

Museum Street Landseer Road Chantry

Methodist Church

Connections

Aldersgate Sunday

When? Sunday nearest to 24 May
(traditionally known as 'Wesley Day')

Why?

Aldersgate Sunday is a great opportunity to celebrate the work of God in our lives, and to reflect on how we should respond to everything that God has given us.



In May 1738, John Wesley unwillingly attended worship at a Moravian 'Religious Society' meeting on Aldersgate Street in London. It was during this service that he felt his

"heart strangely warmed", as he experienced God's love in a most personal and life-giving way. Until then he had known God in his mind, but not in his heart.

Now he understood the value of a personal experience of God that would bring assurance of salvation to the believer.

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend's in Christ.

Happy Easter season!

On the President & Vice-President's blog on the Methodist website is this picture from the Methodist Modern Art Collection with a reflection by the Vice-President, Barbara Easton. In her reflection, she points out this picture makes life in the tomb strangely attractive and that it might be tempting to stay there for a bit longer before embracing the new.



The Empty Tomb,

Richard Bavin

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Richard Bevin said that as he painted it, he was trying to express the magnitude of what had taken place.

As I look at the picture, I see the light ahead, but it looks more like a crescent-shaped moon because the rock is blocking our full view of the daylight. If the rock was rolled fully away, we would have a full circle. Jesus would not have been able to leave the tomb without the rock being moved away sufficiently, but perhaps he did not need it to be completely gone. As we sit in our tombs of despair and hopelessness, I wonder what holding us in there; what is the rock that imprisons us? Do we have to wait for that rock to be entirely gone before we emerge, or can we climb up and out now? Can we poke our heads out far enough to see that the future is bright, and then walk into that future?

Joan continues..

In this magazine, I see so much to be hopeful for at each of our three churches and in our community. No, it is not perfect; it is not a whole circle, but the light is shining.

Christ is risen! God is up to something and making a new way. Can you see it? Can you perceive it? Let us go and join him!

In Christ,

--Joan

STRAPLINES

- Any fool can criticise, condemn, and complain – and most fools do. (Dale Carnegie).
- Experience is the name people often give to their mistakes.
- Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are useless, but because they are priceless.
- You must be at your strongest when you are feeling at your weakest.
- To appreciate thanksgiving, the thanks must come first, followed by the giving.
- Journalism is the ability to meet the challenge of filling space. (Rebecca West)
- If you can't sleep, don't count sheep, talk to the Shepherd.....
- Cut your own wood and it will warm you twice.
- Don't wait for people to be friendly, show them how.
- It's ok if you are rock bottom, as long as you are on solid rock.
- It's hot outside; Come in and chill with Jesus.

TOGETHER FOR IPSWICH



Christians in Ipswich held a conference in April 2021, “Ipswich I’m in”, to celebrate the many initiatives underway to support those in need in the town and to explore how to do more together. There was a recognition of the need to become more strategic and more co-ordinated. As a result, a group of Church and Christian charity leaders met together in November 2021 and agree to set up an ‘Engagement Vehicle’ to be known as “Together for Ipswich”.

The main purpose of Together for Ipswich is to provide a communication vehicle between the Civic Authorities, particularly the Local Authority, and the Christian churches, charities and people in Ipswich. This will enable a better understanding of how local policy impacts on ordinary people, and a way to explore shared initiatives and effective partnership.

Find out lots more at: <https://www.togetherforipswich.uk/>

The first initiative is to work with Christians and Churches across Ipswich to **provide a co-ordinated response to the war in Ukraine and with the refugees coming to Ipswich.**

If you have signed up to host a Ukrainian family, please let Rev. Joan Pell know. And, if anyone you know in Suffolk has signed up, or if you know of any Ukraine families already living in Suffolk, please connect them with *Ipswich Together*.

Did you know there are over 80 churches in Ipswich, including our five Ipswich Methodist Churches? We now have copies of a leaflet listing them all and places where immigrants can find help.

A Vigil for Ukraine was held by *Together for Ipswich* on Monday 26th April at the Cornhill. Rev. Derek Grimshaw, Rev. Joan Pell and David Welbourn led some of the prayers.



Circuit Services

There will be a Circuit Service on Sunday 12th June at 4 p.m. at Museum Street to celebrate the ministry of our local preachers. This will also include remembering the lives of the local preachers who have died during the past two years.

PLUS

We have a Circuit Leaving Service for Rev. Joan Pell on Sunday 24th July at 3.00pm at Landseer Road Methodist Church.

Jesus can be contacted 24 hours a day: just go on-line via your knee-mail.

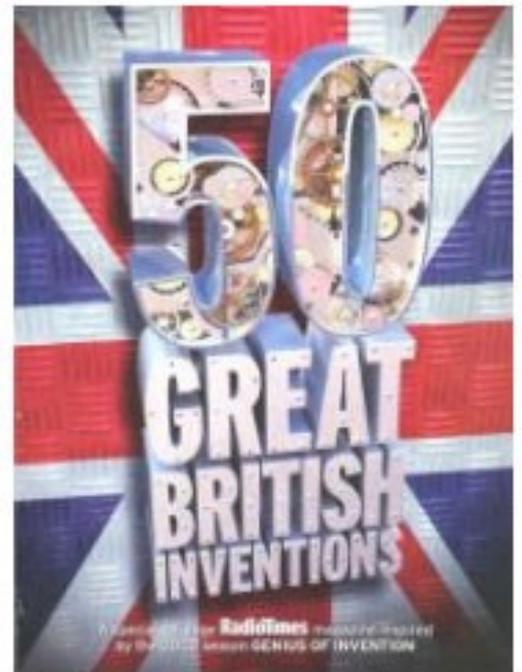
MISSIVE 20

David Howlett shares information of two of his heroes.

The British have always been brilliant at inventing things; unfortunately, we have apparently never been wise enough to savour and exploit them for our countries benefit. Just think of the items which have been researched, developed and invented in Great Britain and given to the world to profit from. When I was young it was Japan which was notorious for copying items and exporting them to the world at reduced prices. More recently it has been Hong Kong and mainland China.

To prove that point, several years ago, the Radio Times brought out a supplement "50 Great British Inventions" as a preview to a series of programmes on BBC2 called 'The Genius of Invention' presented by Michael Mosley.

This week I would like to talk about two of my heroes who saw and are still seeing their great inventions influence the whole world in their own lifetimes. One, was almost disowned by this country; and neither benefited financially from their gifts to Britain. They are Frank Whittle inventor of the jet engine and Tim Berners-Lee inventor of the Worldwide Web.



Frank Whittle



If ever you are in or near Derby and have an hour or so to spare you must visit the Industrial Museum which is crammed with the history of locomotive development and aircraft engine design. Derby, was the centre of Rolls-Royce and the Railways. It was here that I saw and became really appreciative of the wonders of the jet engine for aircraft propulsion compared to the internal combustion engine.

The museum illustrates the skills and ingenuity of the early radial aircraft engineers who designed and made engines with often up to sixteen pistons and the relative simplicity of the jet engine with basically only one moving part. Just consider the number of moving parts in a sixteen-cylinder engine and the maintenance and reliability required to safely maintain it. Then came along the jet engine with its massive 'power to size ratio' together with its reliability. Major servicing on modern passenger aircraft is often only six monthly.

Frank Whittle was born on 1st June 1907 in Coventry, the son of a mechanic. His first attempts to join the RAF failed as a result of his lack of height, but on his third attempt he was accepted as an apprentice and in 1923 sent to No. 2 School of Technical Training to join No 1 Squadron of Cranwell Aircraft Apprentices. He was taught the theory of aircraft engines and gained practical experience in the engineering workshops. His academic and practical abilities as an Aircraft Apprentice earned him a place on the officer training course at Cranwell. He excelled in his studies and became an accomplished pilot. While writing his thesis there he formulated that a plane would need to fly at high altitudes, where air resistance is much lower, in order to achieve long ranges and high speeds.

Piston engines and propellers were unsuitable for this purpose, so he concluded that rocket propulsion or gas turbines driving propellers would be required. These fundamental concepts led to the creation of the turbojet engine, taking out a patent on his design in 1930. His performance on an officers' engineering course earned him a place on a further course at Peterhouse Cambridge where he graduated with a First in engineering.

Jet propulsion was not in his thinking at this stage. By October 1929, Whittle had considered using a fan enclosed in the fuselage to generate a fast flow of air to propel a plane at high altitude. A piston engine would use too much fuel, so he thought of using a gas turbine. After the Air Ministry turned him down, he patented the idea himself. In 1935, Whittle secured financial backing and, with Royal Air Force approval, Power Jets Ltd was formed.

They began constructing a test engine in July 1936, but it proved inconclusive. Whittle concluded that a complete rebuild was required, but lacked the necessary finances. Protracted negotiations with the Air Ministry followed and the project was secured in 1940.

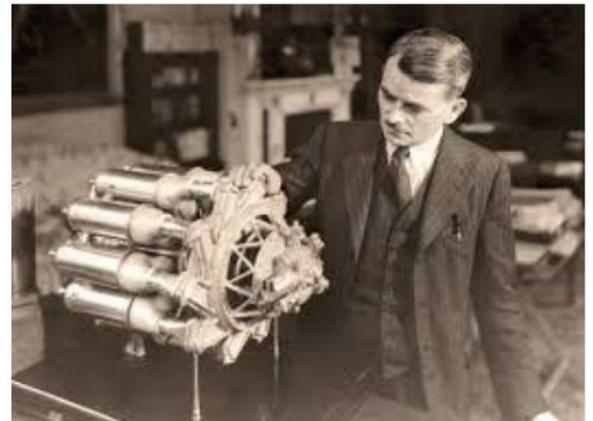
By April 1941, the engine was ready for tests. The first flight was made on 15th May 1941. By October the United States had heard of the project and asked for the details and an engine. A Power Jets team and



the engine were flown to Washington to enable General Electric to examine it and begin construction. The Americans worked quickly and their XP-59A Aira Comet was airborne in October 1942, sometime before the British Meteor, which became operational in 1944.

The jet engine proved to be a winner, particularly in America where the technology was enthusiastically embraced. Whittle retired from the RAF in 1948 with the rank of air commodore and was knighted in the same year. He joined BOAC as a technical advisor before working as an engineering specialist in one of Shell Oil's subsidiaries followed by a position with Bristol Aero Engines.

After emigrating to the U.S. in 1976 he accepted the position of NAVAIR Research Professor at the United States Naval Academy from 1977–1979. On 9th August 1996, Whittle died of lung cancer at his home in Columbia, Maryland. During his



RAF career Whittle worked at RAF Felixstowe flying and developing seaplanes. In 2010 a plaque was unveiled at the docks commemorating his work and time spent there.

You have to admire after many years of struggle to get the Government to appreciate his development of this engine it was finally accepted and, in his lifetime, he saw it universally used as one of the greatest progress strides in the means of travel.

David Howlett continues with his second hero.

Tim Berners-Lee

The inventor of the World wide Web in 1989 was born in London on the 8th June 1955. Both his parents were computer scientists who worked on the first commercially built computer, the Ferranti Mark 1erne55, so he was



well versed in the then modern technology, at a very early age. As a child he had a keen interest in train spotting and model train layouts from which he gained practical knowledge of electronics.

Following schooling he gained a place at Queen's College Oxford and studied physics there from 1973 to 1976 gaining a first-class degree. While at university he made a computer out of components retrieved from an old television. ***(Berners-Lee didn't invent the computer or the internet. The internet is a collection of connected computers by which the information that is stored on them is transferred from one computer to another. The World Wide Web is the software which is used to retrieve that information.)***

After leaving college Berners-Lee first worked for the telecommunications company Plessey in Poole Dorset. Then two years later joined D. G. Nash a software company where he worked on type-setting software.



Between June and December 1980, he had a contract with CERN in Geneva (Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire (European Council for Nuclear Research)). In 1984 he returned to work for CERN. By 1989 he realised the need to share information stored on the many computers and had worked on the software required to do this. The web was originally conceived and developed to meet the demand for automated information-sharing between scientists in universities and institutes around the world.

After some lack of enthusiasm and scepticism from his seniors, Berners-Lee demonstrated his idea using his NeXT computer as a server. The first website at CERN – and in the world – was dedicated to the World Wide Web project itself and was hosted on Berners-Lee's NeXT computer. The limitless possibilities of the sharing of information by using the www was finally realised. On 30th April 1993, when CERN put the World Wide Web software in the public domain. Later, CERN made a release available with an open licence for the world to use it for FREE!



Just think, this all happened not only in Tim Berners-Lee's life but in the last thirty years. With On-line banking, On-line shopping, e-bay, Amazon, WhatsApp, Zoom, what would life have been like during this period of Lockdown without the www?

Teach us to pray

Praying on behalf of others



As a church and as individual Christians we commit ourselves to say prayers on behalf of others. These are known as intercessions. In our intercessions we bring our lives and the lives of those around us, neighbours both near and far, to God for his love and care.

DONT ARGUE WITH CHILDREN

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

Happy moments, praise God
Difficult moments, seek God
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.

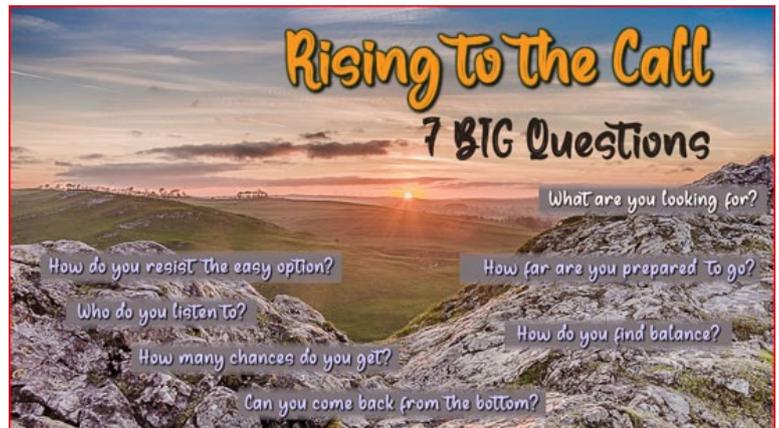
SOME OBSERVATIONS

- It isn't difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill, just add a little dirt.
- A successful marriage isn't finding the right person; it's being the right person.
- The mighty oak tree was once a little nut that held its ground.
- The tongue must be heavy, indeed, because so few people can hold it.
- To forgive is to set the prisoner free and then discover the prisoner was you.
- You have to wonder about humans, they think God is dead and Elvis is alive!
- You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.

WHAT NEXT — A COMPETITION?

David Welbourn offers us a challenge.

I think it would be fair to say that each one of us who met weekly during Lent to think about our *Seven Big Questions* emerged into Easter somehow changed. As we reflected on our experience and learning, each of us was able to



describe some way in which we had become more aware of things happening around us. We have all started to notice something fresh and enticing about the beauty of nature emerging this Spring. We've all been more aware of news and reports of changes happening which inspire hope for justice, especially climate justice. We've all adopted some level of change in our lifestyle arising from our exploration together. This is despite the horrors and gloom of the constant news-feeds reminding us just how much we continue to be surrounded by injustice, and in the case of Ukraine – unspeakable atrocities.

At the end of our study, we are left with personal commitments to continue rising to the challenge of discipleship. We are brought right back to the fourfold cycle of our work leading up to COP26. We must continue to Learn, Speak out, Act and Inspire Hope.

We were all touched by an idea emerging from the study, that as a whole consumerist society, we exhibit all the symptoms of being addicted to consumption – of energy, of goods, and general stuff. The work of Alcoholics Anonymous and all the other addiction groups – gambling, narcotics, and so many more – teaches us that we need firstly to own our addiction, and secondly to seek and provide mutual support to each other in our support groups. If we are to wean ourselves off our addiction to those behaviours placing the climate and social justice in peril, we must take personal ownership and work together in support groups. Are you prepared to do just that?

David continues.....

The other important challenge we faced, is that as a church community, as part of our speaking out, we must be willing to publicly acknowledge our commitment to change. How can we do more to proclaim this commitment.

Later in the year, we will be treated to a concert focusing on our commitment to the climate – and we have a fabulous group lined up to lead us in this.

There is an opportunity to use that event to make a personal or group proclamation about our commitment to climate justice.

Can you write a hymn, a poem or use your artistic creativity in some other way to declare your commitment to justice, and to inspire more hope?

Below is one I prepared earlier.

Set to Tune Fulda (StF 401).

As God surveyed the world He wrought,
He saw with joy, that it was good.
In human hands he left the task:
To tend with love, his only ask.

It didn't take we humans long
To raid and plunder where we could;
To conquer more with each new day
Destroying all along the way.

Instead of love and care for all
The world was shaped around the rich.
The poor ignored without a voice,
Cast to one side with little choice,

The earth's resources stripped and mined,
To feed demand which knew no bounds,
To honour wealth became our greed
New things to own to meet our need.

Creation creaks under the strain,
Species extinct, abundance gone,
All beauty marred by heaps of waste,
Air fresh no more, with poisons laced.

In this divided, broken world,
Your Spirit calls for us to change.
With justice first, and no more sin,
Then mercy, love and peace can win.

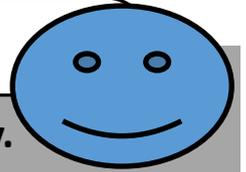
PARAPROSDOKIAN'S

A paraprosdokian is a sentence or statement with an unexpected ending. It means “against expectations” in Greek, and typically puts the first part of the sentence in a new and humorous context.

Below are examples of well-known paraprosdokians from comedy, literature, and music.

- I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it. –Groucho Marx
- He taught me housekeeping; when I divorce, I keep the house. –Zsa Zsa Gabor
- Standing in the park today, I was wondering why a frisbee looks larger the closer it gets...then it hit me. –Stewart Francis
- When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them. –Rodney Dangerfield
- My husband can't stand to see trash and garbage lying around the house – he can't stand the competition. –Phyllis Diller
- There are three kinds of people in the world – those who can count, and those who can't. –Unknown
- The company accountant is shy and retiring. He's shy a quarter of a million dollars. That's why he's retiring. –Milton Berle
- I'm a very tolerant man, except when it comes to holding a grudge. –Robin Williams
- I saw a bank that said “24 Hour Banking,” but I don't have that much time. –Stephen Wright
- When you first entered the restaurant, I thought you were handsome. And then you spoke. –*As Good as It Gets* (1997)
- Half of all marriages end in divorce—and then there are the really unhappy ones. –Joan Rivers

DAD JOKES



They make children groan with embarrassment but are funny.

WHAT'S a foot long and slippery? A slipper

A NEUTRON walks into a pub and orders a pint.
The barman says he won't take its money:
No charge.

TWO cannibals are eating a clown.
One says to the other:
'Does this taste funny to you?'

A CARTOONIST has been found dead.
Details are sketchy.

WHY don't ants get ill?
Because they have antibodies.

WHAT should you call a woman whose voice sounds like an ambulance?
Nina.

WHAT do you call a man with a plank on his head '?
Edward.

What do you call a man with two planks on his head?
Edward Wood.

What do you call a man with three planks on his head? Edward Woodward.

WHY do you never hear a psychiatrist go to the loo?
Because the 'P' is silent.

THE Invisible Man married the invisible Woman.
Their children were nothing to look at.

A PAIR of jump leads walk into a pub.
The barman tells them:
'I'll serve you, but don't go starting anything.'

DISABLED CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

In 2008, two friends, both with MS as their disability, met at the Sue Ryder Home in Ipswich and each had a vision of bringing disabled Christians together for friendship and spiritual support.

Under the Christian charity “Through the Roof” they formed the Ipswich branch of the Disabled Christian’s Fellowship.

The Aims of our Disabled Christian’s Fellowship

To help keep each other close to God and be a blessing to others,
both able-bodied and disabled;
to enjoy each other’s company, provide friendship and prayer;
to evangelise to all in whatever way or circumstance as we are led by the Lord.

Although small in number the fellowship has continued to meet once a month at St. Andrew’s Church, Britannia Road, Ipswich IP4 5HF, for 1 ½ hours on the 1st Wednesday of the month (excluding August) starting at 10.30 am.

We meet:

sometimes for prayer and conversation, tea/coffee and biscuits;
sometimes to listen to speakers bringing Christian insight into so many issues;
occasionally a speaker will highlight a particular issue regarding disability;
a summer outing, a Christmas party;
but mainly to just be together – something to look forward to each month.

Does this appeal to you?

It is an “open meeting” to all who feel the need to share their experiences of life in a Christian community.

We cannot offer transport or be responsible for care. If you require personal care, we ask that your carer accompanies you to a meeting.

St. Andrew’s is an easily accessible church building with disabled facilities.

For more information please contact Colin Westren or any steward at Museum Street.

Thank you
Gerald Laws

Colin Westren asked me to pass this on.

A prayer for Ukraine from the Methodist Church

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.



We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy. Amen.

Celebrity Christian Quotes

Marcus Rashford: For me and my family, that's definitely the case. If you could see our lives 15-20 years ago to where we are now, it's impossible not to have faith in God and all he does for us.

Sylvester Stallone: You need to have the guidance of someone else. You cannot train yourself. I feel the same way about Christianity and what the church is: The church is the gym of the soul.

Denzel Washington: Number one: Put God first. Put God first in everything you do. Everything that you think you see in me, everything that I've accomplished, everything that you think I have – and I have a few things. Everything that I have is by the grace of God.



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

Coffee Mornings

Fridays at 10 – 11.30 a.m.

Service Times

The following services will be at 10 a.m.
Mark your diaries now!

Sunday 5th June – Pentecost / Jubilee Weekend

Sunday 17th July – Anniversary Sunday (and Rev. Joan's last service at Chantry)

Sunday 28th August – Guest Preacher: Rev. David Jenkins

Call to Prayer

The churches in Chantry & Pinewood have started to come together for a monthly prayer meeting to pray for the estate. The next meeting is on Wednesday 4th May at Chantry Methodist Church from 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Do join us!

Belstead Singers Concert

The Belstead Singers, who rehearse at our church are holding a concert on **Sunday 15th May at 3 p.m.** at the Church to which all are invited.

Tickets can be purchased on the door for £5 and there will be a donation basket for refreshments. All proceeds will go to FIND.

Queen's Jubilee Weekend

On Sunday 5th June, there will be a potluck meal (outside if fine) after the **10 a.m.** morning *Songs of Praise* service.

Easter Day

The Rokobuli's surprised the Easter Day congregation at Chantry with an empty tomb.



Youth Public Speaking Event

Chantry Youth Group held its first Youth Public Speaking Event on 3rd April. The adults who came out to support them also enjoyed the games!



MUSEUM STREET NEWS



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Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays at 10 – 11.30 a.m.

Service Times

Services are on Sundays at 10.45 a.m.

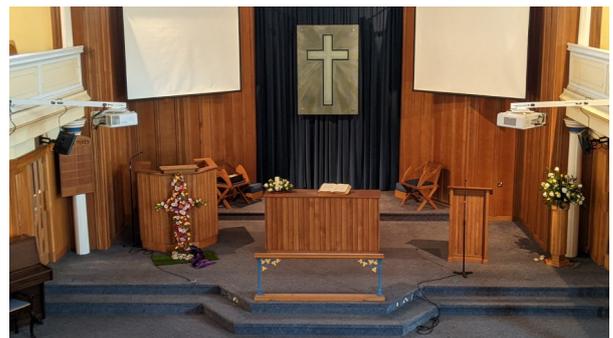
The communion services on 1st May and 5th June will be livestreamed.

Annual General Meeting

The church service on Sunday 29th May will be followed by a lunch and then the AGM.

All are welcome, so please sign-up for lunch and come along.

Holy Week & Easter



Our thanks to Betty Lindsay for the beautiful Holy Week and Easter decorations.



Thanks to Adrian Pell and David Welbourn for the Livestreaming for Easter Day at Museum Street and on 2nd April for District Synod at Bramford Road.



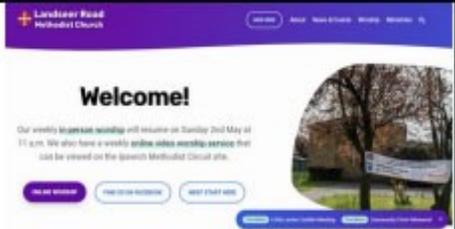
We held a Good Friday Silent Walk of Witness from Museum Street to Christ Church, Tacket Street stopping at various points to sing and pray.



LANDSEER ROAD NEWS



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Welcome!
Our weekly **café worship** will resume on Sunday 2nd May at 11 a.m. We also have a weekly **online worship service** that can be viewed on the Ipswich Methodist Circuit site.

[Go to website](#) [View from website](#) [View from site](#)

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

Tea & Toast

Fridays at 8.45 – 10.30 a.m.

Service Times

Services are on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 11 a.m.

Queen's Jubilee Weekend

On Sunday 5th June, there will be a **10.30 a.m.** Café Worship.

Showing Support for Ukraine



The Beginning of the Wall Mural

Work has started on painting the wall between the Landseer Road Garden and the Labour Club.



Easter Day Café Worship

We held our first Café Church on Easter Day. It was a lovely morning with almost 100 people, mostly families, enjoying a time of worship, a dramatised Easter story and then Easter crafts including making flowers for the Easter cross and finally an Easter Egg hunt in the church whilst spending time playing in the garden.



SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY

<u>Date</u>	Chantry 9.30 a.m.	Museum Street 10.45 a.m.	Landseer Road 11 a.m.	Online Video Service
1 st May	Allison Ellis	Rev. Joan Pell (Communion, Livestream)	<i>No morning service</i>	Rev. Derek Grimshaw
8 th May	Bryan Nichols	LA	Rev. Joan Pell (Communion)	Rev. Ian Gardner
15 th May	LA	Paul Walker	<i>No morning service</i>	Rev. Jane Cassidy
22 nd May	Dr. Liz Cope	Simone Ramacci	Ruth Loggie	Dr. Liz Cope
29 th May	Rev. Joan Pell (Communion)	Rev. Joan Pell	<i>No morning service</i>	Rev. Mike Cassidy
Pentecost 5 th June	10 a.m. Songs of Praise	Rev. Joan Pell (Communion, Livestream)	10.30 a.m. Café Worship	Rev. Joan Pell

You can find the full preaching plan on the circuit website at
[May 2022 Circuit Plan – The Methodist Church, Ipswich Circuit \(methodistic.org.uk\)](http://methodistic.org.uk)

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