

GOD LOVES YOU!



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This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it – the Lord is his name: ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

Jeremiah 33:2-3

Prayer Chain: If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email kathy.cohen@btinternet.com (or phone 01440 762536) and your message will be forwarded to all those on the prayer email list (about 80 people).

Prayer Ministry: This is available after morning service each Sunday. Please approach someone wearing a lime green lanyard which has the words Prayer Ministry Team printed on it. Please remember our Churches Together online Prayer Wall [here](#).

Hearing Loop: We have a hearing loop, switch your hearing aid to the T position if available.

Mobile Phones: Please make sure your phone is off or set to silent before the service begins.

- [Bible study house groups](#)

We are looking at starting house groups again. These could be during the day or an evening. If anyone is interested in running/leading a house group or attending one, please would you speak to Janet Etheridge, Heather Nicholls or Angela Proctor.

Thank you,

Blessings,
Janet, Heather & Angela

**Come and enjoy coffee & cake
in aid of church garden projects**



at Pineview

**Taylor's Farm Road
Kedington GB9 7QU**

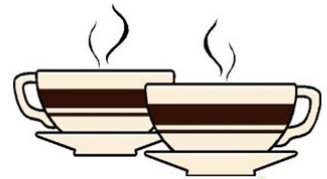
(home of Linda Arrowsmith 07748 921631)



From 10am – 2pm

on

Friday 11th August



- Sponsored Bike Ride Saturday 9 September

The annual sponsored bike ride will take place as usual on the second Saturday in September (see poster).

Half of the money raised returns to our church funds and half goes to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. In the past our chapel at Weston Colville (now closed) benefitted from a grant from this Trust.

Sandra and John have sponsor forms for anyone who would like to ride or walk between churches. You can sponsor the Brittens in person or via their "Just Giving" page online (see below).

We are also looking for volunteers to welcome cyclists to our church on the day, to sign their forms and offer refreshments. Please let us know if you can help for a one or two hour session.

Thanks, Sandra and John Loader

We, Abi, Stuart, Luke & Jake, will be taking part in ride and stride again this year. I have set up a just giving page for anyone who would like to sponsor us.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/abigail-britten-1690992060889>

Many thanks

Abi

- Bring & Share lunches

There will be no Bring & Share lunches until November 5th.

August – Summer holiday

September 10th – Sunday Club Anniversary picnic on the Rec

October 1st – Harvest Lunch

- Worship at the Meadows Care Home

The following dates have been confirmed:

Sunday 24th September

Sunday 29th October

Sunday 26th November

If you would like to join in with this, please meet at 2.45pm in the foyer of the Meadows.

Talk to Alan Carney for more details.01284 735214/07713 597956

- Wanted:

Sunday Club are in need of some more helpers willing to join our team. We aim for helpers to be on the rota once a month. There is no preparation beforehand, just supporting the leaders on the day. We have spaces in all 3 groups - Splash (3-7), XStream (7-11) and Grid (11+). Please speak to Claire if you would be interested or would like more information.

Sunday Club would also appreciate any donations of rolls of wallpaper.

- Bookings Secretary

We are looking for a volunteer to manage external bookings for our hall and church premises. Our buildings are used every day of the week and external bookings make a considerable contribution to maintenance, heating and repair costs as well as providing useful facilities for our local community.

The bookings secretary maintains a record of bookings, arranges access and ensures the facilities are suitable for purpose, oversees invoicing and payments, and liaises with the minister, treasurer, cleaner and property secretary.

If you might be interested in serving the church in this way please talk to John Loader, or Janet and Mick Etheridge (who currently fulfil this role), for further information.

John Loader
Property Secretary

- Grapevine Magazine

Dear All,

The theme of the next edition of Grapevine magazine will be 'Lay or wider ministry'.

We would like to hear about lay (or Diaconal) ministry around the District. Are you a chaplain, a lay pastor, a pastoral worker, an outreach worker, a worker with children, youth and families, a digital enabler, an administrator or a pioneer? This list is not exhaustive. We would love to hear what you do and the challenges you face, be able to learn from each other and to affirm your important ministry. If you are shy, perhaps you could ask someone who benefits from your ministry to tell us about it.

Articles should be around 400 – 500 words and photos may be included (sent separately from the text) if they are available. The deadline for articles is **Monday 28th August** but it would be great to receive them before then!

Many thanks and kind regards

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- EDI Training - reminder

The Methodist Church is committed to justice, dignity and solidarity. A new online Methodist training programme on equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) is now available and open to all. The 2021 Methodist Conference agreed that this ***EDI training would be mandatory for those holding certain key roles in the church, including ministers, local preachers, safeguarding officers, circuit stewards, church stewards and pioneers.*** Those expected to complete the training are required to do this before December

31st 2023. More information, including how to register for the training can be found on the Methodist Church website. Here is the direct link <https://mcb.theologyx.com/course/equality-diversity-and-inclusion-foundation-module/>

For those who are undertaking EDI training, please note that Jacqueline Stewart has agreed to keep a local record of those in our church who have completed this training.

It will be necessary to give Jacqueline a printed copy of the certificate of completion which is issued at the end of the online EDI training.

Thank you.

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: kathy.cohen@btinternet.com . Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.

