

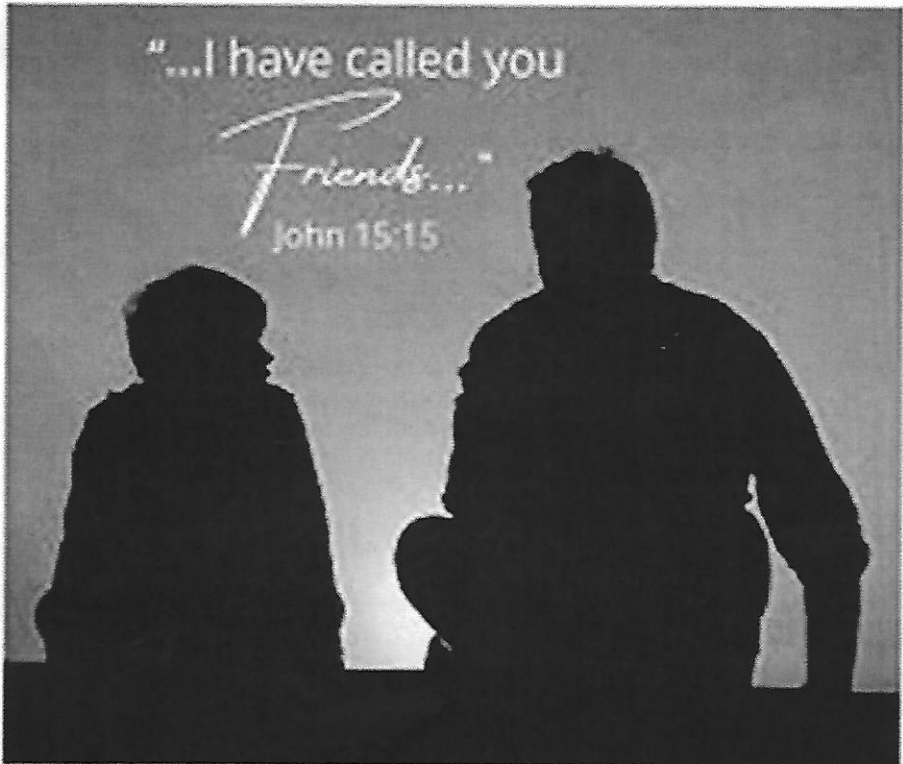


The **Methodist** Church

Stamford Circuit

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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 July 2024 Circuit Newsletter to:

Email:admin2322gmail.com

or by post to:

The Circuit Office at Stamford Methodist Church

Articles should be sent no later than Monday 3rd June 2024.



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Dear Friends,

Gosh, I am sooooo old-fashioned!! I've noticed in the last few years, the general tendency in customer service to bring everything down to base level. So, every shop I go in to, or restaurant or pub or café, I'm referred to as "buddy" or "pal" or "mate". I was in a hotel recently having coffee and cake and the waitress serving me referred to me as "Darling" throughout! I think if I tried to use that epithet the other way round, my wife might have something to say about it! In fact, my wife normally says to me (when I get all grumpy about this), "well, what do you want them to call you - Sir?" "Yes, madam" I replied curtly, "that is exactly what I want them to call me". I mean it was okay in 1985, so why not now? See what I mean about old-fashioned?

I guess it's a way of just trying to be friendly and saying basically we are all in the same boat; there is no strata, no customers and assistants, just a general melee of humanity. I think I may have to put up with this for quite a while yet.

Interestingly, my worldview is thrown into question by Jesus himself, who says in John's gospel that he no longer calls us servants, but friends. Yes, we are his buddy/pal/mate (probably not darling, though who knows?) and that he has made it his business to stoop low in front of us and wash our feet and walk alongside us and share our experience and pain. That is a humbling thing to hear, that the Creator of the Universe is the one who calls us friends.

He also speaks to us specifically and not just generally, calling us by name, the Bible says. Jesus meets Mary in the garden and addresses her by name; he meets Peter on the seashore and asks him directly "do you love me?" He says in John chapter 14 (perhaps I hear this rather resonantly) "Philip, have I been with you all this time and you do not know me?"

So friends – yes, but up close and personal. The God who knows us loves us, gets down to our level and calls us his friends.

Okay buddy?

Your friend, Phil.

(or Mr Jones, sir, if you prefer)

Pray without Ceasing June 2024



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. Ryhall Chapel
4. Thurlby Chapel
5. Uppingham Church
6. Rev Ruth Charlesworth
7. Barn Hill Church
8. Bourne Chapel
9. Deepings Church
10. Those who use our premises on Mondays
11. Those who use our premises on Tuesdays
12. Those who use our premises on Wednesdays
13. Rev Bekkie Wright
14. Empingham Chapel
15. Ketton Chapel
16. Oakham Church
17. Phil Jones Circuit Mission Enabler
18. Peace in a troubled world
19. Julia Husbands CF&YM Enabler
20. Those who use our premises on Thursdays
21. Those who use our premises on Fridays
22. Those who use our premises on Saturday
23. Our Local Preachers
24. **
25. Time for relaxation & Leisure
26. Circuit Administrator Rowan
27. Supernumerary Ministers
28. **
29. All those who govern locally or nationally
30. Circuit Officers

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO DINNER

☺ **FREE OF CHARGE** ☺

at 6.30–6.45 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

at our home in Uffington

on

Tuesday 11 June 2024 and

Thursday 3 October 2024

There are seven Feasts of the LORD in the Bible: three in the spring, one fifty days later, and three in the autumn. Passover (Pesach) was on 22 April this year

Pentecost (Shavuot) is fifty days later falling on **Tuesday 11 June** this year.

Then, in the autumn, the first of the three feasts is Rosh HaShanah (Head of the Year), which is known in the Bible as Day of Making a Noise (Yom Teruah) and is now the Jewish civic new year falling on Wednesday 2 October this year. But there is a church meeting that night involving so many people that we have decided to celebrate the end of the day rather than the beginning. You are invited to come on **Thursday 3 October**; rather than 2 October.

Please note this is a change of date from what was advertised in the last magazine.

All the other arrangements remain the same.

On both date you are invited to our home to have a meal and think a bit about the symbolism of the feasts for Christians.

There is a tradition that the head of the home provides for their guests, and we like to keep this tradition as it is a picture of God having provided Jesus for us. So, please do not bring anything except yourself if you would like to come. All we ask is that you please:

- Book in by either emailing us at **biblouj@gmail.com** or phoning **07957 992003**.
- Arrive at our home in Uffington at 6.30–6.45 p.m. for a 7.00 p.m. start as there is a tradition that the evening does not start until everyone has arrived.

The evening will finish at about 9.45 p.m. and **we will give our address to people who book in.**

You are welcome to book in for one or both evenings until we are full. The food will be gluten and dairy free buffet-style, and vegan food will be available for those wanting it. Please let us know, when you book in, if you have any other dietary requirements.

Feel free to phone or email us if you have any questions relating to the invitation.

Hugh and Jane Allen

Stamford and Rutland Circuit Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
JUNE			
Sunday 9th	3pm	Farewell Service for Rev. Helen Cameron as Chair of the Northampton District	Wesley Memorial MC, Oxford
Tuesday 11th	7.30pm	Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting (including Annual Rededication and Holy Communion)	Empingham MC
Thursday 13th	8.30am	Circuit Ministry Team Meeting	Wothorpe
Wednesday 19th	7.30pm	Circuit Meeting	Bourne MC
Friday 21st		Circuit Leadership Team reflection afternoon. Led by Rev. Kim Shorley	Elton MC (Peterborough)
Thursday 27th to Wednesday 3rd July		Methodist Conference	Leeds

GIFT DAY - EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

We are very grateful to our generous members and friends who supported our recent Gift Day, we raised £1,500.

The vestry at Empingham Methodist Church needs urgent repair, there is wet rot in the floor which needs to be dealt with before it spreads, this has caused further damp problems in the room. The estimated cost for repair will be around £10,000.

We are applying for grant aid and fund raising.

NEXT FUND RAISING EVENT IS SATURDAY 22 JUNE – 4PM. **EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH** **MUSICAL AFTERNOON with TEA & CAKES**

Children & young people playing various musical Instruments.

Donations towards the repair fund.

We look forward to your support.

Kaleidoscope Quiet Morning

'Good to be Alive' ~ Saturday 10th August 2024

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.

For this session please bring an object important to you

Tel: Linda Bosworth 01572 823965 to book a place.

Saturday 9th November 2024: *Psalms and Songs*

STAMFORD METHODIST CHURCH

OPEN DAY

2pm to 5pm
SATURDAY 6TH JULY

**We are planning to open the church
to show everyone what we do.**

**Every group in the church is invited to put on a
display showing these activities.**

**Everyone one is welcome and
Refreshments will be served**

STAMFORD GIFT DAY RESULT

The total achieved for the at Stamford Methodist Church for our Gift Day
was £20, 560.

We are now forecasting a surplus for the year ending 31st August, 2024.

Many thanks to everybody for their generosity and for making the day such
a lovely occasion.

We are doing further fund raising in order to prepare for the future expenses.
A car boot sale is already planned, so if you have any quality items, that can be
sold at a car boot sale for Church Funds, please contact Froom (Treasurer)
on 07789741432.


Thank you.

	Lectionary	2nd June	9th June	16th June	23rd June	30th June	7th July
		Ordinary 9	Ordinary 10	Ordinary 11	Ordinary 12	Ordinary 13	Ordinary 14
Bourne	10.30am	Charlesworth BM/HC	Cameron BM	Fytche BM	Pursehouse BM	Charlesworth HC	Local Worship
Deepings	10.30am	Pursehouse BM	Gent BM/HC	Hensman BM	Law BM	P Jones	Local Worship
			4pm Messy Church				Charlesworth Oddfellows
Empingham	10.45am	Wright BM/HC	Pursehouse BM/Café		M Jones BM/Café		Wright HC
				4pm P Jones TTC		3pm Local Worship	
Ketton	6.00pm	Charlesworth BM	P Jones BM	Hollins BM/HC	Wright BM	10am Hollins @ Tinwell CT/U	Bell
Oakham	10.45am	Cameron BM	Hollins BM	Wright BM/HC	Gent BM	Hensman	Cockburn
	3.00pm		Local Worship EAW				
Ryhall	10.30am	Ruzvidzo T BM	Atwell-King BM	Bell BM/HC	Hollins BM/Café	Law	Cappitt
	6.00pm						
Stamford	10.30am	Sworn BM	Bell BM/HC	Hollins BM	P Jones BM	Martin	Wood
	6.00pm						
Thurlby	10.30am	Cappitt BM	Charlesworth BM	Martin BM	Hensman BM	Bell HC	Hollins
	6.00pm						
Uppingham	10.45am	Cockburn BM	Wright BM/HC	Booker BM	Wright BM	Local Worship	Atwell-King
	6.00pm						
Sunday Prayers	10.30am	Atwell-King	Hollins	Charlesworth	P Jones	Martin	Wright

VISITING PREACHERS

Rev. Bryony Wood - Church of England Priest, Retford

Rev. Sarah Caddell - Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit

	Lectionary	14th July	21st July	28th July	4th August	11th August	18th August	25th August
		Ordinary 15	Ordinary 16	Ordinary 17	Ordinary 18	Ordinary 19	Ordinary 20	Ordinary 21
Bourne	10.30am	Booker	Caddell CA	Hollins	Bell HC	Bailey	Gent	Cappitt T
			Circuit Farewell U at 6pm					
Deepings	10.30am	Charlesworth HC	Cameron	Bailey	Cappitt	Law	Fytche	Booker HC
		4pm Messy Church	6pm at Bourne Circuit Farewell					
Empingham	10.45am	P Jones Café	4pm Wright TTC		Gent	Wright Café/ HC	Bailey	Atwell-King Café
			6pm at Bourne Circuit Farewell	3pm Local Worship				
Ketton	6.00pm	Hollins HC	6pm at Bourne Circuit Farewell	Hollins	Atwell-King	Local Worship	Hollins HC	M Jones
Oakham	10.45am	Ruzvidzo T	Wright HC	Collins	Wright	Local Worship	Wright HC	J Allen T
	3.00pm	Collins EAW	6pm at Bourne Circuit Farewell					
Ryhall	10.30am	No 10.30am Service	Hollins HC	Roberts Café	M Jones	Local Wor- ship	Hollins HC	Hensman Café
	6.00pm	3pm Wright OA	6pm at Bourne Circuit Farewell					
Stamford	10.30am	Hollins HC	Gent	Local Worship	Hensman	Hollins HC	P Jones	Cameron
	6.00pm		6pm at Bourne Circuit Farewell					
Thurlby	10.30am	Fytche	Charlesworth HC	Pursehouse	P Jones	Booker	Local Wor- ship	Cockburn HC
	6.00pm		6pm at Bourne Circuit Farewell					
Uppingham	10.45am	J Allen	Collins	Wright HC	Ruzvidzo	Cameron	C Allen	Wright HC
	6.00pm		6pm at Bourne Circuit Farewell					
Sunday Prayers	10.30am	Hollins	Charlesworth	P Jones	Law	P Jones	Wright	Pursehouse

REFERENCES

BM: Bible Month (focussing on Genesis) CA: Church Anniversary Café: Café Church CT: Churches Together EAW: Easy Access Worship
 HC: Holy Communion
 OA: Open Air T: Transport may be required (Church Stewards to please check with preacher) TTC: Tea Time Church
 U: United Service

Local Worship is intended to be planned, prepared and led using the gifts of local church members. (Church Stewards are responsible for coordinating these arrangements)

Sunday 2nd June 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23–3:6	Sunday 21st July 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Sunday 9th June 1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15) Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1 Mark 3: 20-35	Sunday 28th July 2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21
Sunday 16th June 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	Sunday 4th August 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a Psalm 51:1-12 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35
Sunday 23rd June 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 Or 1 Samuel 17:57–18:5, 10-16 Psalm 133 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	Sunday 11th August 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25–5:2 John 6:35, 41-51
Sunday 30th June 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	Sunday 18th August 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58
Sunday 7th July 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	Sunday 25th August 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69
Sunday 14th July 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	

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.

*Jesus said "I am the vine; you are the branches.
If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing" John 15:5 (NIV)*

Beryl Teasdale



SUMMER EXTRAVEGANZA

AT

BOURNE METHODIST CHURCH



Come and join us for an afternoon Strawberry Tea
and enjoy delicious strawberries and cream, scones, cakes and plenty of cups of tea.

On Wednesday 26th June from 2.30pm.

Tickets cost £10 and are available from Barry and Sandie Streets,
or you can pay at the door on the day.

Please PRAY for:

Bourne

We pray for our troubled world particularly the need for peace in countries involved in conflict especially in the Middle East.

We pray for those who are homeless, have little or no food and who are full of despair. Loving God you know who they are, make your presence and love known to them in their time of trial.

Deepings

Increased donations to the foodbank to cope with the increased demand from families. The development of the Bread and Butter group in the Deepings that works to provide groceries and fresh food.

Pray for all those who attend the AA group that meets on Saturday evening to help them overcome their addiction

Empingham

We give thanks for Empingham's ecumenical prayer group. We pray together for our churches and the village community.

Pray for the young families and newcomers attending Tea Time Church, Cafe Church and our 'Friendship' Tea Service, relaxed people friendly services encouraging faith and fellowship. Amen

Ketton

We thank God for some blissful summer days and for the rain to bring so much of God's creative beauty to life.

We continue to hold friends in prayer who are struggling with health or other issues; and remember especially the families of those who have died.

We thank God for the amazing Barn Weekend and for the fellowship and worship shared by so many throughout the Circuit... our thanks to everyone who worked so hard in planning and organising the weekend to ensure that we are... Better - Stronger - Together.

Oakham

Please pray for Bekkie as the changes to the pattern of Ministry in the Circuit are implemented, that she may soon find a welcome in her 'new' churches and continued support in prayer from those churches she is leaving. Pray for those in our church who grieve and those who very much miss loved ones.

Ryhall

We pray for the children of the village we meet in S4K and open the book.

We pray for our brothers and sisters as they mourn loved ones.

We pray for our ministry time as the time of change approaches.

We rejoice that we are children of God, saved and free.

We rejoice that we shall share worship in the open air as Mr and Mrs Hindmarsh open their garden door service and picnic.

Thank you Lord for everything.

Please PRAY for:

Stamford

Dear Lord we pray for;

those members of our church family who are ill and recuperating after serious illnesses, keep them safe Lord and may they feel your loving arms surrounding them.

for the young people in our church who are sitting exams – GCSE, A' Level or Degree – calm their nerves and uphold them in our prayers.

for all those who are travelling this month – keep them safe and be with them through a time of relaxation, allowing them to return refreshed and renewed.

Thurlby

We thank You Lord that our Church buildings are so useful to the people of this village. We pray that they may realise that they are coming into Your house when they are here, may they feel at home and welcomed. Help us to show the village that Church is not just for Sunday and that it can be relevant to their lives.

YOU'RE INVITED MOST WARMLY

To the leaving service for

**THE REV'D CANON HELEN CAMERON,
CHAIR OF THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT**

On 9th June 2024 at 3:00pm
followed by refreshments

WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST
CHURCH, OXFORD OX1 2DH

Please RSVP by 15th April to the District Office at email address
office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk

NB: using park and ride where possible is advised

STAMFORD METHODIST CHURCH



presents



8 times National Youth Brass Band Champions since 2016

3pm Sunday 7th July, 2024

Tickets £10 from the church
or Stamford Arts Centre (01780 763203)

*An afternoon of great entertainment
not to be missed*



All proceeds will be shared between Youth Brass 2000 and
Nixon Memorial Hospital in Sierra Leone
and the Stamford charity 'Bumps & Beyond'