daughter of Harold and Doris Haystead and attended Northgate High School, where she became the Head Girl. Doris was an active member of Museum Street Methodist Church, so Ann was brought up in the activities of the Church and where she met Malcolm. Ann trained as a nurse at the Westminster Hospital in London, being presented with the award of 'Nurse of the Year' by the late Lord Mountbatten.

After her marriage to Malcolm, Ann worked as a District Nurse in Hertfordshire, proudly visiting her patients in her Morris Minor, while Malcolm worked in London.

When Malcolm moved to work for Norfolk County Council, they set up home in Norwich bringing up their three sons. Ann moved back to Ipswich when Malcolm was appointed Suffolk's Assistant County Surveyor and continued to use her nursing skills, including working at Norwood.

Ann and Malcolm renewed their membership of Museum Street, where Ann became responsible for arranging the flowers and using her catering talents. For many years Ann helped organise Getogether - a fortnightly event on a Tuesday evening with guest speakers and together with Colin and Mavis Fox, the monthly Trimete. Ann was a wonderful hostess and many will remember New Year's Eve at Cotswold Avenue.

Ann and Malcolm made the bold decision that, while still able, to move to Devon to be near to GP son Andy. They fully integrated into village life, where Ann's flower arranging and catering skills were much in demand. Ann will be remembered with great affection by all who knew her.



These words were kindly written by Roger Smith.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Week

Stations of the Cross. Download the brochure now from the circuit website and share it with your friends too. Experience at your own pace the *Way of the Cross* through a series of images and readings depicting the Passion Story with accompanying questions for contemplation.



Attend our Zoom worship on **Palm Sunday** at 10.30 a.m.

Attend worship in-person service at our joint service at Landseer Road at 10 a.m. on **Good Friday**.

Watch our three circuit video services on

Palm Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, where we will hear about the events of that evening before Jesus was arrested.

Good Friday as we ponder the story of the Passion.

Easter

Join our in-person joint worship service at Museum Street at 10.30 a.m. on **Easter Day** where Rev. Joan Pell will be leading the service and we will celebrate Holy Communion.

Watch our circuit video service on **Easter Day**. The preacher is Rev. Matt Finch who is the Pioneering and Church Planting Officer for the Methodist Church.

Circuit Website: methodistic.org.uk

STATUES AND ART

All are invited to join David talking on Zoom...

You are invited to join us for an hour on
Saturday 10th April at 7 p.m. by Zoom
Speaker: David Howlett from Landseer Road
Topic: Statues & Art in Ipswich



Use the Zoom code for coffee.
Contact a church leader if you need the code.

David has also submitted an article called "Look Up". It
can be found on page 18

WHERE'S WALLY?

Little Lambs toddlers are busy people...

The Little Lambs Toddler Group from Landseer Road participated in the Suffolk Libraries Scarecrow Trail. Their entry was made by Helena Keighley who is one of the leaders at Little Lambs.



GLOBAL VACCINATION

A proposal added to the District Synod agenda.

At our church Council meeting, we agreed to raise the subject of global vaccination as an important cause in which the whole Methodist Church should be providing leadership. This is an important cause in which we see both the worst and best of human nature working out on the global stage. Corporate greed and philanthropy sitting side by side, and people's health being used as a pawn in the global power struggle between nations. Overcoming the nationalism, protectionism and disinformation campaigns that put the marginalised and disadvantaged at greatest risk is an important step towards supporting the United Nation's sustainable development goals. Since the circuit meeting, we have seen descent into a blame culture with access to the vaccine at the heart. There is a growing need for access to trustworthy information so that we can educate ourselves and lobby for justice and sense to prevail, as well as fundraising to accelerate equitable access for all.



The proposal placed before the Circuit Meeting was accepted and a memorial has now been added to the District Synod agenda, and I will be speaking to this as a guest at Synod. The memorial invites All We Can to adopt Global Vaccination as a major campaign, in order to support the COVAX programme with an integrated programme of education, political influence and fund raising.

We in the Ipswich Circuit of the Methodist Church believe that this issue is so pivotal to Our Calling and desire for global justice that the Methodist Church should adopt Global Vaccination as a major campaign of fund-raising, global political influence alongside an education awareness programme for church members. We encourage All We Can to respond by adopting this programme on behalf of Methodism.

David Welbourn

ANNIVERSARIES

We all have them of one sort or another.

Our birthdays immediately come to mind and then those of our family and friends. Some months are full of all types of anniversaries, March is particularly difficult for me, but June and July are full of joy of one kind or another. March might be difficult, but it is also the start of another spring; the daffodils come out and all around us things are coming to life – again – so it is a good time to look forward. Usually near the beginning of April is Easter a time of celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. A time when we usually sing for joy at this wonderful event.

This year, today, we have another anniversary – a first – and it is another one to really celebrate. I have amended the words of the hymn in Singing the Faith (no.44), with some poetic licence, to tell you more:

**Come on and Celebrate
Celebrate
Celebrate Thought for the Day.
It is one year old
One year old
One year old today.**



Thought for the Day is now on our Methodistic website and on social media. It goes out to about 300-400 people each day, an amazing number. They are read by people from our Circuit, people around Bradford area (courtesy of Rev Derek's family and friends), people in America (courtesy of Rev Joan's family and friends), to Australia, and many other places throughout the world. There are 47 of us who send Neil our Thoughts regularly, Some are poignant, some humorous, some theological, some topical, etc., but all are from the heart of the writer to try and help us through the day.

We should thank Neil, one of the Circuit's Lay Employees, for all his hard work enabling this to happen and for organising this ongoing task. Something to celebrate in our Circuit and something which will be continued in the future.

Prayer.

Dear Lord, thank you for enabling us to reach so many people with our various Thoughts for the Day. We pray for those who compose them, those who read them and for Neil who posts them on Social Media and our Website. We pray that the words will reach out to people, help, and guide them through each day. Amen.

From the Circuit Website on Tuesday 23rd March, 2021 by Diana Sawyer

25 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Can you find them lurking somewhere in this passage.

This is a most remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in a seat pocket on the flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours.



One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing in his johnboat. Roy Clark studies it while playing his banjo. Elaine Vices mentioned it in her column once. One woman judges the job to be so involving that she brews a cup of tea to calm her nerves. There will be some names that are easy to spot that's a fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised.

The truth is, from answers that we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have.

Those able to find them all will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown.

One revelation may help, books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. And punctuation or space in the middle are normal.

A chipper attitude will help you to compete.

Remember, there are 25 books.

The answers can be found on Page 23.

Kindly submitted by Irene Jarrett

TALKING OF JABS

Edward Jenner the “Father of the Vaccine”.

Jenner was an English doctor, the pioneer of smallpox vaccination and the father of immunology.

There is currently much media coverage of vaccines to combat Covid19, so you might be interested in the background to this amazing man, sometimes referred to as the ‘Father of the vaccine.’ It has been said of Edward Jenner that ‘his work saved more lives than any other man on earth’. It’s an extraordinary claim for someone who spent his entire life as a country doctor, but it may well be true.

Edward Jenner was born in Berkeley, Gloucestershire on 17 May 1749, the son of the local vicar. At the age of 14, he was apprenticed to a local surgeon and then trained in London. In 1772, he returned to Berkeley and spent most the rest of his career as a doctor in his native town.

In 1796, he carried out his now famous experiment on eight-year-old James Phipps. Jenner inserted pus taken from a cowpox pustule and inserted it into an incision on the boy's arm. He was testing his theory, drawn from the folklore of the countryside, that milkmaids who suffered the mild disease of cowpox never contracted smallpox, one of the greatest killers of the period, particularly among children. Jenner subsequently proved that having been inoculated with cowpox Phipps was immune to smallpox. He submitted a paper to the Royal Society in 1797 describing his experiment, but was told that his ideas were too revolutionary and that he needed more proof. Undaunted, Jenner experimented on several other children, including his own 11-month-old son. In 1798, the results were finally published and Jenner coined the word vaccine from the Latin 'vacca' for cow.

Jenner was widely ridiculed. Critics, especially the clergy, claimed it was repulsive and ungodly to inoculate someone with material from a diseased animal. A satirical cartoon of 1802 showed people who had been vaccinated sprouting cow's heads. But the obvious advantages of vaccination and the protection it provided won out, and vaccination soon became widespread. Jenner became famous and now spent much of his time researching and advising on developments in his vaccine. Jenner carried out research in a number of other areas of medicine and was also keen on fossil collecting and horticulture.



Edward Jenner was a committed Christian. He was typical of many believers in every age who demonstrate their faith through the way they live their lives. An amiable, quiet, warm-hearted Christian, ever ready with the appropriate Bible verse, Jenner was anxious that his discovery would be used as widely as possible. He was particularly concerned that praise should be directed not to him, but to the God who had made and used him. Here is a man who became quite literally a household name across the world, yet his celebrity status left him unchanged. Jenner remained to the end of his life a man who was gentle, humble and gracious. So, at a time when the word vaccination is widely heard, spare a thought for Edward Jenner, the man who started it all. He died on 26 January 1823.

PLEASE EXERCISE

An exercise for people over 60 years old.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand; extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them as long as you can.

Try to reach a full minute and then relax. Each day you will find that you can hold this position for just a little bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to a 10-lb potato bag. Then try 50-lb potato bags in each hand and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.

After you feel confident at this level..... put a potato in each bag.

SINGALONG

The professions sing out loud!

- The Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
- The Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation
- The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy
- The Golfer's Hymn.....There is A Green Hill Far Away
- The Vet's Hymn.....All Creatures of Our God & King
- The Cobbler's Hymn.....Soul of my Saviour
- The Travel Agent's Hymn.....Anywhere with Jesus
- The Geologist's Hymn.....Rock of Ages

LOOK UP

David asks us to visit Gainsborough Library.

Things have changed - yes you can say that again.

In dentist's and doctor's waiting rooms and other waiting places there used to be a pile of magazines, tatty and usually about a year out of date. No more - they harbour germs and viruses. Well, I'm going back to when 99.9% of the germs hadn't been killed. I always found that women were well catered for with numerous copies of "Woman", "Peoples Friend", "Woman's Weekly". If the men folk were lucky, they might find a "Picture Post" or "Illustrated". Of course, there were copies of "Horse and Rider" and "Inshore Sailor"!

Well, many years ago I was waiting in the doctor's surgery and was having a rummage through the magazine pile when I came across a publication from Ipswich Borough Council called "Artathon - a trail of artworks around Ipswich".

It is a small thirty-four-page A5 coloured booklet with photographs and maps of walks illustrating some forty-seven sculptures and works of art displayed on buildings and in the streets of Ipswich. I found it really interesting and then of course it was "David Howlett to see Dr Smith Room 3". I resisted the temptation to "borrow it".

I did the right thing and called in the Council Offices and obtained my free copy. This was the inspiration for one of my and probably most popular of the talks which Myself and Karolyn give to various groups and societies during the winter months.

How many of you have visited Gainsborough library?



If you haven't you must.

Although Mandy and Carl and the staff will make you most welcome, before you start a book, CD or video search,
LOOK UP!

In the foyer suspended from the ceiling is a large brain of which is part of the "Brainstorm Sculpture" by Paul Richardson.





For seventeen years after I retired, I helped with a maths class once a week for those who missed out at school and others who needed a maths qualification in order to obtain employment. These classes were held at various locations in Ipswich - Murrayside, Co-op education centre, Castle Hill Community Centre and Gainsborough Library. Once during a coffee break, I was sitting in Gainsborough Library when I saw a lady with a very smart camera busy photographing the sculptures in the library. Intrigued, - I'll talk to anyone, I commented to her on how much I appreciated them and how relevant they were to that environment. I had a very surprising reply "I'm so glad you like them, my husband made them!" She followed this up with a "if you hang on a moment or two Paul is meeting me here you can have a chat with him". So followed a very enjoyable conversation.



Paul Richardson, born in Essex in 1967, initially studied graphics then trained as an artist and did a degree in painting in Birmingham. After his degree he had a studio in the old Birds Custard Factory in Birmingham. Always fascinated in three-dimensional form he found lots of discarded metal on the old disused factory site. The purchase of a small welder inaugurated the start of his metal fabrications.

Probably his most famous and talked about local work is The Major on the public toilets at Majors Corner in Ipswich. More about that another time.

Extracted from Dave Howlett's "Twenty One Missives"

WHATS GOING ON AT LANDSEER ROAD



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WHATS GOING ON AT MUSEUM STREET



Address: Black Horse Lane, Ipswich IP1 2EF

Website: museumstreet.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/museumstreetmethodist

From the Treasurer.

At Museum Street, we are very fortunate that we had put money aside over the years in case of emergency. Historically, we have relied on letting our property for about half of our income, and with everything closed for most of the year, we have had to draw deeply on those reserves. In round figures, we drew £10000 from our reserves in the year to August 2020 and will draw another £10000 by the end of this financial year in August. Our long-term plan was that in both of these years we should add £5000 each year to our reserves to pay back the money we “borrowed” for the new heating system.

I am grateful that members have responded generously to our appeals, otherwise we would have found ourselves digging deeper into our reserves, but we still have a long battle to regain strength in our financial position, so I continue to urge you to be generous.

In these difficult times, it would be too easy to become inward looking and only worry about our own financial difficulties. When we decided to defer our anniversary celebrations to a time when we were more likely to be able to meet together, it was appropriate to mark the occasion with our “virtual” frugal lunch together, with donations towards FIND. I’m pleased to say that we raised £180 for this worthy cause, in addition to any moneys or gifts that members may have contributed directly to FIND.

David Welbourn

WHATS GOING ON AT CHANTRY

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Methodist Youth President Visit

Phoebe Parkin, this year's Youth President visited with the young people of Chantry Methodist Church on the 12th March by Zoom.

Part of Phoebe's job as Youth President is to be in touch with youth all around the country. We had a great evening together with some ice-breaker games and discussion. Phoebe wanted to know their thoughts on a number of different topics from world issues to how well the church is equipping them to participate in the life of the church. We also talked about the 3Generate 365 activities and the 3Gen App.



JOINT WEDNESDAY ZOOM COFFEE MORNING

Since the first lockdown for the Covid-19 pandemic, morning coffee meetings have not been possible and have been online and not in church. It is a great way to maintain fellowship with those we know from church and to make contact with new people across our 3 Churches. On Wednesdays the group starts at 10 am and runs on to 11.30 pm or thereabouts, but you can join at any time during the session and leave before the end if you need to go.

If you would like some help with Zoom, please contact Rev Joan Pell whose telephone number is on the back page.

LET LOVE MOVE IN

1 Corinthians Chapter 13.

Though I live in the most select neighbourhood and have all the latest mod cons, without love, I might as well dwell in a shack in the desert.

I may have wall to wall carpets in every room, the most fashionable drapes and suites of French brocade, but without love these are filthy rags.

I may have a digital TV, a computer, a fully automatic kitchen and every electronic device, but without love I am nothing.

Love is children's fingerprints on newly painted walls, a doormat well used by welcome guests, a settee well seated.

Love is sad when the doorbell is silent, when the telephone doesn't ring and when there is no-one with whom to share.

Love does not come to an end when there is mud on the carpet, when paint is spilt on the sink, or when the dog scratches the door.

Bricks and mortar will one day be beyond repair, chrome and polish will quickly tarnish; gadgets find their way to the bin.

But love goes on for ever. Qualities, not things, remain. Faith, hope and love are qualities, and the greatest of these is love.

(Taken from the Newsletter of the Beacon Church Centre, Rubery.)

GOD LOVES US

He simply loves us simply for who we are-his children.

Here is a reminder of some of the things God has to say about each of us;

'I made you in my own image and likeness, and when I made you, I saw that you are good.' (Genesis 1:27,31)

'I am silently planning for you in love.' (Zephaniah 3:17)

'Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.' (Isaiah 43:1)

'I, Christ, loved you, and sacrificed myself for your sake.' (Galatians 2:20)

EDITOR'S NOTE

Mike Parker asks for help.

This edition of Connections Magazine I have numbered as Number 1 as it is the first shared production between our three churches. Our Churches being closed, because of the restrictions at the moment, has resulted in less activity going on. This gives us the opportunity to design a Magazine which includes the type of content the reader wishes to look at and be informed about. Although "CONNECTIONS" has only a small circulation and we don't charge for it, we are still subject to copyright laws. I am still happy to reprint articles that have had an effect on you, that you'd like to share, but if possible, please try and include details of the source or at most an acknowledgement of where they came from.

I hope with this first edition you find something to inform, inspire and even amuse you.

The success of our magazine will be measured on the contributions which are submitted by our readers.

If you are the best person at MS, LR or C who is in the best position to send information, then please do so. Else it will not appear!

I am always open for good ideas, so please get in touch.

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Thank you for your contributions so far and please keep them coming.

The May edition will be published on the first Sunday in May. There will be no cut-off date. Articles are welcomed at any time. As Nike says "Just do it".

Roger Fern kindly sent me a copy of one of Chantry's newsletters and it contained "What's going on at Chantry" which I intend to include as individual Church information.

Mike Parker

Answers; Irene's Bible Puzzle which challenged you to find 25 books.

KINGS-AMOS-MARK-LUKE-JOHN-JOEL-JUDGES-JOB-HEBREWS-ESTHER-ACTS-JAMES-RUTH-ROMANS-TITUS-MATTHEW-GENESIS-HOSEA-LAMENTATIONS-REVELATIONS-TIMOTHY-SAMUEL-NUMBERS-MALACHI-PETER

SUNDAY SERVICE'S IN APRIL

| | Circuit Digital | | In-person Preacher | MS-LR-C-Zoom |
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| Maundy Thursday | Rev Joan Pell | 1st April | | |
| Good Friday | Rev Joan Pell | 2nd April | MS-LR-C Service 10.00am at Landseer Road with Rev Joan Pell | |
| Easter Sunday | Rev Matt Finch | 4th April | MS-LR-C Service 10.30am at Museum Street with Rev Joan Pell | |
| | Rev Mike Cassidy | 11th April | | MS-LR-C-Zoom with Rev Mike Cassidy |
| | Rev Stephen Yelland | 18th April | | MS-LR-C-Zoom with Rev Stephen Yelland |
| | Rev Jo Jacobs | 25th April | | MS-LR-C-Zoom with Rev Jo Jacobs |
| 4th April - The in-house service will be live-streamed. | | | | |
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