

METHODIST CHURCH, IPSWICH MUSEUM STREET

A town centre Christian church committed to enriching individual lives and the wellbeing of community



Prayer for our Church

We give you thanks, O God, for this Church to which we belong, the faith to which we bear witness and the fellowship that we offer. As we face the changes the future demands of us, may your Spirit challenge us to enlarge our vision of your Kingdom, binding us together as we step forward in faith in the service of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

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Ministers letter

In Romans 8 verse 26 we read:

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.”

Suitable words for our post Pentecost experience of the liturgical year, but also very suitable for those who go through traumatic experiences.

As the Spirit prays for us so the community of believers holds us in prayer, something I have been very grateful for over the past few weeks. It's a wonderful gift to offer others, the power and support of prayer. As Pentecost people we are also able to offer others the gift of hope. That reminds me of a story I heard a few years ago.

Two patients were in hospital on the same ward. Both were seriously ill but one was able to sit up while the other had to spend the time lying flat on the bed.

When the sun came out the patient who was able to sit up would describe the scene outside the window for the other patient. She spoke of a pond with ducks skimming over it. She described the looks on the faces of the children as they fed the ducks. The lovers as they walked together. The colours of the flowers, the texture of the sky. Through her descriptions the other patient was able to visualize the scene in her mind.

The weeks passed until one morning the nurse arrived to find the patient by the window had died peacefully in her sleep. Next day the other patient asked if she could be moved to the window and once there managed to prop herself up enough to look out of the window. To her dismay all she could see was a blank wall. She called the nurse and demanded to know why a wall had been built outside the window. The nurse explained that it had always been there and hadn't bothered the other patient since she was blind. She went on to suggest that perhaps the lady had described the scenes in order to encourage the other patient in her times of need.

We too can be like the blind patient, encouraging, praying and offering hope to others through their difficult times.

Blessings

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CHURCH DIARY

Wednesday 1 st	10.00am	Come and join us for coffee
	12.30pm	Hot Potato Lunch and Service
Saturday 4 th	10.00am	Come and join us for coffee
Sunday 5 th	10.45am	Rev Chris Jowett including Sacrament of Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Town Churches Service
Monday 6 th	7.30pm	Church Life Meeting
Wednesday 8 th	10.00am	Come and join us for coffee
Thursday 9 th	1.00pm	Ipswich Arts Concert by The Birbeck Singers
Saturday 11 th	10.00am	Come and join us for coffee
	7.00pm	In Harmony Charity Choir Concert (see Notice Board)
Sunday 12 th	10.45am	Worship Leaders
Wednesday 15 th	10.00am	Come and join us for coffee
	10.00am	Holy Communion
Saturday 18 th	10.00am	Come and join us for coffee
	7.30pm	Eastern Recorder Concert (see Notice Board)
Sunday 19 th	10.45am	Richard Vickerstaff
Tuesday 21 st	2.00pm	Tea and Talk
Wednesday 22 nd	10.00am	Come and join us for coffee
Saturday 25 th	10.00am	Come and join us for coffee
	10.30am	Organ Recital "Tunes Familiar and Unfamiliar"
Sunday 26 th	10.45am	Deacon Georgina Brooks
Tuesday 28 th	12.30pm	Community Lunch
Wednesday 29 th	10.00am	Come and join us for coffee

SIMPLE FAITH

I cannot see the Lord on high
it's not within my power,
but I see evidence of him,
in every tree and flower.

I cannot hear his voice out loud,
but in the darkest night.
inside I hear a still, small voice
to tell me wrong from right.

I cannot speak in a normal way,
but I know that he is there,
and that he listens as I kneel
and talk to him in prayer.

I really know that he exists
and in him, I believe
and I know, if I confess my sin
his pardon, I'll receive.

By
Gerald List

THANK YOU

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL THE HELPERS WHO HAVE SERVED COFFEE IN THE PAST,

WE ARE SHORT OF HELPERS NOW ON SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAYS.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP PLEASE CONTACT JACKY WELLS FOR SATURDAYS ON 659314 OR CATHERINE WESTREN FOR WEDNESDAYS AND SUNDAYS ON 743724.

IT IS A GOOD TIME TO HAVE A CHAT WITH PEOPLE WE DON'T ALWAYS SEE ON A SUNDAY,

WHY NOT COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT GOES ON?!

Ipswich Round/Plan and Directory 2016-2017

If you wish to continue to receive or cancel the Ipswich Round/Plan, £1.30 covers 4 issues, Directory 40p annually, paid annually in August, or if anyone would like to order as a new customer. Could you please let me know by July 10th. Either speak to me at Church or phone 01473 710317 or Email brianjoy284@gmail.com.

Brian Pipe

EPITAPHS

Erected to the memory of J. Macfarlane
Drowned in the Water of Leith
By a few affectionate friends.

Various last words are attributed to Lord Palmerstone. The most famous are:

“Die my dear doctor? That’s the last thing I shall do”

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The inscription on the gravestone read,
“Here lies a Justice of the Peace and an honest man.”
A passer-by commented, “I wonder how they got two men into the same grave.”

Here lies the body of Jonathan Pound
Who was lost at sea and never found.

A tombstone, carved in the shape of an open book, has this inscription
Alfred Halstead, Book Editor,
Lent Sept 28th 1852
Returned May 14th 1907

The Life of the Church

Sunday Services

10.45 am Morning Service (creche available)

Holy Communion usually on the first Sunday Morning of each month and on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.00am
Baptisms and weddings by arrangement with the Minister

Weekly Events

Wednesday 10.00-11.30 am Come and join us for coffee and a chat
Saturday 10.00-11.30 am Come and join us for coffee and a chat

Other Meetings

Hot Potato Lunch and

Talk	First Wednesday of each month at 12.30pm
Get Together	Monthly Second Tuesday October to April at 7.30pm
Tea and Talk	Third Tuesday of the month 2.00pm except August
Youth activities	Please contact Chris and Maggie Finbow (680306)
Community Lunch	Fourth Tuesday of the month 12.30-1.30 pm except August
House Group	Monthly. Please contact Colin Westren (743724)

Items for the next Newsletter should be with Barbara Wearne by

Wednesday 15th June 2016

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