



# CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK METHODIST CHURCH

## CONTACT

May 2022

Dear Friends

In the absence of Rev Angela I am honoured to step up and write this greeting.

I am reminded of going on a ministerial break and staying at Rydal House in the Lake District. It is Wordsworth country. One of the evenings was free and I went for an evening walk in the dark. I walked alongside Grasmere Lake. Everything is different in the dark. Colours become just black and white. Trees are shapes against the sky. Walking is not easy as it is difficult to see what you are walking on. Add to this the absence of any artificial light such as street lights. Putting all this together, it was a situation that people usually avoided in New Testament times.

Two followers of Jesus left Jerusalem in time to be at their destination before dark on resurrection day. They were despondent about the death of Jesus and not knowing what to make of the stories from the tomb. They are joined on the journey by a stranger who opened the scriptures about Jesus for them. As they reached their destination they invited this man to stay with them as it was near to nightfall. He went in with them and they sat down to a meal. During the meal Jesus broke bread and gave it to them. The followers of Jesus suddenly recognised him. At this point Jesus disappeared from their sight. The two discussed this and then decided that they should head back to Jerusalem. It was dark, but this was not a consideration in the light of the news they had to share.

What has happened to that eagerness to share the Good News? That news of Jesus being alive is just as momentous today as it was two thousand years ago. The command of Jesus that came later was for the followers of Jesus to make disciples. This command has never been reversed. We are still expected to tell people about Jesus or bring them to a place where they might hear the message.

The Church came to rely on rallies with specialist preachers such as Billy Graham. I attended such a rally in Sunderland. A year later the Billy Graham team came to Sheffield. I then learned how prepared the local churches were before the actual rallies. A choir was formed and began rehearsals: counsellors were trained: marshals were appointed and trained. Churches were informed how to receive those who had responded to become followers of Jesus. We were encouraged to invite people to the rallies to be held in the Bramall Lane football ground.

This was all great and the rallies were inspirational. Unfortunately, having come to rely on such events we, in local churches, forgot how to share the gospel ourselves. The numbers began to decline and local churches have been closing. I met one minister some years ago who was due to retire. He told me that his last circuit was the only one where he had not seen someone accept Christ as Lord and Saviour. Carlton is not unique in having no new people to share the running of the church. We all talk to people outside the church. With how many do we share our faith? Sadly, for many of us it has become a Sunday thing. It often then becomes a habit and not a serious matter of worshipping God. The sad thing is that it then becomes secondary to other things in our lives.

The sufferings of Jesus on our behalf seem to me to demand more of a response than that. He wants us to give our lives to him: worshipping God and sharing the Good News are a major part of that. We need to love our neighbour, and leaving them without the knowledge of God is not a loving thing to do. We need to seek God's help to enable us to share the Good News.

May God Bless you.  
Rev Alan



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY		
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.00 pm	Rev Julie Coates – Holy Communion
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Morning Worship – Rev Alan Hindmarch <i>Please note this is different from the Plan</i>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	* Circuit Service at The Grove, Retford <b>No service at Carlton</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10 am – 12 noon	* Boys' Brigade Book Sale & Coffee Morning for Christian Aid
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 am	Morning Worship – Keith Abel
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Circuit Service at The Crossing (Garden Service) <b>No service at Carlton</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning

\* See below



### Trinity Circuit Service, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 am

With Rev Sonia Hicks, President of the Methodist Conference, & Rev Gill Newton, Chair of Sheffield District. This year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Methodist Worship on the current site at The Grove. Everyone welcome.

Anyone unable to get to either of the above Circuit Services will be made very welcome at St John's Parish Church. 8.15 am - Holy Communion, 10 am - Holy Communion, Common Worship.

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### BB Book Sale



If anyone has any books to donate for this, please bring them to church on Sundays, or drop them off at Monday coffee mornings. If you have any that need collecting, please ring Eddie on 733288.

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It is said that when Christ had finished his work on earth and had returned to Heaven,  
the Angel Gabriel met him.

“Lord”, said Gabriel.

“Is it permitted to ask what plans you have for carrying on your work on earth?”

I have chosen twelve men, and some women”, said Christ.

“They will pass my message on till it reaches the whole world.”

“But”, said the Angel, “supposing these few people fail you – what other plans have you made?”

Christ smiled. “I have no other plan”, he said. “I am counting on them.”

## Ukraine Emergency Appeal

The Easter Sunday retiring collection for the Ukraine appeal raised £103.60. This will be sent to All We Can immediately. The Easter Monday BB sponsored walk, lunch and jewellery sales has raised £255.70 so far. There is more sponsor money to collect, and Karen's jewellery is available from the back of church until 2 May. When all the money is in, it will be decided how it will be divided between the Ukraine appeal, Church funds and our Boys' Brigade. Thank you to all those who contributed in any, and to those who donated the food for the lunch.

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## HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



No celebrations are planned in the Methodist Church building.

### Jubilee Afternoon Tea

We are warmly invited to join with St John's Church for their Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 4.00pm in the Parish Centre. (First day of the long Bank Holiday weekend.) Tickets are £6, available from Liz on 01909 731732. (Please leave a message if no-one answers.) Accompanied children free.

### Family Fun Day

The village will be celebrating the Jubilee on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm, at the Civic Centre and adjoining field. We will be holding a joint stall on the field with the Parish Church – details to follow.

### Memories

Have you ever met the Queen, seen her, been to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party or have any other memories you'd like to share. Let me know and they can be included in next month's Jubilee edition.

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## ENERGY & POWER (Yvonne)

We depend on energy to live – we grow it in fields, like the energy in food. We collect it from the ground, like the energy in coal, gas and oil. We catch it on the go like in flowing water, sun's rays or the wind. Carlton Mill used the water wheel to turn the stones to grind grain to produce flour. Mountainous regions with rushing rivers use hydropower. Windmills used wind to turn the sails. Wind turbines are a common sight now. The biggest offshore wind farm in the world is at Hornsea, off the Yorkshire coast. Solar farms have fields of solar panels to absorb energy from the sun to convert to electricity.



Volcanic areas can tap into the high temperatures underground for geothermal power. A new project in the North East of England is pioneering mine heating – using water from flooded abandoned coal mines to heat homes.

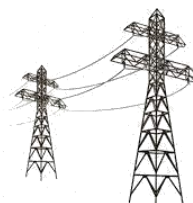
A man doesn't need brilliance or genius,  
all he needs is energy.

The average person puts only 25% of their  
energy and ability into their work.

Energy, like the Biblical grain of mustard seed,  
will move mountains.

I'm not lazy, I'm on energy saving mode!

The things you do either  
give you energy or drain  
you. Choose wisely...



With great power  
comes great  
electricity bill.

## RECIPE CORNER (Yvonne)



3 course meal - no cooking– save energy - only energy used is elbow grease!

### Quick tuna paté

7oz/200g can of tuna in brine  
4oz/110g cream cheese  
3 tbsp mayonnaise

2 tsp lemon juice  
Salt & black pepper  
1 lemon, cut into wedges

Blend ingredients except lemon wedges, until smooth (in processor, if possible). Garnish with wedges. Serve with crusty bread.

### Chicken salad

1 lb/450g cooked chicken breasts  
6oz/175g celery, chopped  
5oz/150g seedless grapes, halved  
4oz/110g dried apricots, chopped  
2 tbsp parsley, chopped

8 fl oz/250ml mayonnaise  
8 fl oz /250ml plain yoghurt  
1tbsp Dijon mustard  
Salt & pepper

Chop chicken into chunks. Mix ingredients and serve.

### Raspberry brulée

1 lb/450g raspberries, fresh or frozen  
17 fl oz/500ml whipping cream

17 fl oz/500ml carton Greek style yoghurt  
Demerara sugar

Put raspberries in shallow dish. Whip cream, fold in yoghurt and pour mix over raspberries. Sprinkle Demerara sugar thickly and evenly over cream mix. Chill well in fridge, overnight, if possible. Sugar will caramelise in fridge – no need to put under grill.

God is my strength and power

2 Samuel 22: 33

Remember how great is God's power

Job 36: 22

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15: 13

I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2: 5

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power

Ephesians 6: 10

*..... and the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.*

Luke 5: 17

*And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.*

Luke 24: 49

*This article by Eddie Askew was written in 1987, and although science and technology have moved on since then, the underlying message is still the same.*

## Hidden Potential

How many are your works, Lord!  
In wisdom you made them all ...  
Psalm 104:24

I've a new toy, a bio-clock. I'm not talking about that inner feeling that tells me when it's lunchtime, or makes me sleepy at night; that's quite different. This is a small quartz clock. There are no batteries. It runs on Coca-Cola, or an apple, or most other fruit. No, I'm not joking. The wires from the clock end in bits of metal, one copper, the other zinc. Push these into an apple, or dangle them in the Coca-Cola tin, and the clock begins to work.

More than 150 years ago, a man named Volta discovered that if bits of different metals are immersed in a weak acid an electric current is generated between them. He called it a Voltaic battery. Both the apple and the cola are acidic, and produce enough electricity for the clock. So far it's worked for three months non-stop, although the apple is getting a bit brown and wizened, and may soon need changing.

I'm fascinated by the thought of all the power latent in the world around us. Energy, waiting to be discovered, released, and used, in ways which would have seemed miraculous in other days, but which we take for granted. All part of God's creation. All conforming to what we call 'natural laws', but which we can't explain away by just describing and naming them.

The psalmist looks at God's world and is awed: "How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all ..." We've added to our scientific knowledge since his day, but we've lost the sense of reverence when faced with the marvellous intricacies of the world. And still there is so much more to be discovered.

Looking at the clock, and thinking of the energy released from the apple, I wonder if I begin to understand a little of the way the Holy Spirit works in our lives. So much potential lies hidden, unused, in all of us, put there by God. We're unaware of it, but when he touches us and we respond, energies are released which can transform us. Potential changes to reality, giving us the power to do his will. Sometimes we turn the metaphor round and say we need to plug into God's power. I suggest the power's already there within us, put there by him, waiting for the release commitment brings. After all, we are made in his image. Let's rejoice in it, and use the energies.

*Lord, give me a new dynamic that I may reach, in you, all that I can be.  
Live out the possibilities that in your love you've planted in my life.*

Who was the smartest man in the Bible?

*Abraham - he really knew a Lot*

Who was the shortest man in the Bible?

**Nehemiah (knee-high-miah)**



Who had a computer in Bible times?

**Eve had an Apple and Moses had two tablets**

How do we know Peter was a good fisherman?

*By his net income*

**Our high and privileged calling is to do the will of God  
in the power of God for the glory of God.**

J I Packer

# QUIZ TIME



## Spring Quiz Answers

1. 1<sup>st</sup> March
  2. The Mikado
  3. Flora
  4. After a new to full moon
  5. Lincoln Handicap and the Grand National
  6. Spring Onions
  7. Groundhog
  8. Vernal Equinox
  9. Spring Roll
  10. A Frog
  11. Alice Springs
  12. South Pacific
  13. Love Labour's Lost
  14. Stravinsky
  15. Persephone
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## Inventors and Inventions Quiz

1. Christopher Cockerell invented what type of vehicle?
  2. Which British mathematician created a basic computer in 1835?
  3. Who in the Thirties invented quick frozen food?
  4. Who invented the battery?
  5. What did Percy Shaw contribute to road safety in 1934?
  6. What invention is Sir Frank Whittle credited with?
  7. Which two major companies jointly developed the Compact Disc in 1979?
  8. What was invented by Isaac Pitman in 1837?
  9. Which metal was first developed by Harold Brearley in 1912?
  10. Who invented the bouncing bomb in the Second World War?
  11. Who invented the first sound recording machine in 1877?
  12. What was Emile Berliner's famous invention of 1887?
  13. Which Swiss company developed the first widely used instant coffee?
  14. What device was invented by famous diver Jacques Cousteau?
  15. Who developed the vulcanisation process for rubber?
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O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*



I ask God from the wealth of his glory to give you power through his Spirit to be strong in your inner selves, and I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith. I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God's people, may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love.

Ephesians 3: 16-18

**Closing date for items for the next Contact – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Jesus is alive!

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, the disciples still had some doubts after they had gone back to Galilee. Peter said, "I'm going fishing." So a group of them got into a boat and went out fishing on Lake Tiberias. They worked all night but caught nothing. Early in the morning as they were returning to the shore, Jesus was on the shore. They were still a good distance from him, so they didn't recognise him. He shouted to them, "Friends, haven't you got any fish?" "No!" they replied. Jesus shouted, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

They threw the net over the right side of the boat and they caught so many fish that they couldn't pull the net into the boat. John, who was one of those in the boat said, "It is the Lord." As soon as Peter heard this he put on his shirt and jumped into the water and set off towards the shore. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net behind. They were only about 100 metres from the shore.

When they came onto the shore they saw a charcoal fire (like a BBQ) with some fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Peter went and dragged the net ashore. They counted and found that they had 153 fish and yet the net was not broken. "Come and have some breakfast." Said Jesus. He broke bread and gave it to them, and then some fish.

This was the first time that Jesus had appeared to them since they had left Jerusalem. This all helped to convince the disciples that Jesus was alive.

God Bless you.  
Rev Alan

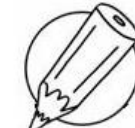
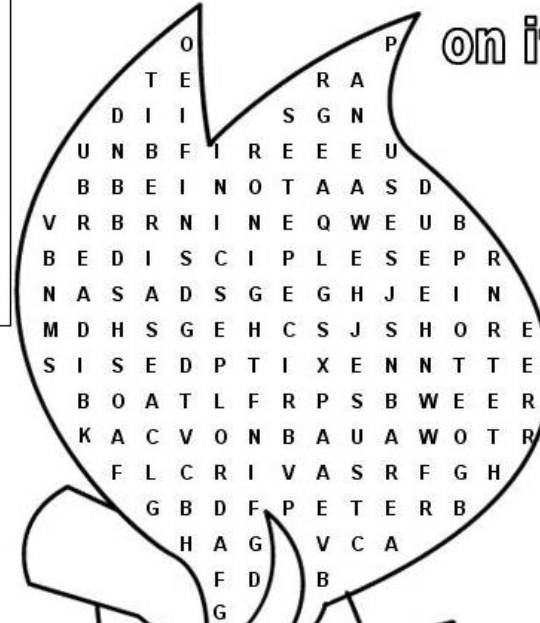
(John 21,1:15)



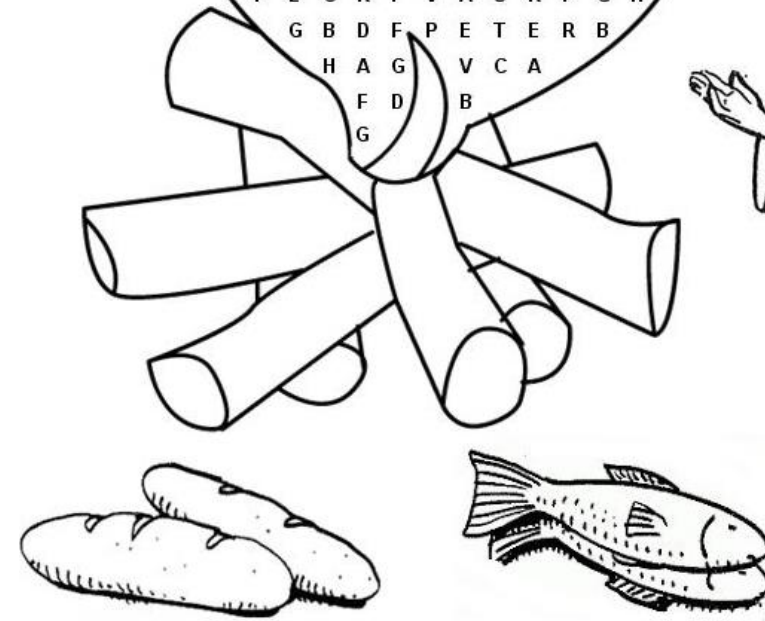
When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread.



- Tiberias
- Jesus
- Sea
- Disciples
- Peter
- Boat
- Night
- Shore
- Net
- Fish
- Lord
- Fire
- Bread



Find the hidden words



## Breakfast on the Beach

Can you crack the code to find some of the words in the story of Jesus cooking breakfast on the beach for his disciples?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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2. 3-15-1-12-19 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 2-15-1-20 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 3-1-21-7-8-20 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 19-8-15-18-5 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 6-9-19-8 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 12-15-18-4 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 2-18-5-1-11-6-1-19-20 \_\_\_\_\_



For God has not given  
us a spirit of fear and  
timidity, but of  
power, love, and  
self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

