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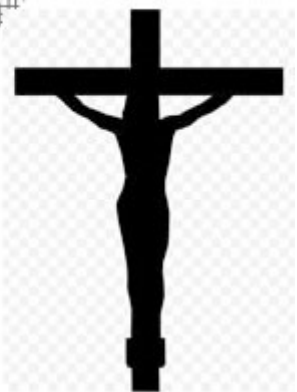
Valentine's Day is February 14.

Love should be spread and celebrated every day; we don't always remember to do that. So, on this dedicated day, go and express your love for family, friends, and of course, your significant other, and always remember.....

Those who died yesterday had plans for today,
And those who died this morning
had plans for tonight.
Do not take life for granted.
In the blink of an eye everything can change.
So, forgive often,
love with all your heart.

For God
so loved
the World...

You may never know
when you may not have
that chance
again.



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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend's in Christ

How time flies! Christmas and Epiphany have come and gone, and Lent will begin on the 2nd March. Just before Lent begins is Transfiguration Sunday which falls this year on 27th February.

Ask anyone who is around age 9 to 30 what is transfiguration, and they'll probably tell you that transfiguration alters the appearance or form of an object and is achieved through concentration, precise wand movements, and the proper pronunciation of an incantation! You can study the subject of transfiguration with Professor McGonagall at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, somewhere in the highlands of Scotland! But if you don't have an avid Harry Potter fan in your family, then the word transfiguration probably doesn't feature much in your vocabulary!

Transfiguration Sunday is the Sunday when we remember Jesus climbing to the mountain top with three of his disciples and as they watched, Jesus was transfigured into a dazzling brightness. Transformed or changed would be alternative words. What a holy, glory-filled moment. One that is hard to grasp and is not to be explained away as Hogwart's magic!

Glimpses of God's glory give us strength and hope. Sometimes a glimpse is all we get. And yes, it is frustrating. We prefer to have tangible, graspable, experiences of God, but sometimes mysterious glimpses are all we will see. In 1 Corinthians 13:12 (The Message), Paul says: *We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!* So, let us be open to the moments of glory that come our way.

And as we enter Lent this year, let's go on a journey of discovery and change as we climb the mountain together rising to the call.
In Christ,

-Joan

RISING TO THE CALL

7 Big Questions



**All are invited to a Lent Study
at Museum Street
on Thursdays at 10 – 11.30 a.m.
from 3rd March to 14th April.**

Rising to the Call is a study about the challenges and joy of discipleship. We will look at the Lectionary Year C gospel scripture passages as we ask seven big questions that can be applied to our discipleship in general and to issues of justice.

When Jesus was baptised by John, God assured him of his blessing, and the Spirit drove him into the wilderness to prayerfully seek out how to fulfil his calling. Jesus wrestled with choices of how to bring God's loving justice to life in the world for all time. After two years of our wilderness experience of Covid we have the opportunity, this Lent, to refocus our discipleship: bringing renewal and fresh purpose to the church and communities we serve. We too must wrestle prayerfully with today's big questions of justice to find God's chosen way for us. How can we bring sustainable justice for the climate and a justice of harmony and cohesion to society?

This study has been written collaboratively by Joan Pell and David Welbourn and they will co-lead this group. The circuit online worship services during Lent will also follow this theme, as will the sermons at Museum Street.

Download the study guide at: <https://methodistic.org.uk/rising>.

I know you are there.

When I stand in the shadow, of the high mountain, or walk beside the gently running stream.

I know you are there.

As I walk along the busy street, or stand in the crowded supermarket,

I know you are there.

When I look up into the starlit sky, or see the colours in a butterfly's wing,

I know you are there.

At the end of the day, in the still of the night,

I know you are there.

As I put my hand in yours, and walk towards the light, Loving God,

I know you are there.

I said a prayer for you today.

I said a prayer for you today
and I know God must have heard:
I felt the answer in my heart
although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind).
I asked Him to send treasures
of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He'd be near you
at the start of each new day,
To grant you health and blessings
and friends to share your way!
I asked for happiness for you
in all things great and small,
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all!

Author unknown

Teach our Children to Remember

Teach them to your children
And to their children after them,
The things our eyes have seen
The things we remember
From our parents telling.
And as the anniversary of armistice comes round
See again those sepia soldiers and their sweethearts,
Who lived and loved and longed for peace and home,
Watch today, as widows weep on News at Ten.
And in the hopelessness of history repeated
Let's teach our children
Of a different death,
Of one who overcame the world and death's destruction,
Who rose and lives
And opens up the way to peace.
Let's teach our children
To remember Jesus.

By Daphne Kitching (Deuteronomy 4:9)

Silence is the absence of noise, but peace is the presence of God.

Praying might be asking God fervently to send rain. Faith is carrying an umbrella.

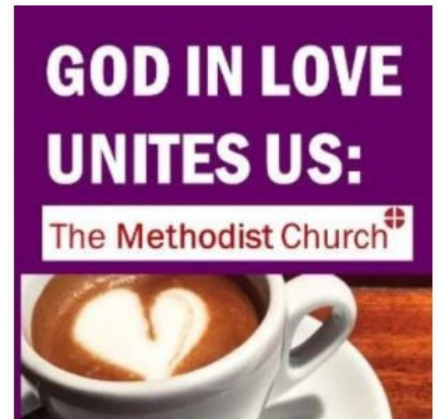
I don't have time to worry about who doesn't like me, because I'm too busy loving the people who love me.

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.
(Anon)

CHURCH COUNCILS

David Welbourn as the MS Church Council Secretary.....

.....asks us all to get prepared to vote.



Alongside the usual business of hearing reports of our work (or should that be our walk) in the Methodist Way, and setting the budget for 2022-23, we will be following up the three study group meetings Museum Street held in January, when we looked at the whole issue brought to light in the God in Love Unites Us report. Like all Methodist churches across the country, we are being asked to vote on whether or not we want our church to be open to marriage between same-sex couples. Our discussions and learning in the study group ranged much more widely than that as we considered how little the bible referred to marriage at all, let alone same sex relationships. We also looked at how our faith is supported and nurtured by reason, experience, tradition as well as biblical teaching, and accepted that there are widely disparate views about where the balance sits between these four elements.

Church Council is open to anyone to attend, but only those who are members are eligible to vote, because only they are the elected trustees accountable for all that is done in the church's name. Whichever way the vote goes in each of our three churches, it is important that we hold each other and our differences in Christian love and respect. Please pray for those making the decision for their respective churches, share your thoughts and come along to your church's meeting if you want to share your view to help those who will be voting.

Landseer Road	Tuesday 15th February at 2 p.m.
Museum Street	Tuesday 15th February at 7 p.m.
Chantry	Friday 18th February at 11 a.m.

The meetings will be open to all who wish to attend, but only church members can vote. If you have any concerns, or wish to know more, then do please speak to Rev. Joan in advance of the meetings.

We value all our members, and we will move forward, trusting in God's presence, as we live into the future together.

IT WAS FIRST SAID IN THE BIBLE

Few people realise that many of the sayings which they use today originate from the Bible. Here are some examples:



If you say, “I escaped by the skin of my teeth” you will be quoting something from the book of **Job 19.20**.

And if you feel something is “no more than a drop in a bucket” you will find this in the prophecy of **Isaiah 40.15**.

If something happens “in the twinkling of an eye” this comes straight from **1 Corinthians 15.52**.

If someone tries to find “a scapegoat” tell them to look at **Leviticus 16.10**. And if you say “A little bird told me” You will find it comes from the Old Testament book of **Ecclesiastes 10.20**.

And if someone sighs and says there’s “no rest for the wicked” you could point them to **Isaiah 57.21**.

How many people will say “the writings on the wall” without knowing that it comes from the book of **Daniel 5.5**.

And the expression “pride comes before a fall” can be found in **Proverbs 16.18**?

The saying “by the sweat of your brow” comes straight from **Gen 3.19**.

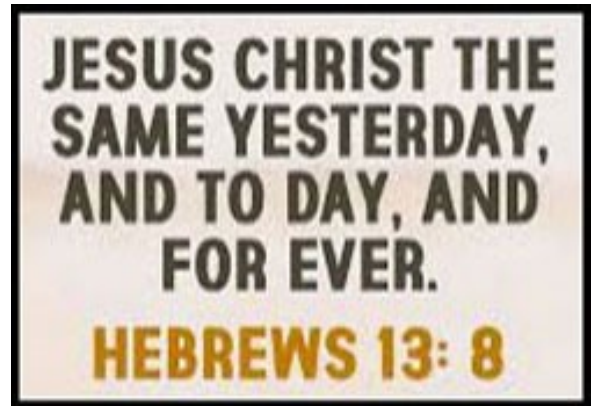
And “out of the mouths of babes” is in **Psalms 8.2**.

And finally, if after all this you are near your “wits end” you’d better have a glance at **Psalms 107.27**.

JESUS CHRIST

He has quite an impressive CV

- He was born in the humblest of settings, yet heaven above was filled with the songs of angels.
- His birthplace was a cattle shed, yet a star brought the rich and noble from thousands of miles away to worship Him.
- His birth was contrary to the laws of life and His death was contrary to the laws of death, yet no miracle is greater than His birth, His life, his death, His resurrection and His teachings.
- He had no cornfields or fisheries, yet He spread a table for 5,000 and had bread and fish to spare.
- He never stood on expensive carpeting, yet He walked on the waters and they supported Him.
- His crucifixion was the crime of crimes, yet from God's perspective no less a price could have made possible our redemption.
- When He died, few mourned His passing, yet God hung a black cape over the sun.
- Those who crucified Him did not tremble at what they had done, yet the earth shook under them.
- Sin never touched Him.
- Corruption could not get hold of His body.
- The soil that was reddened with His blood could not claim His dust.
- For over three years He preached the Gospel.
- He wrote no book.
- He had no headquarters and He built no organisation.



Yet two thousand years later He is the central figure of human history, the perpetual theme of all preaching, the pivot around which the ages revolve, and the only redeemer of the human race.

(From United Christian Broadcasters)

THE ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

David Welbourn reminds us.

I couldn't let the magazine deadline go past without reminding everyone how much the environment matters.

Life has been too busy this month to add much, except for two brief messages:

Do read elsewhere about the Lent study group – Rising to the Call. It has been a privilege and great fun to work with Joan to tease out a study series which we are proud to offer to the whole of the East Anglia District. Justice sits at the heart of the study, with climate justice being a strong theme, but the learning is intended to go much broader and deeper to enable us to rise from the wilderness time we have spent through the pandemic.

Please do join the study group, or even draw on the material on your own if you are not able to attend the group meetings.

The second nudge is to encourage everyone to look at the questions sitting behind the Ecochurch initiative.

This is something we have started to consider for the whole church in the Leadership and Resource Management meetings. But the questions are equally pertinent to individuals and families. They will help you take stock of how environmentally responsible you are.

You can find the questions here:

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Eco-Church-Survey-v2-January-2018.pdf>

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS



AN INVITATION AND OPPORTUNITY..

To Learn Something New...

I wonder how many people remember the Millennium Faithlift project. For those who don't, it was a bold scheme to prepare Museum Street for the new century, and we finished it a year early, completing it in time to dedicate the new open plan, welcoming look on Advent Sunday 1999. (You know I'm going to hold onto the fact that the new century didn't start until 1st January 2001).

We worked hard to consult and involve everyone in the run up to the change – no more pews, the controversial prospect of using the sanctuary for things beyond worship, and, even a glass cross! I don't think it ever has been used for table tennis, but even there I might be wrong. I doubt if anyone remains concerned that we have lost that powerful spirituality that imbues the sanctuary – I for one will never tire of its ineffable character when leading worship.

As you know, we have been investing in technology during the pandemic, and thanks to the inspiration of both Joan and Adrian, we have maintained worship in the best way possible through the ups and downs of the pandemic. We now have the capability to live-stream, and at our covenant service in January some members were able to worship with us and receive communion at home.



The technology now works reliably, with a few remaining practical arrangements to make the wiring more permanent, but like many of our aspirations for serving our community, our ambitions have to be trimmed back by our shortfall of willing and able people.

Sadly, over the next few months, we have to prepare for Joan and Adrian to return to their California life. The circuit will struggle even more with no sign of an immediate replacement, and this time, we will be one of the churches feeling the greatest loss. Developing our live-streamed ministry into a reliable, weekly commitment will be an important way to help both ourselves and the circuit to continue a powerful worship-centred presence.

To do this, we need more people willing to join our rota of those providing technical support. So...

I hear you. It is a step too far for many of our congregation. But, we offer people the opportunity to learn how to use modern technology that they may not otherwise have access to. The sort of technology which will open new doors for them in the future.

Many of our congregation have nieces, grandchildren, neighbours who would love the chance to familiarise themselves with this technology, and maybe receive a small payment for doing it. They may accidentally

get exposed to a caring, God-centred community along the way, and perhaps even dispel the myth that the church is boring and irrelevant.

I'd go so far as to say that everyone in the church knows someone who is worth asking, who might jump at this chance. We will be publishing training days in next month's magazine.

All we need is some people to turn up. PLEASE find those eager and willing minds and let Joan, Chris Finbow or I have their names. We will do the rest.

David Welbourn



Gardening God's Way

Plant three rows of **peas**: peas of mind, peas of heart, peas of soul.

Plant four rows of **squash**: squash gossip, squash indifference, squash grumbling, squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of **lettuce**: lettuce be faithful, lettuce be kind, lettuce be obedient, lettuce really love one another.

No garden without **turnips**: turnip for Church, turnip for meetings, turnip to help one another.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden, we must have **thyme**: thyme for God, thyme for study, thyme for prayer.

Author unknown.

WHAT'S THAT THE SIGN OF?

John Goodhand asks the question.

I was at university when I became interested in inn signs, and I began to photograph them in 1964. Nearly sixty years later I am still on the trail. They offer a fascinating insight into history — the real history which affects us all.



Many of the oldest signs have religious connections. If you visit a village, you will often find that the church and the inn are very close together. One catered for the spiritual needs of the villagers, the other for the bodily comforts.

We use the term 'pub' nowadays, and that is exactly what it was: a public house, a place where all were welcome, a meeting place, a community centre. Nowadays we use words like 'inn', 'tavern', 'public house' indiscriminately, but essentially a tavern was where you could get something to eat, while you would find accommodation at the inn.



We even find signs of the Church or Church House,

examples of which can be seen here, showing the actual parish churches: **The first is at Ludlow, and the second, complete with dove, at Buglawton near Congleton.**



I rather like the **sign at Garstang** showing the vicar and his congregation; I suspect that the young man is more interested in the young lady than in the hymnbook which they are sharing!



Not just parish churches are depicted on signs. **At Battle in Sussex, you will find the Abbey.** Before what we now call the Battle of Hastings, William of Normandy vowed that if he was successful, he would raise a great abbey in thanks to God, a promise which he kept.

At the Dissolution of the Monasteries the abbey fell into ruins, but the great gatehouse remains and is depicted on the sign.

Those early inns provided accommodation for pilgrims journeying to shrines, and for ordinary travelers. They wouldn't have been very luxurious: only the better-off would have been given private rooms while the rest made do with rushes on the floor. But that would be better than nothing. After all, some visitors to Bethlehem had to make do with a stable!

John is hoping to make this the first of many, to be included in future editions of the magazine, and would welcome your comments.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Thank you to all collection box holders and to those who gave me annual donations for Action for Children. The generous sum of £777.11p. which was collected in January.

Brian Pipe,
AFC Box Secretary

THE FORGOTTEN FLOOD

The day the floods came to Ipswich.

At the end of January 1939, Britain was experiencing the worst weather conditions for many years with fog, snow, ice, floods and gales preventing telephone and telegraph communications and stopping water and gas services.



Heavy rainfall and melting snow combined to cause devastating floods in Ipswich and other parts of Suffolk. The events of those few days caused at least three deaths and the homes of many thousands were flooded with up to 5ft of water. Those affected were mostly people living close to the River Gipping in Ipswich or around the dock area – the poorer people of the town.

The flooding in Suffolk was said to be the worst in 40 years and while many parts of the county were affected, the most graphic story of the weather came from Ipswich. Police in rowing boats rescued bungalow dwellers while furniture floated about in the streets. Ipswich police, assisted by the Boy Scouts, firemen and other helpers worked in shifts rescuing marooned families. People clambered into boats from their upstairs windows because it was impossible to descend the stairs.

Alice Butcher, was an 11-year-old and lived with her mother, bricklayer father and two older sisters, Irene and Joyce, in the town's Hadleigh Road. She tells her story.

The morning of January 26, 1939 was wet but to Alice much the same as any other as she set off for school. It soon turned out, however, that nothing else was to be normal about that day. "We took the bus to school in the midst of 24 hours of continuous rain," says Alice.

"The streets and houses close to the river were swamped with floodwater and my father, realising the danger, cycled through the floods to get to my school in Bolton Lane. He spoke to the headmistress, who was totally unaware of the problems, and anxiously told her to let the children go home as much of Ipswich was under water."

Alice managed to get onto a trolleybus from Electric House but floodwater prevented it going any further than at the junction of Handford Road and London Road. “As we were ushered off the trolleybus I felt completely alone,” Alice recalls.

“Luckily, the townsmen were pulling together and a small rowing boat arrived to take the smaller children to higher ground just beyond the first bridge crossing. Adults and older children had to wade up to their waists through the floodwater.

“I then walked to West End Road where I saw that the Seven Arches Bridge had collapsed and a rope had been strung across to replace the handrail. The water was gushing through and I knew that it would be impossible for a child of my size to get through it.

“Suddenly, a man picked me up and carried me through the swirling floodwaters to safety. It was such a relief, but more of a relief for my mum who was anxiously waiting for me at our home in Hadleigh Road.

“Her worries were not over though as her sister, Irene had still not arrived home, nor had my father who was still out looking for her. Irene worked at Phillips and Piper in the town and, unaware of the floods, started on her journey home but, on reaching Handford Road, saw the floodwaters for the first time,” says Alice.

“Irene was determined to get home and asked a house owner in Handford Road if she could leave her cycle there and then she set off wading through the water. By the time she reached the Royal William, the water was waist high. She kept going but came to a standstill at the Seven Arches Bridge, with the river now gushing through the broken structure.

“Sheds, dead pigs, chickens and rats were amongst the tons of debris that was being washed down from further upstream. Irene was terrified but an elderly man came to her aid and carried her on his back towards the broken bridge.

“As he reached the rope, he lost his footing and almost tumbled into the churning waters with Irene on his back. It was a heart-stopping moment but eventually he got her to safety. Irene arrived home distressed, but much to the relief of my mum. Dad eventually arrived home safe and sound and relieved that his children were now home and safe.”

As the waters subsided a relief fund was opened by Ipswich Mayor Alderman EL Hunt. In a letter to the EADT he said the flood was an “unprecedented catastrophe in Ipswich” and appealed for people to come to the aid of those affected.

<https://www.greatbritishlife.co.uk/people/ipswichs-forgotten-flood-7032236>

THE LANGUAGE OF SIGNS

David Howlett gives his thoughts on weights and measures.

I sat at the breakfast table, early in the morning, vacant as usual with the mind just wandering. Then my eyes fell upon the labelling on the Lemon Curd jar - — — — 411g e.

My mind works in very strange ways! I didn't just dismiss the 411g e but thought, "411g" why 411? Strange weight - hardly a recognised size! A bit like a metric dozen = 10. I could understand 500g, 250g even multiples of 25g.



I didn't just leave it there. It must be something to do with that e. It is not an ordinary "e" but "e": in fact, a very specially constructed one to precise standards! I always thought that it stood for certain approved container sizes or content volumes but no. It stands for Estimate and indicates that the package fulfils an European Union Directive which specifies the maximum tolerance of the package content. So now I know, it appears that manufacturers can put what weight where they like on the jar as long as they state how much, and it falls within a specified

range. I feel much better now that I know that!

Whilst investigating: I did learn a whole new area on my computer! How to obtain weird signs and symbols on the screen such as ☉ $\frac{7}{8}$ $\sqrt[4]{}$ \pm ♀ ♂ ¥ ₹ ♪ using Unicode.

Did you realise that you all know another language, apart from English? We all understand, perhaps not fluently, the language of signs?

On my computer keyboard the number 4 key has the Dollar and the Euro sign. The "4" is Ok so is "\$". How is the Euro obtained?

Perhaps as we're leaving the EU it has been removed! No for "€" I have to hold down Ctrl and Alt then press 4.

Did you know that the sign for the Euro was chosen in 1965 by the European Council Meeting in Madrid and is based on the Greek letter epsilon "ε" the first letter of the word Europe? The two lines placed through the middle representing stability!!!

Why is the dollar sign an "S" with two lines through it?

According to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, it goes back to the Spanish peso, which was accepted as the basic unit of value in colonial America during the late 1700s. Handwritten manuscripts dating to that time show that the peso—formally “peso de ocho reales” or “piece of eight” in America—was abbreviated PS. It’s believed that as time went on, the abbreviation was often written so that the S was on top of the P, producing an approximation of the \$ symbol. The \$ first appeared in print after 1800, and was widely used by the time the first U.S. paper dollar was issued in 1875. The Japanese Yen sign ¥ is just a European "Y" with two barring lines to distinguish it as a monetary unit.

If you have a look at the Highway Code you will then realise the amazing knowledge you have of your second language with the vast number of signs



used on our roads. There is a system of sorts. Those in red circles are mostly prohibitive, blue ones give positive instructions and warnings are usually in red triangles. I've seen them with toads and hedgehogs in them.

The most interesting one which I've seen was for a canal in Yorkshire which crossed the road. I had to wait before level crossing type gates for a canal boat to pass across the road whilst the bridge was raised.

Direction signs on motorways are usually with a blue background, on primary routes they have a green background. Brown signs give directions to places such as historic monuments, zoos and caravan & camping sites. Emergency deviation route signs are on a bright yellow background. Of course, we all love the roadworks sign with the man putting up his umbrella.



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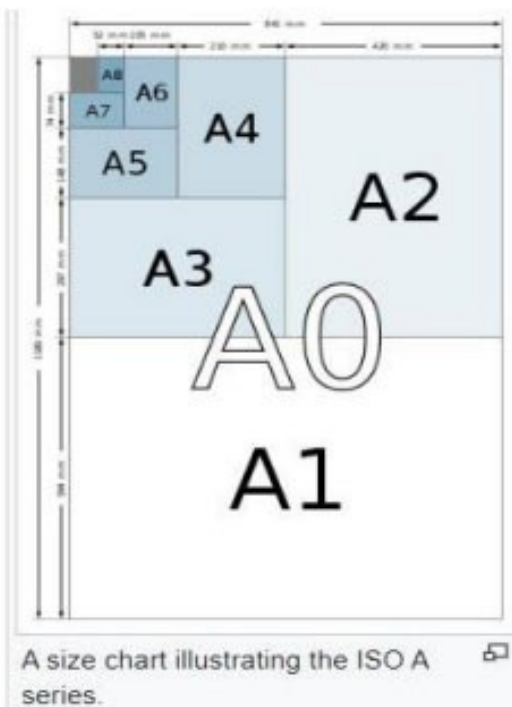
Let's go to the main street in Southwold. This sign always amuses me. A little-known secret of the Methodist Church - not many have their own brewery, wine cellar and museum!



Every time I find a piece of paper to put into my computer's printer I see "A4" followed by 297mm x 210mm. Who dreamt up those sizes? The sizing of paper is governed by the International Standards Organisation: this is where the abbreviation ISO comes from. This sizing is recognised throughout the world except for North America and some parts of South America which still uses the old "Letter" and "Legal" sizes.

Let's get back to these 'A' sizes. It all starts off with 'A0' which is one square metre of paper, BUT it is not one metre by one metre it is 841mm. x 1189mm. (if you multiply these together you get to 999949 square mm \approx 1 square metre). The magic about this size is if you fold it in half you get 'A1' size then if you fold that in half you have 'A2' and so on. Also, each sized piece is exactly the same 'shape' as the piece cut in halves. You obtain precisely two sheets of 'A1' from one sheet of 'A0' or sixteen sheets of 'A4'. This wouldn't work if you cut a metre square in half. So, what's so clever about this? If you are a printer

or publisher this is a real joy for you can layout a page in a large size, easier for setting up a complicated piece of work, then photographically or using a copier reduce the size and it will fit the smaller or larger 'A' sized paper exactly with no waste or guillotining required. Even I use it for producing the front covers for 'A4' folded booklets. This diagram shows how you can chop-up a sheet of 'A' sized paper and still maintain the height to width ratio. I didn't realise that a humble sheet of paper could be so interesting.



OUR LADY

Ecumenical Re-dedication at St Mary at the Elms.

Past

In 1977, the ecumenical Guild of Our Lady of Grace of Ipswich was formed to pray for Christian unity and to re-establish the shrine in Ipswich, taken at the Reformation. The group was later re-named Meryemana, the house in Ephesus where Mary is believed to have lived in later life. Thanks to the hard work of this group, in September 2000 a modern replica of the statue of Our Lady (carved by Robert Mellamphy) was set up in St Mary at the Elms at a service of blessing. On that occasion there were representatives present from the Orthodox and Methodist churches and of the Islamic faith.

The Anglican diocesan bishop presided, with the Roman Catholic Dean of Ipswich preaching; the Bishop of Richborough also assisted. As we return to the original title of the group, the aim is to build on the foundations provided.

Why Nettuno? Nettuno is an Italian seaside town, not far from Anzio. In the church is displayed a very old statue of the Madonna and Child-known locally as 'The English Lady' or 'Our Lady of the Graces.' It is reputed to have been brought by English sailors taking refuge from a storm, with a story of its rescue from being burnt in London. The back of the statue has words which can only be translated as Old English for 'Thou art gracious;' other details link it to the original statue in Ipswich. The shrine at Nettuno continues to be much valued and celebrated.

Present

Re-dedication of the Guild; **St Mary at the Elms on Saturday March 26th 2022 at 11.00am.**

THE GUILD OF OUR LADY
OF GRACE OF IPSWICH



The Shrine: St Mary at the Elms

CHANTRY NEWS



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Welcome!
Our weekly in-person worship will resume on Sunday 2nd May at 9.30 a.m. We also have a weekly online video worship service that can be viewed on the Ipswich Methodist Circuit site.

[Go to website](#) [Find us on Facebook](#) [Join our mailing list](#)

More details can be seen on the website at <https://chantry.methodistic.org.uk/>

Worship

Having suspended worship during January and opened only for private prayer due to the spread of the Omnicron variant, worship services will resume on 6th February.

Coffee Mornings

Friday coffee mornings from 10 – 11.30 a.m. will resume on 4th February.

LANDSEER ROAD NEWS



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Current activity can be located on the website at <https://landseer.methodistic.org.uk/>

Worship

Our worship services are on 2nd & 4th Sundays at present.

Friendship Group

Friendship Group is meeting on Thursday 24th February at 2 p.m. at the church. Karolyn & David Howlett will offer the programme.



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<https://museumstreet.org.uk>
facebook.com/museumstreetmethodist

More details can be seen on the website at <https://museumstreet.org.uk>

Worship

The communion service on 6th February will be livestreamed and the link will be emailed out in Sunday morning's *Joan's Jottings*. Those who watch the service as it is occurring will be able to receive communion. Please supply your own bread and wine.

See Page 21 for more details and explanation.

Virtual Coffee Mornings

Join us every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. on Zoom for a time of fellowship. Bring your own drink! Contact any church leader for the access code or look in *Joan's Jottings*.

Church Anniversary Sunday

This year we will be celebrating our church anniversary on Sunday 27th February. The service will be led by Colin Westren as we celebrate the Past, the Present and the Future. This will be followed by a light lunch. As part of the day, we will also be receiving a special Gift Day offering which this year is going towards making our building more environmentally efficient.

The best gifts you can give:

To your enemy; **forgiveness**.
To an opponent; **tolerance**;
To a friend; **your heart**;
To a customer; **service**;
To every person; **love**;
To every child, **a good example**;
and finally, to yourself, **respect**.

Please Join Us

What if we could support you and other Ipswich and East Suffolk residents feel more confident and able to offer compassionate support for people towards the end of their lives and their loved ones?

Imagine having the training, ongoing support, knowledge and confidence to be a companion volunteer, working alongside other members of the community and clinical teams to provide the best possible care to those at the end of their lives.

Our aims are to:

- Improve end of life care in our communities across Suffolk
- Provide non-medical and compassionate support to individuals in their last year of life and their loved ones
- Enable conversations about the choices available at the end of life
- Support people to live their lives fully as possible before they die



If you are interested to learn more about compassionate companions, please watch this short film which is on the homepage of our website

www.compassionate-communities.co.uk

If you would like more information or are considering joining the companion team please contact Dr Crockett, lead GP at lindsey.crockett@nhs.net

Some definitions of 'Time'

As we begin to come out of the pandemic lockdowns, with all its challenges and opportunities, these quotes may resonate?

“Time flies over us but leaves its shadow behind.” (Anon)

“Time is what we want most, but... what we use worst.” (William Penn)

“The key is in not spending time, but in investing it.” (Stephen R. Covey)

“Time is free, but it’s priceless. You can’t own it, but you can use it. You can’t keep it, but you can spend it. Once you’ve lost it you can never get it back.” (Harvey Mackay)

“The two most powerful warriors are patience and time.” (Leo Tolstoy)

“Lost time is never found again.” (Benjamin Franklin)

“There’s only one thing more precious than our time and that’s who we spend it on.” (Leo Christopher)

“The greatest gift you can give someone is your time because when you give your time, you are giving a portion of your life that you will never get back.” (Anon)

ONLINE COMMUNION

A reminder to all three Churches....

In 2022, beginning on 2nd January, Museum Street will be offering online communion to those watching the Livestream of the Museum Street worship services when Holy Communion is being celebrated. Members and friends from all three churches are welcome to watch this Livestream but receiving the Holy Communion elements will only be available to those who watch the Livestream live, as the service is occurring. Also, in the event of a return to ZOOM worship because of COVID, then we will offer Holy Communion over Zoom. You will need to provide your own bread and wine and any leftovers should be disposed of reverently. Methodist stipulations say that the wine should be from the juice of the grape and should not be alcoholic. You might like to put your plate and cup on a small table and cover it with a white cloth until we reach that point in the service, when we will uncover the elements together, participate in the Great Thanksgiving and the blessing of the elements and then we will eat them together. For the privacy of those attending in-person, we will not film them coming forward; you will hear the music and see a picture. Please note that if you watch the Livestream later in the day, then you will be unable to see or participate in the Holy Communion portion of the service.

You can find a fuller explanation here:

<https://methodistic.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Online-Holy-Communion.pdf>.

Circuit carol Service

5th December



SUNDAY SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Date	Chantry 9.30 a.m.	Museum Street 10.45 a.m.	Landseer Road 11 a.m. on 2 nd & 4 th Sundays	Online Video Service
6 th Feb	<i>Nichola Glasse</i>	Communion Service <i>Rev. Joan Pell</i> Livestreamed	No morning service	<i>Rev. David Keeble</i>
13 th Feb	<i>Luke Rokobuli</i>	<i>Prof. David Welbourn</i>	Communion Service <i>Rev. Joan Pell</i>	<i>Rev. Andrew Sankey</i>
20 th Feb	Covenant Service <i>Rev. Joan Pell</i>	<i>Chris Finbow</i>	No morning service	<i>Rev. Mike Cassidy</i>
27 th Feb	<i>Diana Sawyer</i>	Anniversary Sunday <i>Colin Westren</i>	<i>Rev. Ian Gardner</i>	<i>Rev. Stephen Yelland</i>

Rev Joan Pell is at Seaton Road on 27th February.

You can find the full preaching plan on the circuit website at

<https://methodistic.org.uk/december-2021-february-2022-circuit-plan/>.

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Please note that Rev. Joan Pell's rest day is a Friday.