

## ***The Link Magazine***

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### **MINISTER'S LETTER**

Daniel has been unwell recently and has asked me to offer his apologies for the lack of a letter.

Barbara Holmes has sent me two meditations which she received in a Christmas card and which I feel are helpful. The first is by the late Cardinal Basil Hume and the second is anonymous.

Every year  
at this time  
we are asked  
to **escape**  
from the tumult  
of our hearts,  
to **put aside**  
our weighty cares,  
and **leave**  
our wearisome toil,  
to **enter** for a while  
into the inner chamber  
of our souls,  
to **listen** to God's Word.

The **Word** - calling us  
through the mist of ignorance  
and apathy  
to be silent,  
to listen  
to the sound of stillness,  
and to see  
in **the Child** born of Mary  
the **Word who became flesh**.



***Basil Hume***

Okay, He was not born in December  
 In a stable, in Bethlehem.  
 There was no donkey, no shepherds,  
 nor kings, not even wise men  
 And definitely no angels singing "Glory to God in the Highest"...

But He was killed on a cross as a common criminal.  
 He did change the course of human history.  
 He was dead but He wouldn't lie down.  
 And He became the Bread of Life,  
 The Living Water  
 The New Wine,  
 The God whom angels worship,  
 The Lamb of God.

So let us keep the feast.

**Anon.**

#### **PRAYER FOR CHANGE.**

*This prayer also appears in the magazines of our ecumenical partners, St Edmunds' and St Andrew's Churches.*

God of the impossible,  
 we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation.  
 And when the challenges seem too many  
 remind us of your resurrection power,  
 and the miracles of your love that happen  
 whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace.  
 Help us to hope that the impossible can happen and live as it might do so today.

**Amen**

*As we begin a New Year, Irene Rajah has drawn my attention to the following prayer:*

Lord Jesus, as we face an unknown future, help us to recognise where your hand has been at work over the years,  
 Bringing us to the place where we find ourselves today.  
 Be our rock, Lord Jesus, a foundation on which to build.  
 Help us to be faithful to our calling and to trust you in the years to come. Amen

*From the Methodist Church Prayer Handbook 'Jesus the first and Last'*

**WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY****LIDGETT PARK**

<b>4th Feb</b>	10.30 am	Revd Norma Davey	
<b>11th Feb</b>	10.30 am	Revd David Hall	
	6.30 pm	<i>Chapel Allerton MC</i>	
<b>18th Feb</b>	8.00 am	Revd Dr Daniel Mwailu	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30 am	Mr John Summerwill	
	4.00 pm	<i>Alwoodley MC</i>	<i>United Service</i>
<b>25th Feb</b>	8.00 am	Revd Dr Daniel Mwailu	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	10.30 am	Revd Dr Daniel Mwailu	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.30 pm	Revd Dr Daniel Mwailu	<i>Ecumenical Service</i>

**THORNER**

<b>4th Feb</b>	9.30 am	Revd Dr Daniel Mwailu	<i>Holy Communion</i>
<b>11th Feb</b>	9.30 am	Mrs Anne Vautrey	
<b>18th Feb</b>	9.30 am	Revd Susan Greenhart	
	4.00 pm	<i>Alwoodley MC</i>	<i>United Service</i>
<b>25th Feb</b>	9.30 am	Revd Robert Creamer	

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Hard to believe that it's nearly a year since the last Womens' World Day of Prayer, but it's almost upon us again. We at Lidgett are hosts this year and the service is prepared by Christian women of Surinam. Despite the title, men and children are warmly welcome to join us. Friday, March 2nd at 7pm.

See you then,

**Pat Nolan**

**ERRATUM AND APOLOGIES**

The editor apologises for the fact that the article in the Dec/January Link entitled **PUT YOUR HAND INTO THE HAND OF GOD - thoughts for the New Year** was wrongly attributed to Tom Anderson. It was, in fact written by **Tom Alexander**, who is one of our current local preachers. Tom Anderson was a local preacher in the North Leeds Circuit who died many years ago but who had been an influence on the editor during his own training, which is probably the reason for the error - a subconscious memory.

**BOOK REVIEW****“The Co-op’s Got Bananas” by Hunter Davies**

If like me you are feeling the effects of winter and disliking the month of February this book will have great appeal as an easy, amusing and interesting read.

Hunter Davies was born in Scotland but moved to Carlisle at the age of four and, other than another spell in Scotland, spent the rest of his childhood and youth in post war Carlisle living with his siblings on a council estate with memories of greyness, dreariness, noise and smoke.

He writes of tasting his first banana, wrestling with the complexities of gas masks, enduring the discomforts of the shelters and queuing with the ration book for food and sweets, memories which will ring bells for many of us! Despite developing asthma which later exempted him from National Service plus problems with an ailing father finally diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, he won a place at Durham University and writes amusingly of his student days.

It was during a long summer vacation when standing in a Carlisle cinema queue that he met Margaret Foster who became the love of his life and his book tells of their courtship and his lifelong marriage to Margaret, a famous writer in her own right.

To quote The Express paper “Davies is a wonderful companion, leading readers down memory lane with great chumminess that will really resonate with those of a certain age”.

A really lovely read.

***Barbara Holmes***

**SOME THOUGHTS TO PONDER - ACTION**

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

*Galations 6.9*

Perform every action as though it were your last.

*Marcus Aurelius*

Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

In our era, the road to holiness necessarily passes through the world of action.

*Dag Hammarskjold*

## WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

*By Kay Heitsch • October 20, 2017*

If I decorate my house perfectly with matching pillows, perfect lighting and all the right colors, but do not show love, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, making perfect meals with healthful ingredients, but do not show love, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, visit people in nursing homes and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love, it profits me nothing.

If I volunteer every chance I get, but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the cleaning to kiss the husband.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's life, but is thankful for what they have.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Love never dies!

What's LOVE got to do with it? Everything!

*With thanks to Ray Mouncey for bringing this to our attention Ed.*

'Tis God gives skill, but not without men's hands. He could not make Antonio Stradivari's violins without Antonio.

*George Eliot*

## A MESSAGE FROM REV JOHN SADLER to the Church Family at Lidgett Park

Dear Friends

Bereavement is a life changing experience and my journey at the moment is one of sadness and loss. I feel diminished at Betty's passing and am slowly coming to terms with what it means in the now and in the months ahead. I do however wish to express my profound thanks for the cards, letters and greetings I and my family received from Lidgett Park. The love and the prayers have sustained and enabled us to find strength in our weakness. You will all appreciate that Christmas this year will be very different for us and will understand that for me to focus on a large Christmas Card list is putting pressure where really there is no need. Please therefore understand that I shall not be sending the usual amount of Christmas Cards and will be making an appropriate donation to Cancer Support and Marie Curie.

The Christmas Message is also life changing in that Jesus enters our world of joy and sorrow, expressing perfectly the timeless realities of Grace, Mercy and Love. These are the priceless resources which enable us to bear the unbearable and find a sense of peace amid much anxiety. The Christ Child brings light into our darkness and hope in and beyond the shadows of despair.

I wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. May God Bless you.

**John**

*John's letter was posted on the church notice board before Christmas but I decided to reproduce it in the Link with John's permission because it is a personal testimony about the meaning of our Christian faith. Editor.*

### **LEEDS AUTISM SERVICES**

I would just like to thank you for making Leeds Autism Service your chosen Charity of the Year. Myself and Iain were thrilled with the amazing efforts of your congregation and it is a real honour to have raised £7,836 on behalf of LAS.

Just to keep you updated – we have received a quote for fitting a brand new LifeSkills kitchen here at our Grape Street, Hunslet site. We are planning on using some of your kind donated funds towards this so hopefully our service users will be 'cooking up a storm' in time for Christmas. Without your help we couldn't have done this so thank you very much again. Kind Regards,

***Danielle Furness Partnership & Development Officer***

***Leeds Autism Services (LAS)***

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## AFTERNOON TEA AT LIDGETT (À LA BETTY'S)

Just before Christmas we were treated to a wonderful afternoon tea at Lidgett. There were beautiful sandwiches (without crusts), a seemingly endless supply of cakes and scones all served on fine china and “proper tea from a teapot”. We were waited on ‘hand and foot’ by a group of ladies in starched aprons and an indefatigable David Wilks kept us in high spirits with musical accompaniment throughout. It was a splendid afternoon with all the proceed going towards our church project for 2017/2018. The accompanying pictures give an idea of what we enjoyed.

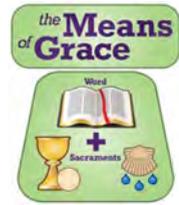
### *A satisfied customer*



## WHAT DID LUTHER EVER DO FOR US? – A series reflecting on the influence of Martin Luther on Methodism by John Summerwill

### 4. Priests and Sacraments

The Catholic Church in Luther's day had (and still has) seven sacraments: baptism, confirmation, the mass, penance, anointing of the sick, ordination, and matrimony. Bishops perform confirmations and ordinations: the others (except baptism) are valid only if performed by a Catholic priest, who must himself have been ordained by a Catholic bishop. Luther's reflections on what he saw as the corrupt nature of the Church in his day led him to the conviction that the power of the priestly hierarchy, and the wealth that went with it, were unscriptural and wrong, and that the only true sacraments were those commanded by Jesus. Good priests might help people to come to saving faith: priesthood itself, though, was often a barrier to faith because people wrongly thought that only priests could come near to God, and their monopoly of the sacraments gave them too much power to interfere in the lives of their flock.



‘To call popes, bishops, priests, monks and nuns the religious class, but princes, lords, artisans and farm-workers the secular class is but a specious device invented by certain time-servers. But no-one ought to be frightened by it, and for good reason. For all Christians whatsoever really and truly belong to the religious class and there is no difference among them except in so far as they do different work ... For baptism, gospel and faith alone make men religious and create a Christian people ... The fact is that our baptism consecrates us all without exception and makes us all priests (I Peter 2:9, Revelation 5:9-10).  
—*Appeal to the German Ruling Class*

Thus Luther taught ‘the priesthood of all believers’. He held that there is no ceremony or task for a priest or bishop that could not be performed by any baptised Christian. He rejected altogether the idea that in ordination God changes someone’s status indelibly, seeing it as only the church authorising someone to fulfil a task:

‘There is no other Word of God than that which is given all Christians to proclaim. There is no other baptism than the one which any Christian can bestow. There is no other remembrance of the Lord’s Supper than that which any Christian can observe and which Christ has instituted. There is no other kind of sin than that which any Christian can bind or loose.’ —*Concerning the Ministry*

Luther believed the key role of priests and bishops is to preach the Word. He recognised that there is a need for trained ministers and that different people have different callings

and talents. In practical terms, therefore, it remains desirable to have qualified pastors and overseers, who should be chosen by the church communities they lead.

One important consequence was that he saw no continued need for the so-called 'religious' to be celibate or to cut themselves off from the world in monasteries and nunneries. One could be a minister and live a normal married life, as he chose for himself.

All this is familiar to Methodists, for our own understanding of the status and role of our ordained ministers is fully in line with Luther's. Like him, we regard the hierarchy of offices from deacon to pope via bishops, cardinals and others as an unnecessary, unbiblical and essentially worldly construction. We see ministers as different from lay members of the church in their vocation and role, not in their status. Normally they baptise, preside at Holy Communion, conduct weddings and funerals, make pastoral visits, etc., but all of these can be done by lay members, though it requires authorisation from Conference to preside at Communion and, for legal reasons, only an authorised celebrant may conduct a marriage ceremony. In this we occupy a sort of middle ground, not eliminating ordained ministry altogether like the Quakers and some independent churches, nor following the Catholic episcopal tradition like the Anglicans. Our superintendents and district chairs are different from other presbyters only in the work they do: they are not members of a higher order of ministry; they lose their title when they retire or resign. The greater part of Methodist worship is led by local preachers, who are trained and commissioned for their church work yet earn their living in secular occupations.

Outside Britain some Methodist Churches have bishops: attempts to introduce episcopacy here have always met stiff opposition based on 'the priesthood of all believers' and a visceral distaste, like Luther's, for the trappings of power.

Only two of the seven sacraments were, he claimed, commanded by the Lord in scripture and therefore to be treated as effectual sacred rites—baptism and the eucharist. (He was rather ambiguous about penance, sometimes calling it a sacrament, sometimes not. It had a part to play in early Methodism, in that Wesley's most committed followers formed themselves into 'bands', close-knit groups who met to share a private spiritual intimacy. It is lost from Methodism now.)

Luther reinterpreted the eucharist in a radically different way from Catholic tradition. Catholicism saw the Mass as a re-enactment of the sacrifice of Jesus (hence the use of an 'altar' and a priest) and held that the bread and wine, when properly consecrated, were changed into the actual body and blood of Christ by transubstantiation. This gave rise to superstitious beliefs about their efficacy, and for various reasons worshippers other than the priest were allowed to receive only the bread, not the wine (called 'communion in one kind'). Many medieval priests made a living out of saying daily mass for the souls of rich benefactors who endowed chantry chapels so that the masses said for them would reduce their time in Purgatory and speed their path to heaven. All this Luther swept away.

The sacrifice of Christ was made once for all on the cross: it never needs to be repeated, so no altar or priest is required. The only sacrifice needed now is the sacrifice of our souls and bodies to Christ (Romans 12:1). The bread and wine remain bread and wine: there is no magical transformation in them. However, unlike the more radical Swiss Protestant, Zwingli, Luther did not think that the eucharist was merely a memorial of what happened at the Last Supper. He taught the 'real presence' of Christ, who is with us always and particularly when the Christian community gathers at his table. Worshippers were to receive both bread and wine, as scripture commands. What makes the Lord's Supper a sacrament, a means of grace, is not the ritual, nor the status of the person who presides, but the faith of those who participate and their spiritual union with Christ.

The most revolutionary feature of Lutheran eucharists was that they were in common German, not the traditional Latin. Luther wanted to involve people in active participation in worship, so using the vernacular language removed another barrier, another distinction between priest and people. All this, too, we Methodists can recognise as our inheritance from Luther.

On the whole Methodism has been content with Luther's view of the ministry, though not all Methodists understand the difference between ministers and priests. There are times when people want ministry that they can believe is divinely empowered, especially when they need assurance of forgiveness, or healing, or a blessing in time of danger, or the certainty that their marriage is made in heaven. Catholic and Anglican priests may have an easier time than Methodist ministers in being treated as persons who carry such authority: it is inherent in their office. Some Methodists do regard ordained ministers as priests, and some ministers think of themselves in that way. For others, though, ministers are no different from anyone else except in the job they do.

Methodists would not take at all easily to the demand for obedience that the Catholic Church requires, especially when a celibate male clergy seems so out-of-touch with the membership in matters of gender equality and sexual ethics. Ecumenical progress hits a barrier when Methodists refuse to accept that our ministers need to be reordained by a bishop or that priests alone can perform valid sacraments. Some will say that it is time for the Methodist minority to give in and rejoin the mainstream within the traditions of Anglican and Catholic ministry for the sake of the unity of the Church. Others will say that Luther was right: it would be foolish to give up our freedoms and revert to an unbiblical, irrational, semi-magical understanding of church leadership. I'm with Luther on that.

***Next time: Worship***

## CAROLS AND MUSIC

It was wonderful to see the church packed for the annual Christmas Concert with the Wendel Singers and The Y.E.P. Brass Ensemble. Their reputation for the quality and variety of music which they produce year on year ensured a wide audience of church members, band and choir friends, families and visitors who yet again listened, hummed along with the tunes and joined in with a good sing of familiar carols. The mince pies and drinks at the interval gave an opportunity to chat with old friends and meet new ones. It was an evening of enjoyment which produced an atmosphere that was a perfect start to Christmas.

As Joe introduced the evening he promised a variety of old and new, fast and slow, sacred and secular music and that is exactly what we had. The choir started the evening with *Walking in the Air*, a beautiful, gentle melody from *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs and ended with the rousing *Praise Ye The Lord of Hosts* by Saint-Saens accompanied by the band. The variety of songs in between these two meant that there was something for everyone. *The Colours of Christmas* and *The Very Best Time of Year* by John Rutter are always popular and many people were pleased these were included. Joe always manages to choose such a range of music and includes familiar as well as less well-known Christmas songs. It was good to see David Wilkes accompanying the Wendel Singers and it was a reminder of how lucky we are at Lidgett to have such a talent.

Although over the years we have come to know some of the band members, especially Becky as band leader, it was a pleasure to welcome Nick Meredith, their new conductor. He managed to select a wide variety of music which gave different sections of the band a chance to show their talents. Like Joe, Nick explained each of the three band selections so we knew what to look out for, soloists, crescendos, contrasts, melodies and unusual tempos. The *We Three Kings* jazz waltz was probably new to many and was it a nod to *Strictly Come Dancing* that we had an Argentine Tango? For many of us we would not feel the band had done its job if we did not have *Santa Claustrophobia* with the amazing medley of Christmas tunes. Diane and Kath on percussion were kept busy throughout the evening and that was after the work involved in getting the instruments into church – and then out again at the end of the evening!

We owe a huge thanks to Joe and Nick for their work in planning the programme of music and for all the rehearsing time that obviously went in to producing such

polished performances. Thank you also to David and all the choir and band members who over many weeks have committed themselves to learning and practising the pieces to get ready for the concert.

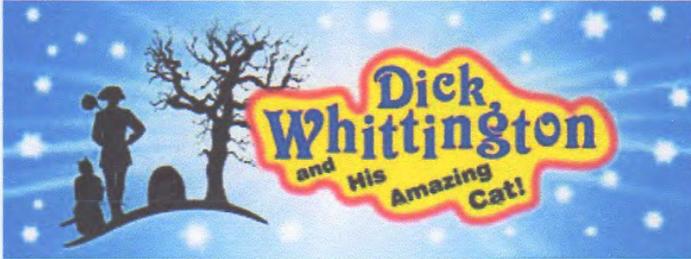
The evening was organised by the Project Group who are coordinating this years "Open Welcome" project and we are grateful to them for all their hard work in advertising the event, getting church ready, the refreshments organised and served so efficiently – and of course the clearing up afterwards. Thankyou also to a small band of people who set up and cleared the staging and seating. It was pleasing to know that over £1000 was raised towards the improvements at the main entrance to church.

And finally, thank you to all who attended and supported the church and musicians – and we look forward to next year!

### ***Ruth Albiges***



LIDGETT PARK  
DRAMA GROUP  
PRESENTS



by Irving Theaker  
on Friday and Saturday  
9/10 February 2018

and 16/17 February 2018

at 7.00pm



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## NIGHT SHELTER

St Andrews are hosting the night shelter from 19th -26th February. St Edmunds are hosting from 26th February until 12th March. There is a training session on Tuesday February 6th at 6.30pm at St Andrews in the sanctuary for new volunteers and anyone who would like a refresher . Both churches are looking for volunteers for various activities, both with the guests and behind the scenes. We provide breakfast, an evening meal, socialise, and an overnight stay for up to ten asylum seekers.

For more information or to sign up please contact:

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## THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Immediately after Christmas, I came across this newspaper article ( i, 26 Dec. ) which highlighted for me, and I suspect for you also, what the essential meaning of Christmas should be, in addition to celebrating Jesus' birth.

Emma Freeman, who with her partner has 3 young children, was at work in her local Marks and Spencer on 15 December, when she began chatting to 80 years old Don Rothausen. Don told her that his wife had died 5 weeks previously, that he had lost all enjoyment in life, and that he was planning to spend Christmas alone. They chatted for 20 minutes. Emma, who had recently lost her mother-in-law, recalled that she cried in the store when she heard Don's story. However, when they had finished chatting, Don bought her a bunch of flowers to cheer **her** up.

Emma thought that she probably wouldn't see Don again, but at the same time she felt sad and "couldn't stop thinking about him". So what did she do? She posted a message on her local **We are Northamptonshire** Facebook page. As a result a number of people who knew Don put him in contact with Emma again.

The outcome? Don spent time with Emma and her family over Christmas. What did Emma say? "He's part of our family now, and we will never let him go again". What did Don say? "I have been adopted into a loving family. What more could I ask for at Christmas time"?

A heart warming story isn't it and one which shows that, contrary to what we are hourly exposed to via the media which seems to almost worship violence, there is much goodness in our world after all.

**Gerry Leake**

## THOUGHTS FROM A HOUSE GROUP.

The joint Thursday House Group with Shadwell Methodist Church has been studying the book *Why Go to Church?* by John Pritchard. The first chapter is entitled *Reasons for not going to church?*. We found this to be a rather negative chapter, but it provoked a lot of discussion. It raised some important questions about the language we use in church, the fact that some people find the institution alienating, the lack of familiarity of many people with the form of much of our worship and the lack of warmth and welcome in many churches. It spurred us on to think about ways in which we could engage more effectively with our communities.

The second chapter *Why is it worth going to church?* attempts to put the other side of the argument, but we found this rather unconvincing I am afraid. The reason for this is not so much that many of the points made were not important ones (for example, because we are on a journey; because we are looking for a framework for living; because churches make an honest attempt at community in a culture that has forgotten how to do it; because when times are hard, there are resources to be found there) but because he never acknowledges that non-church organisations also perform these functions successfully for many people.

He tries to address what is special about the church in the next chapter, *What is the church for?* His answer is that the primary task of the church is to worship God. Those of us who are committed members of a church would have no difficulty with this and there are some useful points made about the nature of worship, but if this is a book meant to help the uncommitted, the argument makes too many assumptions to be convincing. He does, however, make the useful point that we tend to become what we worship, for example, a worship of money makes for greed, as worship of power for ruthlessness etc. So, if we worship God then we hope we become more like Christ, that we “put on Christ like a garment” to use the words of Paul.

The second half of the book has sections talking about different types of church, how to make the most of the service and how to find out more about what any particular church offers. The content has a bias towards his own denomination (Church of England) but many of the points apply to Methodism. For me the most telling point is that churches are for joining and not for tasting. There may be things that irritate or fail to satisfy, but only by being part of the community and getting involved, despite all the limitations, do we start to experience its true value.

In general, the series of books we have been using have been helpful. This book has been less so than some of the others, in my opinion.

**Stan Pearson**



## THORNER NEWSLETTER

Where does the time go? Here we are in February! However, I must tell of what occurred at the events that I reported to you in the Dec/Jan issue. Our Christmas Fayre held on Nov18<sup>th</sup>, thanks to your support, raised a magnificent £386:00 for Thorner Methodist Church Funds. Without the support of the Lidgett folk this sum would not have been possible. Thank you SO much for supporting our fund raising events. Our next coffee morning is scheduled for Sat March 17<sup>th</sup> from 10-12noon in aid of Martin House Children's Hospice and will be held at our TMC Social Centre. Bacon Butties will be served at this event and we'll have our usual cake and fancy good stalls. Please support this worthwhile cause if you can.

On Sun Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, we held our joint Ecumenical Covenant service with St. Peter's at St. Peter's church. We also celebrated the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (OPCU) even though we were a week early! The service was very well attended and appreciated by all who came. It was good to worship together!

Our next ecumenical event will be our Lent Course which will begin on Mon February 19<sup>th</sup> and will run for five weeks, finishing on Mon March 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be held at Thorner Methodists' Social Centre, 10am for refreshments with a prompt 10:15am start. It's a York course entitled; 'On the Third Day.' It's a brilliant course written by Bishop John Pritchard so do come along and join us if you can! You'll be made very welcome!

Sadly, due to lack of numbers, our Women's Wednesday Fellowship closed at the end of December. May I take this opportunity to thank all the speakers who have come to Thorner and shared their time and stories with us over many years. God Bless

***Ann Johnson***

***Thorner Methodists' Senior Steward***

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No one need search for a programme of action or a crusade. The world and suffering humanity create the agenda for those who have eyes for human misery, ears for the stories of oppression and degradation, and hearts to respond to the distress of our human family.

*Basil Hume*

**LIDGETT PARK LADIES' GROUP**

We meet in the Community Hall on alternate Thursday evenings at 7.45 pm. There is usually a Speaker, refreshments, and good company. Do come along and join us, you'll be made very welcome.

**8th Feb.** We have Sue Woodcock (from the Yorkshire Evening Post) coming to give a talk called "Something from Nothing". Sue usually tells very amusing tales.

**22nd Feb.** Please note that this is an **OPEN** meeting. Well known to most of us at Lidgett Park, Sue and Alan Wittrick are going to give us their observations on "Changing times in Myanmar", their latest adventure.

**Lynne and Anne**

**Thorner MC Fund Raising Events Programme for 2018**

Sat Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon	Martin House
Sat Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10-12noon	Home and Overseas Missions
Sat Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon	St Gemma's
Sat Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon	MHA/AFC (50/50)

**SHADWELL METHODIST CHURCH *Cafe Morning* 10.00 am - 12.30 pm**

*Dates and specialties as follows :*

<b>20th February</b>	Pancakes
<b>20th March</b>	Soups
<b>17th April</b>	Baked Potatoes
<b>15th May</b>	Toasties

There is also a wide range of delicious home-baked cakes and scones and a variety of styles of coffee.

**ECUMENICAL SOUP LUNCHES 2018**

Quakers	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Immaculate Heart	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm
Raising money for Christian Aid and CAFOD	

**WHO'S WHO**

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Senior Communion Steward	Val Faint	2663433
Room Bookings (long term)	Jackie Bennett	2684914
Room Bookings (one-off )	Patricia Davies	2663090
Junior Church Contact	Peter Bennett	2667380
Pastoral Secretary	Marion Bright	8084187
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Church Notices	Pat Brooke	2678506
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Christian Aid Organiser	Heather Fry	2933784
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Chair of Project Group	Margaret Farrar	2931867
House Groups	Margaret Mattocks	2668727
	Stanley Pearson	2736463
	Gerry Leake	2664856
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	Anne Millett	2666910
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Women's World Day of Prayer	Pat Nolan	2663160
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Safeguarding Officers	Margaret Farrar (adults)	2931867
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