

## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2014



SUTTON, BRANSHOLME AND  
KINGSWOOD  
METHODIST CHURCHES  
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FROM THE MANSE.

Read Matthew 20 verses 1 – 16 *“For the Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard...”* (Verse 1)

Dear Friends

As we read the story that Jesus tells in the above passage, I wonder if we are left with a feeling of unfairness or of one of wonder at God’s amazing grace? As usual when he is telling a story, Jesus uses familiar images from everyday life – vineyard owners hiring workers for the day, men waiting in the market place for employment and wages being paid at the end of each day were all things the people of Israel would immediately recognise. However, the story contains one or two surprises!

Firstly, there is something special about this landowner. We see from this story that he really cares for those who are down and out – so much so that he seeks them himself time and again during the day. It would be normal practice for him to send one of his servants to do the hiring, but this landowner sees people who are hungry, unemployed and increasingly devoid of hope as the day goes on. And as he does so his loving care means he wants to use them and reward them.

Secondly, at the end of the day, each worker receives the same reward – whether they have worked for 8 hours or 1 hour only! The amazing generosity of this employer is something those who first heard this tale (and no doubt countless Christians down the ages) struggled to come to terms with.

At this point a “shop steward” speaks out for those who have worked all day – claiming that the vineyard owner has been unfair. “Friend,” says the vineyard owner (*and when Matthew records Jesus using the term “friend” it is a sure sign that the person he speaks with is in the wrong!*) “I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me the usual daily wage?”

Those of us who have been Christians and who have served and worshipped God in the church for a long time can sometimes get a false sense of our own standing before God.

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**Sometimes we can deceive ourselves into thinking that we are more important than younger Christians or people new to the faith because of the roles we perform. This parable reminds us that we are all saved by the amazing grace of God and that whether we have served him for 90 years or 90 seconds his love for us is the same and his great reward – that gift of eternal life – is the same for us all.**

**Every blessing**

**Peter**

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Barn Dance & Harvest Supper - Saturday 4 October– 7.00 pm**

**Harvest Festival - Sunday 5 October 10.45 am**

**Wives & Friends Group**

**Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7.45 pm.**

**8 October – “Slideshow” – Brooklands Photographic Club**

**22 October – House building in Palestine – Tony Garrett**

**Christmas Fair**

**To be held at Sutton Methodist on Saturday 22 November 2014. If you have any suitable items for this event could you please either bring them to church with you or contact Robin Siddle on Tel 712814 and he will arrange to collect them.**

**If you are available to help on the day we would be very pleased to see you and details of times will be given nearer the actual date. Many thanks**

**Robin and Helen Siddle"**

**St Martins' House Carols**

**In November at Holderness Road Methodist Church.**

**Date to be confirmed. Time to dust off your vocal chords, look out for the announcements or notices in church.**

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### SHOE BOXES

'We will be filling shoe boxes for Samaritans Purse appeal for children in the third world countries. If you could donate items to help fill the shoe boxes or let me have a donation to buy items it would be very much appreciated. With each filled box we have to enclose £3 for transport costs.

This year we have obtained the shoeboxes from Samaritans Purse so we do not need to wrap these ourselves.

Gift suggestions are for Boys or Girls aged 2-4 years, 5-9 years and 10-14 years.

Suitable items:

Toys, school supplies, hygiene items and other items such as hats, gloves, sunglasses, other items – hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (sell by date must be at least March of the following year.

Please do not include used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, or toy soldiers or knives, chocolate or other food items, liquids or lotions including bubbles, medicines, hand- made or knitted stuffed toys, sharp objects, marbles, mirrors or fragile items.

The deadline for boxes to be completed is 1 November for drop off 18 November.

Please contact Barbara Berry for Further information. telephone 01964 550160

Thank you.

Barbara

### THANK YOU'S

Doreen Hampshire and family wish to thank Church members for their help and support given to all the family on the sad loss of ELMA PRISSICK. It meant such a lot to the family.

Also I would like to say thank you for the good wishes, prayers, flowers and concern about Brian. Glad to say Brian is improving slowly.

Thank you all.

I would like to thank you all for the cards I received in the loss of my grandson Neil in such tragic circumstances. Also for your prayers and thoughts for my family.

Thanks to Ann for the flowers.

Nancy Richardson

Come and join our  
**Harvest Supper and**  
**Barn Dance**

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 7-10pm

At Sutton Methodist Church Hall

With the

**Hayriders Ceilidh Band**

Admission Adults £5 Children £2.50

(including supper)

Tel 712814 for tickets

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### **Heritage Day – September**

**On this day, many of the important buildings and churches were open to the public.**

**We received 18 visitors here at Sutton, they all showed great interest in our building and its history.**

**How much do you know?**

**We are the oldest Methodist church in use in Hull and people have been worshipping God for 154 years and the outreach to the local community still goes on.**

**We should be proud of the fact that we still have a full complement of Uniformed organisations. Messy Church and Mums and Tots are thriving. Women's groups and young people all enjoy meeting, and the building is well used during the week.**

**Thanks to friends for their hard work, we now have a beautiful new kitchen (You may like to make a contribution to the equipment?)**

**So it is with pride and thankfulness that I am a member and can worship God in such a devout community. May we continue to serve the Lord.**

**Pat Dyson**

### **Churches Together**

**As you are aware we have not been able to organise any events with our neighbourhood churches.**

**After a group of us met recently we hope to try again. Please look out for activities in the New Year, Lent courses and Walk of Witness – just some of them.**

**If you have any ideas for events that we can share please speak to me or Rev. Lansford. Hoping to spread the Gospel of Christ in this area.**

**Pat Dyson**

### **PRAYER BOARD**

**If you would like to have a prayer included in the service the Prayer Board is in the church and the prayers will be included in each Communion service.**

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### EXPLORING CRAFT GROUP

At Ings Library on Friday 17th October 10 am to 12 noon (note 3rd Wed not 2nd wed)  
Central Library on Wednesday 22nd October 10 am to 12 noon.

Also at Bransholme Methodist Church during the Table Top Sale/Coffee  
Morning 9.30 to 11.30 am

These groups are free to attend, and people learn/work on the crafts  
they want to do.

We also now offer to alter, repair or make things for moderate prices (for charity  
fundraising) on request.

Contact Linda Whitton for more details at any of the venues, in Sutton Church, by  
phone on 783517 or on e-mail [exploringcraft@aol.com](mailto:exploringcraft@aol.com)

**CHILDRENS CLOTHES WANTED** for ages 3 to 6 years for the nursery my  
grandson Isaac attends. Like most nurseries they hold a stock of clothes to use if the  
children have mishaps, but their stock was destroyed during episodes of flooding. If  
you can help, please pass boys or girls suitable clothes to me in church or contact me on  
phone 783517. Thank you, they will be very much appreciated.

Linda Whitton

The **CHURCH LIBRARY** is open every Sunday when I am in church, where you will  
find different styles of books that may well help with situations, problems, alternative  
views on the sort of questions we all have from time to time. To borrow a book just fill  
in your name, date and book title in the record book.

There is also a selection of books, and hand-made greetings cards, plus occasional  
plants and garden produce for sale, all for Church funds.

### **An African Proverb**

**“If you want to go fast you can always walk alone.” “If you want to go far, walk  
together.”**

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### FORTY YEARS AGO – The Church Newsletter, October 1974

Part of the letter from the minister, Rev Arnold Johnson:

If politics are not related to religion, i.e. Christianity, and vice versa, then both politics and religion in the end will not be worth much!

What influences us is the way we will vote on October 10<sup>th</sup>? Family tradition, our vested interests and social standing, our prejudices and our likes and dislikes of political leaders – even perhaps, opinion polls. But how influential is our Christian faith and the basic values which positive Christianity should embody? I would include in these: integrity, unselfishness, compassion, class and racial equality, the sharing of wealth and resources on a world scale, purity of thought and behaviour, rejection of unfair privilege, willingness to work, genuine democracy....You could add others.

Applying these in our decision to vote this way or that is not easy. No individual party embodies these in policy or practice. But at least we should make an effort to see that our Christian belief is the first influence rather than the last in deciding how to vote and where possible, political parties and candidates must be assessed by these standards.

### OCTOBER AT BRANSHOLME

#### **Bransholme Women's Fellowship**

Bransholme Women's Fellowship is up and running again and is meeting twice monthly. Please contact Lezlee Mennell for further information or if you are interested in speaking to the group.

The sessions for the rest of this year are as follows at 1.45pm:

**October 14** Holderness Road ladies are coming here for a games afternoon.

**October 28** We are having a Craft afternoon to make things for the Fair.

**November 11** Games afternoon.

**November 25** Jean Lunn Holiday talk

**December 9** to be arranged.

After Dec 9 we are closed until Jan 13 2015 weather permitting

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### Bransholme Weekly Diary

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>1-2.30pm</b>	<b>Toddler Group</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Worship Group</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Table Top Sale</b>
	<b>1.45pm</b>	<b>Women's Fellowship (twice monthly)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4-6pm</b>	<b>Messy Church (Once a month)</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.30 – 11.30am</b>	<b>Parent and Toddler Group (closed during school holidays)</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>10.00-11.00am</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting at Church Open to everyone</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>

### Transport of disability aids to Kenya

A work colleague of mine comes from Kenya and his family have set up a resource centre for their local community for aids in relation to various disabilities. My colleague is now collecting items (bulky or small) to take over later in the year. If you have anything that is now finished with and wish to donate it, please contact me. Examples of items are hearing aids, zimmer frames, wheelchairs, support items of various types. If you are unsure if something would be useful, feel free to ask. Please do not donate items which belong to Social Services as such items need to be returned. I can be contacted on 01482 854947. We are also collecting money to pay for transporting the items to Kenya.

**Tony Garrett: Bransholme Church**

### Send a Child to School

The circuit is supporting the send a Child to School Charity, details of which are on the circuit website. We are no longer collecting hymn books, Bibles or other books for Sierra Leone and Malawi. We are still collecting cash or cheque donations for school

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fees, stationary for school children, used computers, laptops, children's clothes, toys, shoes, school bags, stacking or folding chairs and tables, and any other school related stationary or furniture.

Many Thanks for your continued support to these poor and vulnerable children of Africa.

In His Service

Lansford Penn-Timothy

**EVERY TUESDAY, COFFEE MORNING AT BRANSHOLME METHODIST CHURCH.**

**Bransholme Table Top Sale  
Every Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am**

Nearly new clothes, books, bric-a-brac, refreshments

### **Worship and Prayer Groups at Bransholme**

The Worship Group (Mondays at 4pm) and the Prayer Group (Fridays at 10am) will continue to meet as usual. Anyone is welcome to attend either of these groups. Please contact Lezlee Mennell at Bransholme for further information and to leave details of prayers you would like said on your behalf.

### **Amos Trust Alternative Pilgrimage**

If you feel inspired to visit Palestine/Israel and see the holy sites, spend time with local communities and local peacemakers and experience something of what life is like today in the Holy Land, we can recommend going on the Amos Trust Alternative Pilgrimage. My wife and I certainly found it inspiring, although sad at times. This Autumn, it will be 13-21 October and more information can be found on the Amos Trust website [www.amostrust.org](http://www.amostrust.org) or by phone on 020 7588 2638. Feel free to talk to Tony Garrett or Zem Rodaway at Bransholme Methodist Church about their experiences of the alternative pilgrimage.

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### Bransholme Preachers for October

October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Local Arrangement
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs B Gallant
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mr M Winfield
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rev L Penn-Timothy (Holy Communion)

### Rebuilding Hope.

**Tony and Zem from Bransholme Methodist Church invite you to an evening with Marwan Farajeh at the Endsleigh Centre (Garden lounge) at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Marwan works for the Holy Land Trust in Bethlehem . They retain the vision of lasting peace in the Holy Land, guaranteeing the rights of all peoples and communities, without exception, to live free from fear and in equality, justice, respect and trust. This evening will focus mainly on rebuilding projects in the West Bank, but it is an opportunity to raise any queries about the situation in Israel/Palestine and how we can put our faith into practice for the land where Jesus walked 2000 years ago. For more information please contact Zem and Tony on 01482 854947 or by e mail at [zedandtee@zedandtee.karoo.co.uk](mailto:zedandtee@zedandtee.karoo.co.uk)**

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## Flower Rota



5 Oct Harvest Festival Flowers  
12 Oct C Davis 19 Oct B Lewis  
26 Oct F Dearing

## Cake Rota



5 Oct Ann, Brenda  
12 Oct Ruth, Angie  
19 Oct Helen, Fiona  
26 Oct Joyce, Julie  
2 Nov Ann, Brenda

## Coffee Rota



5 Oct Siddles family 12 Oct Andrea, Ann Alison  
19 Oct Margaret, Elaine C, Phil  
26 Oct Andrew, Elaine P, Ruth  
2 Nov Siddles family

**If you know anyone who would appreciate flowers on the Monday after a service please give their names to Ann Borrill and Jenny Wood, whether they have been ill, sad or joyful.**

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