



# CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK METHODIST CHURCH

## CONTACT

October 2022

Dear Friends

I write this letter with a somewhat heavy heart. You are all aware now that I will no longer have pastoral charge of Carlton Methodist Church. I arrived in the circuit amid what felt like the cover of Covid, making getting to know you all difficult, especially between July and the start of the new connexional year in that September. Some of you I have, in recent months, finally got to know better and I thank God for that blessing. If I am honest you probably didn't get to see fully the minister that I would have liked to have been. For those who have felt somewhat let down I can only apologise.

I never envisioned that when I made my covenant promise with each church that I would see myself wrestling with those words during my sabbatical. The need for me to achieve some of these things,

I realised that to be all that God calls me to be I would need to take certain steps to be able to do that. That has been possible with the help of the circuit by reducing my sessions and number of working days. I am already beginning to feel the benefit of doing this. These decisions were made before my husband's most recent health problems over August bank holiday. Thankfully, we finally seem to be getting part of the picture and answers we so badly needed.

I will be leading the services already planned at Carlton and so you haven't quite got rid of me yet. I wish you all well, and God's blessings. This at a time when Carlton Methodist Church is facing some tough decisions and what the next few months may bring.

I pray:

*Covenant God*

*You call us all to a discipleship unique to each of us.*

*Made in your image, led by your Spirit,  
and worked out in your love.*

*\* "We give all of ourselves,  
in obedience we accept and hear your commands,  
in love we seek to do your perfect will;  
with joy we offer ourselves."*

*But we understand and have to acknowledge when  
we need rest to be able to be the disciple you call us to be.*

*\* "let me be employed for you  
or laid aside for you".*

*Amen*

\* words taken from the covenant prayer

In Christ's grace and love  
Rev Angela

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER		
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.15 am	Circuit Service at The Crossing 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the United Reformed Church <b>No service at Carlton</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	* Harvest Festival – Rev Angela Potheary
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Morning Worship – Rev Angela Potheary (Holy Communion) * Followed by bring your own lunch and Church Council
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Morning Worship – Own Arrangement <b>Remember to put your clocks back</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning

\* See below

### Harvest Festival

For Harvest Festival, as last year, we will be collecting items suitable for Bassetlaw Food Bank. Yvonne will be in church from 11am – 12 noon on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October if anyone would like to take their gifts then – all gratefully received. A display can then be made of our gifts, and those brought by the young people to the Youth Harvest. Any fresh produce can be taken along for display but we ask that these items be taken home, or given away, after worship on Sunday.

The Food Bank publishes a list of items needed, and at the time of writing they are asking for:

Tinned tuna	Tinned Ham	Tinned chicken in white sauce
Porridge sachets	Tinned corn beef	Sugar
Jam	Tinned fruit	Small cans of baked beans (with ring pulls)
1 Pint long life milk	Instant noodles	
2 Pint long life milk	Breakfast cereal bars	
Meat paste	Tinned stewing steak	

Of course, other items will be really appreciated too.




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### Church Council – 16<sup>th</sup> October

The Church Council was planned for a Sunday to save you having to come out for another meeting! Please bring your lunch with you and enjoy some social time together before this very important meeting, chaired by Rev Julie Coates. The Agenda will include a conversation on the future of our church.

You will remember in her letter last month, Rev Julie said she would '*meet with the Church Stewards and then the wider congregation as we seek to determine the best way forward*'. Having met with the stewards, this Church Council is when she would like to meet with us all. Please, if at all possible, make it a priority in your diary.

## THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU MA'AM

Goodness me, what a week, or 10 days, we had. Only three months after celebrating her Platinum Jubilee, and just two days after being photographed appointing the new Prime Minister, Her Majesty The Queen was no longer with us. It was barely believable. There has been so much written and said over the past days – wonderful stories and memories from the King and members of the Royal Family, the famous and the 'unknown' members of the public – all united in grief and loss for an exceptional, remarkable Queen in so many ways. The list of her qualities and words to describe her and her life has been extensive – duty, service, a constant in our lives, empathy, forgiveness, love, caring, kind, compassionate, inspiring – the list goes on. She had a sense of humour and a sense of fun, you only need to look at her involvement in the 2012 Olympics and tea with Paddington Bear. Underpinning it all, her Christian faith – her rock and anchor throughout her long life. The way she has lived her life is an example to us all, together with her willingness to speak about it, and to say how important it is to her.

From the fabulous scenery of the Highlands of Scotland, bathed in sunshine, to the busy streets

of Edinburgh, the huge G17 plane for one tiny coffin, to the damp dark streets of London, Britain's longest reigning, record-breaking monarch made her way home to Buckingham Palace for the last time. Two vigils by her children, thousands filing passed the coffin at the lying in state, and an incredibly moving vigil by her grandchildren. Personal grief displayed so publically must have been so very difficult.

Finally a day of ceremony and pageantry which this country does so well, to honour her memory and celebrate a life well lived. It was so emotional for everyone present and everyone watching around the world, trying to remember that, most importantly, it was a family funeral which had to be played out in front of millions. The final poignant act of the removal of the trappings of state – the crown, orb and sceptre – reminded one of my friends of the verse from 1 Timothy chapter 6: "For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it."

It is the end of an era, and all we can say, with gratitude, is "well done, good and faithful servant". May she rest in peace, united once more with her beloved husband.

Creator God,  
We give thanks for the life of  
Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.  
We honour her life of service  
built on a firm foundation of faith  
and an exemplary commitment to duty.

At this challenging time for this nation,  
grant us words to speak when words are all we have  
to ease the pain of those who mourn,  
and to show our loving care.

We especially pray for King Charles III,  
That he might lean upon Christ,  
The only perfect Word,  
whose Kingdom is love.

We pray that God will enfold him,  
Christ will uphold him,  
and the Holy Spirit will guide him in all things  
until all weeping has passed;  
and flickering hope parts the shadows at last.

We offer our prayer in the name of  
Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.



## SENSES – SMELL (Yvonne)

At Harvest Festival, the smell of fruit, vegetables and flowers is a heady mix. Anyone selling a house is advised to have baking bread or a coffee percolator on the go to give a welcoming aroma. Smells often invoke memories. Popular smells are vanilla, lemon, fragrant flowers such as roses and lilies of the valley, bacon or fish & chips.

There are 5 million sensors in a human nose – a dog has 350 million! Medical detection dogs can detect minute changes in human body odour 10 minutes before a diabetic is about to hypo. They keep youngsters safe, giving vital time to react. Dogs can be trained to detect cancers and Covid-19. This is similar to detecting drugs, cash, blood or bombs, even when masked with other smells. Teams sniff out illegal wildlife cargo at airports or in containers. Beauty, a wire haired terrier located buried air raid victims during the Blitz and was recognised with numerous awards, including the PDSA Dickin medal for rescuing 63 animals. Dogs are 10,000 times more accurate than humans at detecting drugs and 4 times faster.



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## RECIPE CORNER (Yvonne)



**Hot Dog** sausages in bread cobs – with topping – fried onions, mustard, barbecue sauce etc or try

### Tomato Chutney

450g tomatoes  
110g sour apples – peeled & cored  
225g onions – peeled & chopped  
110g sugar  
1 tsp salt  
1tsp ground ginger  
Good pinch cayenne pepper  
300ml wine vinegar

Pour boiling water over tomatoes and remove skins. Chop into slices. Put all ingredients into a large pan and boil. Cook for up to an hour, stirring often until thick. Pour into jars and cool.

### Still on a dog theme...**Sausage Dog Cake**

Cover a chocolate swiss roll with chocolate butter icing and make head, legs etc with fondant icing.

### Create a wonderful aroma by baking **Marmalade Gingerbread**

8 oz SR flour  
2 level tsp ground ginger  
1 level tsp powdered cinnamon  
4 oz chunky marmalade  
6 oz golden syrup  
1 egg  
2 tbsp hot water  
3 oz margarine  
3 oz sultanas  
Pinch of salt

Mix flour, salt and spices. Melt margarine and syrup in a pan gently. Add sultanas to dry mix and pour in melted marg & syrup. Add marmalade, beaten egg and water. Mix well until smooth. Pour into tin (about 10" x 6" and 1 1/2" deep. Bake for 50-60 minutes at 325°



## BOYS' BRIGADE

For a number of years now we have been holding family nights once a month, which has enabled siblings to join in our meetings and activities. After discussions, we have now decided to form a Girls' Association, so girls can now become members in their own right. Our new title is 1<sup>st</sup> Carlton-in-Lindrick Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, and we welcome boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18. The Boys' Brigade mission states that it has faith in young people and provides them with opportunities to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun and caring environment which is rooted in the Christian faith.

Eddie Croot (Captain)

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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOX APPEAL

We will be supporting the Parish Church again in their shoebox appeal this year. If you would like to donate any items, there will be a box available in church at Sunday worship or Monday coffee mornings. (There are also a few shoeboxes if you wish to complete one yourself.) The closing date will be Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, when everything will be passed to Louise, the co-ordinator. All shoeboxes will then be completed and blessed in a service in the Parish Church. Each box costs £5 to transport, so any monetary donations are welcome too (or instead of items). For further details or enquires, please contact Louise on 07815 581237.

#### *Some suggestions for suitable gifts*

#### *NOT suitable*

Cuddly toys
Dolls
Toy cars
Small musical instruments
Yo-yos
Skipping ropes
Balls
Small puzzles
Pens, pencils & sharpeners
Crayons or felt pens
Writing pads or notebooks
Colouring books
Picture books

Toothbrush
Bars of wrapped soap
Comb or hairbrush
Flannel
Hats
Gloves
Scarves
Sunglasses
Cap
Socks
Hair accessories
Jewellery

Toothpaste
Sweets
Chocolate or food items
Lotions and liquids
Used or damaged items
War-related items
Sharp or fragile items



**Bag 2 The Future** – collection bags will be available mid-October. Full details of what they collect were in last month's Contact. Clear out your wardrobes and boost church funds.

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As we celebrate harvest, we are mindful that there are places here in the UK and across the globe where crops have been seriously affected by extreme weather. For many the harvest has not been plentiful, and for many more it hasn't come at all. Instead there is only the prospect of hunger. There are places where the triple threat of Covid, conflict and climate change combine to strangle hope, with the most vulnerable suffering first and fiercest. May mindful grow into helpful. Without sharing compassion, millions will die – each one loved by you, and family to us. God, in your mercy, set us in solidarity, unite us in hope, and we ask that you rain generosity and justice onto your world. Amen.

## QUIZ TIME



### Autumn Quiz Answers

1. John Keats
2. Mexico
3. Peter Phillips (Queen's grandson)
4. 1605
5. James I
6. Keratin
7. World Conker Championships
8. March
9. United States
10. Chlorophyll
11. October (October 1)
12. Labor Day (first Monday in September)
13. Rugby union
14. Munich
15. The vernal and autumnal equinoxes

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### Dogs Quiz

1. What is recognised as the smallest breed of pedigree dog?
2. What is the name of the organisation responsible for registering dog pedigrees in the UK?
3. What are the three sizes of poodles?
4. What is unusual about the Basenji breed of dog?
5. What name is given to a cross between a Beagle and a Pug?
6. How much did dog licences cost in England and Wales before they were abolished in 1987?
7. How many teeth does an adult dog usually have?
8. Which dog breed is often referred to as a Sausage Dog?
9. Which breed of dog is often referred to as the "King of the Terriers"?
10. Which city has hosted the Crufts Dog Show since 1991?
11. How many spots does a Dalmatian have at birth?
12. Which is the only member of the Dog family that has retractable claws?
13. What breed of dog is Snoopy?
14. What was the name of the dog act that won *Britain's Got Talent* in 2015?
15. What was the most famous film role played by 'Terry the Cairn terrier'?

A farmer used to take his Bible out to the fields to read during his lunch break.

Sadly, one afternoon he lost his Bible.

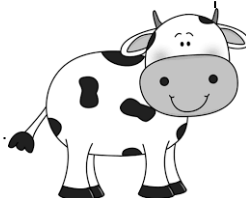
A few days later, a cow walked up carrying the very same Bible in its mouth.

The astonished farmer couldn't believe his eyes, exclaiming,

"It's a miracle!"

"Not really", said the cow.

"Your name was written inside the cover."



*For the fruits of  
his creation,  
thanks be to God.*

Fred Pratt Green

**Closing date for items for the next Contact – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

### The Parable of the Rich Fool

Hello

Jesus told this parable to those round him when people were looking for ways to get more money.

There was once a very rich farmer whose land one year gave him a huge harvest. There was so much grain that he hadn't got enough room to store it all. He was wondering what to do with it all. Then he thought, "I know what I'll do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones. I will then retire and enjoy life." Sadly for him, God said, "You will die tonight." Jesus said, "What will happen to all that grain and the wealth it would bring? You should be faithful to God. If you want to be truly happy. A lot of money cannot make you happy. You need to be paying attention to the teaching of God.

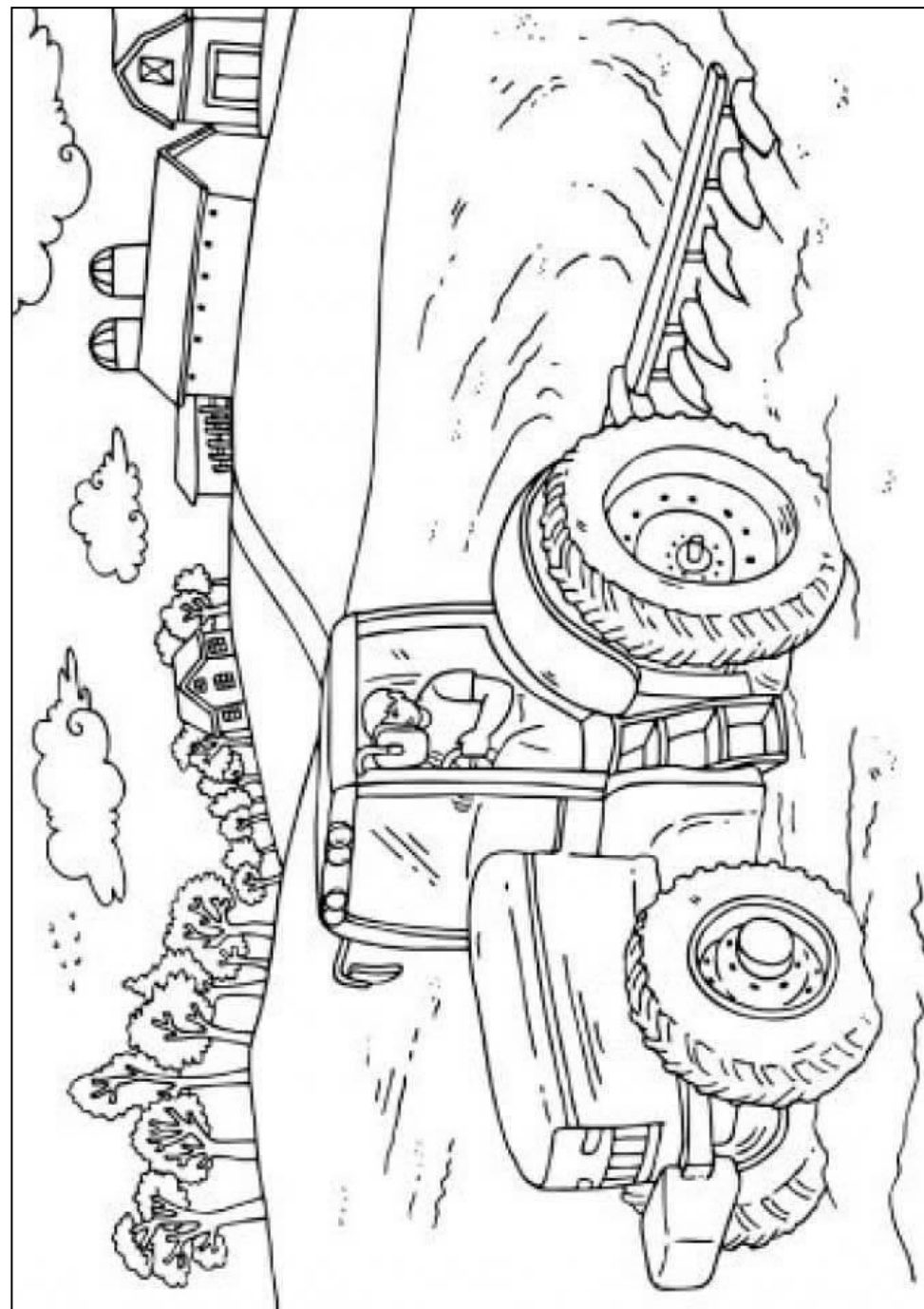
Jesus is not saying that you shouldn't have money. He is saying that we must put God first in our lives and use money in the right way. We should not be selfish or greedy. We need to learn to share what we have – our toys and treasures. We will then be much happier in the future.

God bless you

Rev Alan  
Chaplain – 1<sup>st</sup> Carlton Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

Heavenly Father  
Help us to be happy with the good things you  
so generously give us.  
Help us to share and not be greedy or selfish.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen

How many tractors have you seen in the fields, harvesting the crops?  
You can colour this one.



## HARVEST WORDSEARCH

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FIELD

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PLOUGH

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TRACTOR

WHEAT



A colouring page for the young at heart

