



**Histon
Methodist
Church**

NEWSLETTER

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Minister's Message

Dear Friends

Thank you so much for all your prayers, messages, cards, well wishes, and understanding you gave me during my time off. I felt very loved and cared for and really missed you all. I'm pleased to be back at work and, as I mentioned in my harvest sermon, I'll be working in a different way upon my return—thank you for respecting and supporting this decision.

Lots of exciting things are happening in October, especially Castle Street and Histon Methodist churches taking young people to 3Generate. Please pray for all of us during the first weekend of October and we look forward to sharing what we did with you.

Many of you will know that in July I submitted for my LRSM piano exam (it's a big and difficult exam!). I'm very pleased to announce that I passed! A huge thanks to my teacher, Matthew McCombie, Su, my page turner, and Joy, who had to endure me moaning about it a lot.

Exams have been a constant topic of conversation in the manse for Paul and me. Hopefully by the time this newsletter goes to print, Paul will have finally finished all his training and passed his exams and be 'fully type-rated' on the A321-Neo flying for Wizz air. He's been flying passengers under supervision for the last two months and is starting to enjoy it a bit more, and no doubt will grow into the role when he's let free to fly by

himself. If you live in Histon and see a plane flying overhead, it could very well be Paul!

As we move into this time of Autumn, there is so much change around the air. The change of trees and temperatures, the slow psychological move to approach the winter months and even start thinking about Christmas. The nights are drawing in and we find ourselves inside a bit more. I'm reminded that through all this change, God's love is constant and unending. Despite all the change we see around us, God is steadfast.

Every blessing;

Rev Jenny

Histon Games Afternoon

Our next afternoon of fun and games will be on Wednesday 9th October, at 2:30 pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Kathryn

Histon Country Dancing

Do come along to our next country dancing evening on Friday 11th October, at 8pm, either to dance or just listen to the music. Our Caller this month will be Jonathan Griffiths and the music, as always, will be provided by our excellent musicians. Partners are not required as we all dance with each other. Recommended footwear: trainers or soft shoes.

Kathryn

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Histon Regular Activities

Sunday	Morning Worship	11am
Monday	Craft Club (now weekly)	2–4pm
Wednesday	Community Coffee Shop	9:30am–12pm
Wednesday	Besom Prayer Meeting (1st Wednesday of the month)	2:30pm

Histon Diary for October

Wed 2 Oct	Besom Prayer Meeting	2:30pm
Sun 6 Oct	Preacher: Rev C Meharry	11am
Wed 9 Oct	Games Afternoon (see notice)	2–4:30pm
Thu 10 Oct	Bible in a Year Meeting	7:30pm
Fri 11 Oct	Country Dancing (see notice)	8–10pm
Fri 11 Oct	Bible Society Supper; speaker Rev J Pathmarajah. See notice board for details	
Sat 12 Oct	Coffee Morning	10am–12noon
Sun 13 Oct	Holy Communion led by Rev J Pathmarajah	11am
Sun 20 Oct	Preacher: Mr R Swanston (see notice)	11am
Fri 25 Oct	Flower Arranging Demonstration (see poster)	2:30pm
Sat 26 Oct	Methodist Women in Britain Meeting at Histon Methodist	All day
Sun 27 Oct	All-Age Worship at Castle Street	10am

Future Dates for your Diary

Sat 16 Nov	New Testament Study Day	2pm
Sat 23 Nov	Christmas Market (<i>note date change!</i>)	
Sun 22 Dec	Christmas Service	4:30pm

An appeal for photos

Do you have any old photos of Histon chapel's building, church people, productions, events, etc.? Then please do consider sharing them with me so that these important snippets into church life will not be forgotten.

Nicholas Warrington

Who is Mr R Swanston?!

We have a guest preacher this month, Roy Swanston. Roy was the chair of the Connexional Property Development Committee for several years, a committee Rev Jenny also served on for 8 years. Roy and Jenny got to know each other very well over their time working together and he

offered to come and preach in the Cambridge Circuit.

Rev Jenny was keen for Roy to see both her fabulous churches. He's already preached at Castle Street and so it's only fitting that he comes to Histon next! He's a local preacher in Harpendon and is very much looking forward to coming to Histon.

Histon Coffee Shop

August was a quieter month with many people being away on holiday, but donations still amounted to £730. Thanks to all who support us regularly.

Castle Street Regular Activities

Sunday	Morning Worship	10am
Sunday	United Church at Castle (Second Sunday of the Month)	6:30pm
Wednesday	Community Coffee Morning	10:30am–12pm
Wednesday	Strength and Balance Exercise Class	12–1pm
Wednesday	Table Talk (Student Ministry, University term-time)	7–9pm
Thursday	First Friends (not during school holidays)	10am–12pm

Castle Street Diary for October

Sun 6 Oct	Preacher: Rev S Burgess	10am
Sun 13 Oct	Holy Communion led by Rev Dr S Jordan	10am
Sun 13 Oct	Church @ Castle led by Rev Dr Janet Bunker	6:30pm
Sun 20 Oct	All-Age Worship led by Deacon I Murray	10am
Sun 27 Oct	All-Age Worship (Section Service) led by Rev J Pathmarajah	10am

Table Talk at Castle St

Table Talk resumes this October at Castle Street Methodist Church. Every Wednesday evening during term time, from 7–9pm. We start with a meal and share in fellowship and food followed by a discussion or talk. We continue to welcome Bryony to our team, who will be helping lead our group this term after she joined us last term and led us in a series of Bible studies on the environment.

First Friends at Castle St

First Friends started back in September, and we were delighted to see old friends and new faces. We are a welcoming and inclusive toddler group with a very informal style and approach. If you know anyone who would benefit from joining us, do tell them about us or ask Rev Jenny for more details.

A Net Zero Church

The Methodist Conference has set a target of becoming a Net Zero Emissions Church by 2030. This is what they say:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth... God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.
Genesis 1:1, 31

As Christians, we believe that God created the world. We believe in the inherent goodness of creation, and we believe that God is active and present in the world—sustaining creation from moment to moment. As people made in the image of God, we believe we are called to reflect God's nature in being present and active in caring for creation.

Closing our ears to the voices of those most vulnerable to climate change would be nothing less than giving up our claim to be disciples of Christ. —Hope in God's Future

The Histon Finance and Property Committee have decided to set up a group reporting to the committee to create an action plan to meet this target. We would like a few volunteers with an interest in the future to be part of this group. If you feel you could help please contact any steward.

John Wyborn

The deadline for the October newsletter is Sunday 20th October

Please email contributions to newsletter@histonmethodist.org
or hand them to Chris or Naomi Whitworth

Histon Family News

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to Veronica and Ted Bailey on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 3rd October. We hope they have a happy day and enjoy their celebrations.

Pete Davies has left hospital and is now being cared for at Midfield Lodge, which is much closer to home making it easier for visiting. We remember Liz and all her family at this difficult time for them all.

We are pleased Mervyn Walker is now home from hospital and getting stronger every day. He is hoping to be back to Wednesday coffee shop very soon.

Castle Street Church Council

There will be a church council meeting at Castle Street at 7:30pm on Tuesday 22nd October.



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ODE TO AUTUMN

**FLOWER DEMONSTRATION
WITH JULIE RICHARDSON**

**Friday 25th October
2.30pm
Tickets £10**

To include refreshments
Flower raffle
Proceeds towards church development fund.

**Contact
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WELCOME TO OUR OPEN DAY

A day of Wellbeing for the Community
celebrating 150 years of St Luke's Church
and its links to St Luke's School and the community

**SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER
12 noon to 4.30pm
Victoria Road CB4 3DZ**

All are welcome to come and enjoy
Free refreshments Community entertainment
History exhibition Live music
Children's activities Photographic displays
Wellbeing massage and more

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 1.00pm Saint Luke's Gallery Quire opening fanfare
- 1.05 - 1.35pm Chesterton Community College Folk Fiddle Band
- 1.45 - 2.15pm Du Kwai Academy demonstration of Tai Chi
with opportunity for audience participation
- 2.30 - 3pm Cambridge Clarinet Choir
play jazz & pop music
- 3.15 - 3.45pm The Acro Balance Group
demonstrate their acrobatic skills
- 4.00 - 4.30pm CSD Brass Band
playing a selection of popular music

12 noon - 4.30pm - Free hot and cold refreshments will be served.

There will be activities for children, an exhibition of the history of Saint Luke's and a photographic display about St Luke's and life in the church, school and surrounding area will be shown. A Story Quilt created specially by St Luke's School children and parents will be on display and a new Banner made by church members.

On Sunday 20 October at 10.30am all are welcome to a United Parish Anniversary Service at which Bishop Dagmar will dedicate the new banner.



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