



June 2021

Minister: Rev. Joe Adams

Dear Friends,

Health update.

The last 7 months or so I have been struggling health wise and have become increasingly very unwell. I have worked solidly and tried hard not to let my declining health impact my work but finally this last few weeks I accepted the advice of the Dr's and was signed off work.

I was too unwell to work to be fair and the Dr insisted that I needed to concentrate on getting myself well before I try to help others or do my job. Like many of you I guess I don't like letting others down, and it took some persuading to stop; finally I did come to see that it would be impossible to get well if the stress of work wasn't removed for a time.

Thankfully the District and my Churches have been very supportive and their continuing prayers, and those of my friends and family have been invaluable.

After quite serious and invasive tests and a long month long wait for news it seems that Cancer and Crohn's have been ruled out now. I can't tell you how worried we have been and what a relief I / we have felt.

The Dr's now know what isn't affecting me but not what is, so investigations are ongoing to try to pinpoint exactly what has been going over the last many months, and God willing they can remove the pain and symptoms and life can begin to return to normal.

God bless you Joe

THURSDAY CIRCLE

Subject to the further easing of restrictions on 21st June, the first meeting of the Thursday Circle will be on Thursday 24th June at the new time of 2.30 p.m.

This will be a chance to 'catch up' on what others have been doing since we last met in March 2020. We will also consider our programme for July and August, which will be available a few days later. Please contact me if you don't automatically get a copy.

The following week, 1st July; we will play 'Countdown'.

Our meetings are primarily intended for women but men are very welcome to attend. We also welcome people from other churches as well as those who do not attend any place of worship whatsoever.

Please do support us as we seek to re-establish this group which, prior to the first lockdown, had been running since 1948!

Joan Gomer (Secretary)

PRAYER CORNER

Dear Heavenly Father

We pray for ministers and preachers who bring the good news of Jesus often in difficult and dangerous places.

We pray for the areas of the world where there is conflict and fighting and we think of the people in Israel and Palestine and we pray for a lasting peace to end the violence.

As we continue to follow the Covid guidelines we pray Lord for our Church family and dear friends, some who are unwell at this time and some who feel lonely and afraid.

We give thanks Lord that you are with us through these times to comfort and bless them.

We bring these prayers in the name of Jesus.

Amen

We pray for those experiencing illness in body or mind, and for those who practise the healing arts of medicine and nursing.

We remember families and communities emerging from the pandemic still feeling the pain of loss of loved ones.

May they experience God's love and comfort through our actions and our words.

Amen

OLD MEMORIES

As a child I lived in the village of Needham Market and this is where I went to Sunday School.

The year was 1954 and we had just moved from South Wales. My Welsh Nan had been caretaker at the Welsh Chapel in her home village and she wanted me to go to Sunday School. I was sent to the Congregational, but apparently didn't like it!

A couple were just starting a Sunday School at the little Methodist Chapel and so I was taken there along with 2 or 3 friends.

My Sunday School teacher was Mr Bugg. His family lived on a very remote farm two or three miles outside Needham with no modern facilities and every Sunday he would walk across the fields in all types of weather.

He had a lovely voice and I remember him singing "*Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life.*"

In the school room there was an open fire which Mrs Mowles would come and light early on a Sunday morning during the winter.

Every spring we would take part in the Scripture Union exam which would entail studying some Bible passages. Then on exam night when we had finished there would be a glass of orange juice and a Penguin biscuit.

When I was older I was keen to help with the younger children so I later had a little class of my own. In the 1970's there were 50 children on the register.

I remember many Sunday School teacher meetings at Mr and Mrs Mowles home at number 3, Park Road.

We would sit in their front room where there was always a warm open fire in the winter and make plans for all the important services which were centered around the children: Mother's Day, Easter, Sunday School Anniversary, Harvest and Christmas.

At the end of the meetings there would be a cup of tea and a homemade chocolate biscuit or a Suffolk rusk.

Before going home we would go into the kitchen to say goodbye to father Mowles who would often be watching his favourite TV programme, '*Ask the Family*' with Robert Robinson.

By the late 1980's the congregation was quite small and so the Chapel was closed.

The congregation joined with the U.R.C in Needham. Mr Mowles was interviewed on local radio and when asked "*How he felt*" - his words were "*We go forward in faith.*"

Those dear people continued on for many more years and Mr Mowles continued as a local preacher into his 80's.

We kept in touch with them by letter and by visits. On one occasion we had fish and chips with Mr Mowles and, as he would have done throughout his life, he said a prayer giving thanks for the fishermen who fished in all weathers for our food.

Mrs Mowles had to go into care and every day she used her Bible study notes and the carer would say "*Say one for me*" and her reply was "*I always do.*"

These kind and gentle people lived a simple life which was faithful. They never travelled far and a favourite outing was to Felixstowe.

When I went to Mrs Mowles' funeral I was pleased to see former 'children' still involved and now growing up with their own families.

So we can never know how seeds of faith can one day change lives.

A seed only grows when it is watered, nourished and encouraged and so faith grows in life in the same way, sometimes lying quietly dormant for some time but when the time is right one day faith flourishes again.

Christine Duthie

NEWS OF FRIENDS FROM AFAR

We have recently been to Norfolk for a short break where we enjoyed joining the congregation at North Walsham Methodist Church in worship and communion. We felt very comfortable in the Church where Martin was baptised all those years ago.

Jon and Margaret (Bloom) and Peter and Gillian (Simpson) together with Mark send their best wishes to all.

Martin and Pauline Broom

We loved hearing all the news from Colchester and very much enjoy reading the Newsround.

We tune into Michael Topple's service on a Sunday evening and see a few familiar faces. It has been a proper little Sunday evening boost during the lockdowns, especially Communion, which Michael does once a month.

North Walsham Methodist Church opened for our first service on Easter Day and this has continued every Sunday since. It's pleasing to note that more and more people are attending as they are obviously getting 'braver.' For the last two Sundays we have had just over fifty in our congregation so everyone is happy with this. Unfortunately, we are still not allowed to sing but I do believe that some people have started singing behind their masks rather than just humming!

Gillian and Peter Simpson

NAN HYMAS

We have heard from Nan's son Michael that his mother has gone to live in a local care home as she requires more help with her every day needs. Her son lives close by.

The care home is opposite the Methodist Church she attends and when things improve she will be taken there by her carers.

We send Nan our love and best wishes.

Graham and Christine Duthie

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH GOD

Early in the morning,
at the beginning of my day,
I spend a quiet moment
to listen and to pray.
I keep in touch with God,
I talk to him anytime,
knowing he will listen to me
and read these thoughts of mine.
For God is love, he is love
and he is always there to hear me.

When I'm walking down a busy street,
or a quiet country lane.
Being jostled in a crowded room
or on my own again.
I keep in touch with God,
I talk to him anywhere,
knowing he will listen to me,
knowing he will care.
For God is love, he is love
and he is always there to hear me.

And when night-time comes, I talk to him
about how my day has gone.
Ask protection for those I love,
both near and far from home.
I keep in touch with God
and talk to him in the dark,
knowing he will listen to me
when all my world is quiet.
For God is love, he is love
and he is always there to hear me.

God is waiting for your message,
he is walking by your side.
He is there with help and comfort,
if you let him be our guide.
Keep in touch with God
and talk to him every day.
Don't wait for any special time,
or any special day.
For God is love, he is love
and he is always there to hear you.

Norma Peckston

KEEP UP TO DATE ON OUR WEBSITE:

www.wimpoleroadchurch.org.uk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Margaret and Keith Clubb – their son, *Stephen*, bravely fighting terminal cancer

Keith - also in a lot of pain and receiving treatment for many serious, ongoing conditions

Margaret – struggling at this difficult time for her family. Margaret is very appreciative for the lovely flowers sent from Joe and the church.

Jackie Anderson – back home after a spell in hospital but very poorly.

Rev. Joe Adams – Joe is grateful for prayers and support during this period while he remains on sick leave.

Any ministerial concerns please contact Rev. Alan Jenkins or a Steward.

Please don't forget, if you have stories or items that you would like to contribute to a future monthly Newsround please contact me by telephone, e-mail or post.

Tel: (01206) 869505 or e-mail: alison.ablewhite@btinternet.com

THE OCEAN OF LOVE

*We only see a little of the ocean,
A few miles from the rocky shore,
But O out there beyond,
There's more, there's more!*

*We only see a little of God's loving,
A few rich treasures from his mighty store,
But O out there beyond,
Beyond our lives horizon,
There's more, there's more!*

Source Unknown



WORKING TOGETHER



PRAYER MEETING Tuesday 10.00 - 10.30 a.m.

Meeting number: **195 594 506** password **011904**

Using the Northumbria Community Morning Prayer

BIBLE STUDY Thursday 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.

Meeting number: **780 700 295** password **011904**

Join on line via Zoom or

Dial in from your phone on:

0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240 or 0131 460 1196

FACEBOOK LIVE SUNDAY SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY at 11.00 a.m.

Usually led by Jonathan Sparkes, Joanne Eckersley or Rev. Lorraine Badger Watts.

SUNDAY SERVICE REPLAY

This is available for anyone unable to access the weekly Live Facebook service via the internet or web-site.

This is hosted via Zoom and allows people to simply dial into the call from their telephones.

We run this at **2.30 p.m.** every Sunday afternoon, normally hosted by Debbie.

Dial in details are set out below:

Phone numbers to use to dial in:

0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240

or 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 458 171 4255 {Password if needed is **011904**}